



ARKANSAS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 9, 2024

1. Opening / Roll Call

- a. Board Members Present: Saum, David, Fleeman, Keating, Webb, Nelsen, Fennel
- b. Board Members Absent: Haustein, Bigelow, Wibbelsman, Henderson
- c. Non-Voting Members Present- Murray, Millner,
- d. Skatium Representative: Chase Carlson not present

2. Approval of December 2023 Minutes: Quorum not met in December, meeting resumed in January. Motion to accept November minutes by David 2nd by Webb unanimously approved

3. Ice Rink (Chase Carlson) – no update not present

4. Association Business

a. Brady F (purchase ask, and SAHA grant approval)

Requests to purchase additional trainers, pucks, and storage cabinet. Amount is \$2205.94 request for items however \$1980 will come from grant from SAHA, Fennel proposed expense with Keating seconded, approved unanimously

b. Jessica Saum (ideas and suggestion for summer player retention program)

Options are discussed for spring season, summer practices, and stick and puck for the summer. Options being looked at for how to offer incentives for retaining members including discounts for summer practices, free stick and puck or practices, etc. The need for additional ice time was also discussed to help provide for training of growing number of members.

Spring Hockey proposed to be 5-8 weeks in April and carry in to May, Fennel will send a proposed spring, summer, 2024-2025 season start date to BoD addressing times and needs including summer hockey June, August, September leading in to October next season

c. SAHA questionnaire (u14, u12 standings in St. louis, player retention and overall numbers) Stats available for MoHockey: <https://www.mohockeyd.org/#> U12 plays C1 U14 plays B2 Coaches will follow up with Millner regarding team specifics

d. Fennel presented opportunity for a website being built for Aces to be able to purchase CCM gear at deeply discounted prices twice a year for league members and direct family members

5. Financials (Webb)

a. Update provided on recent payments including apparel, and for QR code generator to Brady

b. Invoice needed for January to March, Saum will connect with Chase to get end of season invoice

c. 14U and 12U Travel update with outstanding fees and expenses update for ref fees, ice time, tournament expenses,

14U expenses for travel currently stand at \$4326.60

12U expenses for travel currently stand at \$2450 without ref fees and an estimated additional \$800 will be needed

Discussion on how to best handle expenses and how to charge families for additional travel expenses

d. Around 67k in account with anticipated low 20k for additional expenses

6. Other Business (Open floor)

a. AHA has not been an Arkansas chapter in the last 10 years

Men's league donated 10k to the AHA account, asking for 2500-3000\$ to be saved for their expenses

Men's league donated money for the golf fundraiser to cover cost of hosting

b. Rick planning a try goalie event day prior to the end of the season specific to the Mites, the idea to switch U14 to early hour so that U8 could host event, Josh and Rick will plan this event



- c. Pictures and end of season party and skate need to be scheduled ASAP, pictures will be at the beginning of season for next season
- d. Discussion on score board and the need to purchase a new scoreboard

7. Upcoming Board Schedule

- a. Feb 6, 2024 @630 pm

- 8. Adjourn motion by Saum 8:07 by Saum and 2nd by Fennel