

Asheville Hockey League  
Executive Board Meeting/Closed Session  
Meeting Minutes

Date: May 30, 2006  
Time: 6:00 PM  
Simpson Administration Building, A-B Tech

**Present:**

Dave White, Debbie Franklin; Todd Evans; Jim Gelleny; Mark Halstead; Suzanne Anderson;  
Mike Anderson,

**Absent:**

Lisa Zorn; Rich Boulter

Meeting was called to order by Dave White.

**Agenda Items**

**1. Board Organizational Issues**

All meetings will be taped. Meeting minutes are required by federal law for all meetings of organizations with 501 (3) (c) status.

Most meetings of the board are open to the public with the exception of announced “closed session” board meetings, and disciplinary meetings.

Meetings will be somewhat structured. We should try to keep meetings at 1 to 1.5 hours.

**Board rotation/elections**

It was decided officers of the board would be 1 year terms, re-elected by the board annually. Officers may serve in the same position or in a different position.

The following members will serve the following terms of office:

Dave White, Debbie Franklin, Mark Halstead – 3 year  
Suzanne Anderson, Mike Anderson, Todd Evans – 2 year  
Rich Boulter, Jim Gelleny, Lisa Zorn – 1 year

Members may be re-elected to serve again.

**Meeting schedule**

The executive board meeting dates were scheduled for (time/place TBA):

August 8, 2006 – open meeting accepting registrations, league meeting, board meeting  
November 7, 2006  
February 6, 2007  
May 8, 2007

## **2. Non-Profit Status Update**

Name change has been officially accepted: we are now Asheville Hockey League (AHL). Application for 501 (3) (c) status has been filed, letter received indicating IRS has received and could take up to 120 days for processing.

## **3. Financial Report**

A detailed financial report was not available. Debbie has yet to finish the end of spring season financials. Check book balance for Inline & travel & ice should be available by next meeting. Complete profit & loss statement will be available after year end (July 31<sup>st</sup>)

It was decided to keep the 3 checking accounts (Ice, Inline, Travel) separate. Debbie will go to the bank to investigate what needs to be done to have the league name changed on all accounts from AIHL to AHL.

## **4. Calendar for 2006-07**

### **Summer**

**Fall** – fall 2006 session dates were established. The youth & adult calendar of events and registration forms will be updated by Debbie to be approved at the next meeting:

**Registration: board meeting 8/8, 8/10, 8/12 & 8/15**

**Youth Evals: 8/19**

**Youth Make Up Evals: 8/21**

**Youth Rain Date Evals: 8/22**

**Youth Coach Draft: 8/24**

**Youth Practices Begin: 8/26**

**Youth Season Begins: 9/16**

**Youth Season Ends: 11/4**

**Adult Dates will be scheduled based on above – announced at next meeting w/calendar of events.**

### **Spring**

## **5. League PR**

We need to a better job of educating everyone in the community on the Asheville Hockey League – our goals, philosophy, what we do, what we can do. A brochure is planned to spotlight the league & mail to every one on the AHL mailing list. Also email to send to everyone on the youth and adult email lists.

We need a working agreement with the city concerning the partnership between the two parties – who is responsible for what? (i.e. jerseys, paying referees, team fees, USA registration fees, etc). We need to get this done before the start of the fall season.

League officers for both Inline and Ice need to be elected for the 2006-07 season: Youth & Adult Commissioners, Asst Commissioners, & Representatives' at Large.

## **6. Facilities Updates**

### **Inline rink maintenance**

Met with Jim Orr, Superintendent, Parks and Public Facilities – the city is committed to providing updates to the rink. The new city budget does not go in effect until July 1. Rink repairs will begin after July 1 and will include rink resurfacing, new boards in certain areas, new fencing in some areas, all screws & grommets checked. The league will look into providing a thorough cleaning of all boards.

**Ice (Jim Gelleny)**

Mark Halstead will contact the civic center concerning the possibility of having an ice hockey season at the civic center this year. He will remind them of the revenue possible if we have a ‘full’ season, not the abbreviated one offer last year.

The city is still looking into land availability for the new ice rink. Memorial Stadium/McCormick Field may still be a possibility. Good place to create a “sports complex” within the heart of the city of Asheville.

Jim Gelleny recently attended the Chamber of Commerce, Tourist Development Authority, Tourism Charette. They seem to very happy with what we have put together to date. They are especially pleased with our Jan – Apr time frame for tournaments (good time to bring in tourists for Asheville). They will have around 2million in their budget to “give away”. They are very open to giving us money, however, until we have something more concrete to present to them we are limited as to what we can ask for.

Another possibility is the Agriculture Center in Arden. They have connections with the city & in theory are using city land. If we built a structure (whether permanent or inflatable) which could be multipurpose for both the Ag Center and AHL, state grant money could also come in to play: structure would serve multi recreational uses (i.e. two rink facility w/one ice rink & the other multi ice/inline/soccer). Jim will meet with Bill Edmonston(?) to talk further and investigate.

**Where we are at right now:**

Waiting on TDA to get back to us

Small Business Loan a possibility – would have to pay back

Contact the Ag Center

**7. Travel Program**

Travel Program guidelines are being revised for approval. More discussion at next meeting

**Another meeting will be held on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 – Simpson Administration Building, A-B Tech. We need to discuss other organizational issues not discussed this evening, other league issues, & set long/short term goals for the AHL.**

*Submitted by: Debbie Franklin, AHL Registrar*