



## ARKANSAS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 7, 2024

### 1. Call to Order at 6:31 PM

- a) Board Members Present: Baker, David, Fennel Hence, Henderson, Keating, Nelsen, Webb, Wibbelsman, Webb, end of meeting Saum
- b) Board Members Absent: Bigelow, Fleeman
- c) Non-Voting Members Present- Millner, Murray
- d) Skatium Representative: Chase Carlson not present

### 2. Approval of April 2024 minutes motion made by Fennel, Hence 2nd unanimously approved

### 3. Skatium Representative Report (Chase Carlson) not present

### 4. Association business

#### a) Josh:

- 1) Code of conduct – Trying to set up electronic signature, will send out soon.
- 2) LTP (for Jeremiah) - Have 22 average skaters each session for LTP. We will do another LTP later. Thanks to Brady for getting us on TV and radio.
- b) Rick, goalie training: Recommends 1 hour per week to get them started on shared ice. Also recommends having 10-15 minutes for goalies to practice during regular practice. Rick said for U8 use quick change, not kids permanently playing goalie, rotate for every practice or game, 5-10 minute shifts.

### 5. Financials (Webb)

#### a) Budget for 24-25

- 1) Reviewed schedule of practice, how many hours for each group. Reviewed fees for each age group.
- 2) Recommended goalie practice can be shared ice with 8U or with LTP, depending on schedules. Webb recommended association covering cost of goalie practice. Rick wants it to only be 10/12U because older kids practice differently.
- 3) Season is 18 weeks, estimated cost at \$271/hour for 18 weeks is around \$5k for one hour of LTP and/or goalie/skills practices. Goal is for rink to cover cost of LTP ice time and AHA assists with coaching.
- 4) Hence would like to assist with fundraising and engaging City of LR.
- 5) Bevan moved to accept budget as is but to also include \$5k estimated cost of 1 hour of ice time on Saturdays for LTP and/or goalies/skills practices, with goal that rink covering cost of LTP ice time, and we assist with coaching. Hence seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### 6. Jessica Saum, Association Business

- a) Recommends using an additional vendor for merch, such as t-shirts and hats. Local vendor TLC estimated \$11 or \$12 for shirts. Would be a good way to save money on some items and keep doing specialty items with another vendor. Could also use this as a fundraiser.
- b) We need to finalize coaches for next season. We need to be sure that we have coverage at u8 and u10. Rick said we've been waiting until August to set coaching, but with earlier try-outs for travel do we need to do this earlier? Bevan said U12 and U14 are pretty set, asked Rick to send an email out to the board with coaching info.
- c) We need to get summer practice schedule sent out ASAP.



7. Financials, Webb

- a) Presented expenses/credits to the board.
- b) Rick has check to cover ice for Try Goalie Free day, will give to Kyle.

8. Other Business

- a) Bevan asked if we are still doing Razorbacks game for Hockey Day, Josh said no. Bevan wants to have NWAR youth teams come down to play on Hockey Day, have a fun kick off day. Bevan will start working on this.
- b) Question was asked how families apply for scholarships. Josh said information is on our website, it goes through the sub-committee of the Board. We have had dedicated funds in the past but has not been replenished, so it is case by case since it's no longer a funded scholarship.
- c) Sarah asked if we needed to do anything for the golf outing, Brady reviewed what's happening and he doesn't need help right now. He will need us to promote it for teams and sponsorships.

9. Upcoming Board Schedule June 4th @630 pm via Zoom

10. Adjourn motion made by Hence to adjourn at 7:38 2nd by Baker, meeting adjourned