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## Booster Club Election Results

### Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Results

President: Kathy Thomas  
Vice President: Danielle Baker  
Treasurer: Deborah Charnichko  
Recording Secretary: Peggy Johnson  
Corresponding Secretary: Anne Flasser  
Membership Director: Karen Harrison  
Newsletter Director: Ray Yakobitis  
Members At Large: RoseAnn Foy  
Karen Burke  
Tom O'Malley

### Hershey Bears Results

President: Tom Mara  
Vice President: Cathy Rynard  
Treasurer: Diana Shellehamer  
Secretary: Leslie Hall  
Membership: Connie Mara  
Ass't Secretary: Samantha Saunders  
2-Year Trustee: Julie Shaak  
1-Year Trustee: Mike Schmelz

### Manchester Monarchs Results

President: Dan O'Grady  
Vice President: Noelle Clark  
Treasurer: Bill Carbonneau  
Recording Secretary: Paul Kemp  
Membership Director: Katie Kemp



## Hershey Boosters hold Autism Event

### From Bear Facts

Saturday, March 30th was the date for our second annual "Broomball For Autism" fundraiser, and the broomball team and booster club was looking forward to this. There had been more publicity thanks to local TV & radio stations, but also due to the efforts of Brian Whitman & Travis Helm, who went to these stations, or in some cases had the news people come to them, to publicize the event. There was a nice array of prizes laid out, also due to the efforts of our membership.

On the morning of the event, we arrived shortly after 9AM to start setting things up. The celebrities and broomballers had been split into three teams, and a lot of equipment (shoes, helmets, sticks & pads) had been donated by former players and our friends from the Baltimore broomball team. Along with the Boosters & supporters, 17 local personalities from the TV, radio and print world arrived to take part in the on-ice festivities, some repeating from last year's event; others taking their first run at broomball.

The on-ice entertainment took a new form this year. Three teams were set up, each with a mix of HBBC members and celebrities. They then played 10-minute games, which gave both the new players, and the fans & supporters who watched the games, a real look at broomball. Though the game was at a slower pace, there was some good natured competitiveness among the guests.

While this was going on, people were in

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## Board of Directors

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### Convention Chair:

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## Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization will be:

- a. To promote better understanding between Booster Clubs and the American Hockey League Organization.
- b. To Compare and attempt to alleviate problems confronting each individual Booster Club.
- c. To act as a social organization for Booster Club members.

## Submitting an Article

To submit an article to this newsletter, please email it to [lighthouseman2@yahoo.com](mailto:lighthouseman2@yahoo.com) with "AAHLBC Newsletter" in the subject line.

**Please note: Your club must be a member of the AAHLBC in order to submit an article to this newsletter.**

**Editor: Bill Walch**



Photo by Dennis Gottesman

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the lobby, buying tickets & walking through the raffle items for things they might be interested in, and they had a lot to look at with over 40 items on display. There was a good mix of items from pro baseball & hockey, NASCAR, the PGA, and local & national merchandise gift cards & other items. We also made sandwiches, soups, hot dogs, sodas and snacks available to the guests.

After the games, the raffle numbers were drawn and winners announced. At that point, many of us went home to get ready for the Bears game that night. Many of the celebrities we spoke to said they enjoyed themselves thoroughly and would love to be invited back for more at our 2014 event.

The list of people to thank is extremely long. Brian Whitman, who originally proposed the idea, deserves the lion's share of the credit. His efforts in getting both publicity and donations for the event are a large part of what make it successful. Thanks to the broomball team members who made this their event and pushed it to success. Thanks to the organizations, companies, and individuals (including some former Bears) for their contributions.

Thanks go out to our Booster Club members for their support. Thanks to our lobby crew (Amy Shellehamer & Renee Buck) on raffles, Connie Mara selling paracord bracelets, Kathy Whitman and George & Mary Gaede at the food tables) and the members of the Autism Society for showing up and helping with fundraising. Most of all, we thank everyone who attended and purchased tickets for supporting us in this event.

Obviously, a big part of this event is the media getting the word out, and we've had a ton of help in that department, so we'd like to thank all the local personalities who came out to play & support the cause: Sherry Christian, Jenna Clay, Ed Coffey, Tom Flynn, Bob Hauer, Brock Kerchner, Courtney Laydon, Tim Leone, Amy Lutz, Dave Macheski, Nipsey, Ashley Palutis, Mary Ellen Pann, Puff, Jen Shade, Dave Sottile, and James Tully.

The event was a big success this year, bringing in over \$2,500 for Autism research. We look forward to next year's event and hope our growth continues. Thanks again to everyone who helped us out. See you all next year!



## Convention = 231

29 - Binghamton  
28 - Rochester  
19 - Manchester  
18 - Syracuse  
16 - Albany  
15 - Hershey  
14 - Bridgeport  
13 - Wilkes Barre/Scranton  
12 - Lowell  
09 - Worcester  
09 - Cleveland  
08 - Philadelphia Phantoms  
07 - Rockford  
07 - Pittsburgh  
07 - Hamilton  
05 - Providence  
04 - Springfield  
04 - Portland  
02 - Peoria  
02 - Baltimore  
01 - Utica  
01 - Philadelphia Firebirds  
01 - Halifax

There are no attendees from Adirondack, Charlotte, Chicago, Connecticut, Grand Rapids, Houston, Milwaukee, Norfolk, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, St. John's, Texas or Toronto.

## Rochester Americans BC Makes Several Donations



In the above photo by Dave Sturm, RABC President Virginia Paddock presents a check to the West Webster firefighters. The Rochester Americans team also made a donation, bringing the total amount of over \$13,000. Booster Club members also made supper for the over 60 firefighters at the fire hall.

The RABC also gave monetary donations to the following charities to help with their programs:

MCYH 16U AA Midget hockey team, The Arc Foundation of Monroe, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester, NY, Baden Street Settlement, Lake Shore Jesters Mite White hockey team and St. Joseph's Villa.

## AHL On The Move

Two cities will no longer have AHL teams, there is one affiliation move and another team goes back in time.

Houston, Texas will no longer have an AHL team. The Minnesota Wild, owners of the Houston Aeros have announced the team will be moved to Des Moines, Iowa and become the Iowa Wild.

Peoria, Illinois will no longer have an AHL team. The team was sold to the Vancouver Canucks, who in turn, are moving the team to Utica, NY and become the Utica Comets.

The St. Louis Blues will showcase their AHL players as the Chicago Wolves. They reached a 3 year affiliation agreement in late April.

The Connecticut Whale becomes extinct. The team decided to go back in time and changed the team name back to the Hartford Wolf\*Pack.

There was talk of the Calgary Flames moving their affiliation out of Abbotsford, British Columbia, but it looks like they will remain in Abbotsford for now.

## Broomball Tournament

The Association of AHL Booster Clubs Broomball Tournament will be hosted by the Providence Bruins Fan Club on July 20, 2013. This will be the 30th edition of this tournament. The tournament will be held at the Smithfield Municipal Ice Rink, 109 Pleasant View Avenue, Smithfield, RI. The first game will start at 7:00 AM.



## Get Your Side Trips Booked by June 30th

### 2013 AAHLBC Convention Side Trips

#### Thursday, Sept 5, 2013

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pub Crawl \$ 10** per person. Leave hotel at 3 pm and will return by 7 pm

#### Friday, Sept 6, 2013

\_\_\_\_\_ **Seneca Niagara Casino \$ 20** per person (\$20 free play and \$5 food voucher). Leave the hotel at 8 am and leave the Casino at 3 pm – back at hotel by 4:30 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ **Waterloo Outlet Shopping \$ 17** per person. Some of the outlets are BonWorth, Vanity Fair, Yankee Candle, Rebock, Jones of NY. Leave the hotel at 9 am and leave outlets at 3 pm – back at hotel by 4:30 pm

#### Saturday, Sept 7, 2013

\_\_\_\_\_ **Genesee Brewery and Casa Larga Wine Tours \$ 10** per person. Leave at noon –lunch on your own at Brewery and then head to Winery – return between 4 and 5 pm

\_\_\_\_\_ **Erie Canal Cruise on the Colonial Belle** Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ **with meal \$ 43** \_\_\_\_\_ **without meal \$ 32.**  
Leave at noon and will return by 4 pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Booster Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

**Check the side trip you wish to go on and make check payable to:**

**Rochester Americans Booster Club**

Mail to: Rochester Americans Booster Club

c/o Ann Paddock  
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Rochester, NY 14624-2311

Questions – contact Ann – 585-426-2079

**Deadline is June 30, 2013**

**For more convention information, visit the association website at [www.aahlbc.org](http://www.aahlbc.org).**