



**ARKANSAS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
June 2, 2024**

1. Call to Order at 6:37 PM

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

2. Approval of May 2024 minutes motion made by Barker, Hence 2nd unanimously approved

3. Skatium Representative Report (Chase Carlson) not present

4. Association business

- a) Webb: Gave update on rink facilities. Need to develop a contract for upcoming season and get it signed by the rink. Saum will work on wording for contract for ice time, issues with dehumidifiers, severe weather, etc. Should include clauses on when payments are made and what to do when rink is not safe for play.
- b) Fleeman: Try Hockey Free Day was a success in every aspect. Had 27 kids signed up in Team Snap, and Aces came to help. Huge thanks to kids for being so helpful and respectful. Discussed collecting equipment donations and/or buying some to allow older kids to participate.
- c) Murray: Had documentation for Josh and Jessica to sign for Rick to be registrar.
- d) Keating, Hockey Day in August: NW AR will bring 10, 12, and 14 teams. Ice time will be 11:45-8pm that day, so all teams should get two games. Need to set up refs, times, etc. Need parent volunteers from each level, will identify them before the next meeting. Millner asked about grilling, Bevan said depends on how many volunteers we have. May be able to do a donation bar. Can have a booth to sell merch. Hence will coordinate volunteers. Anthony will help with event too.

5. Financials (Webb): Presented financial information, also emailed report to board members.

8. Other Business

- a) Hence: Rick sent her the parent guide. Wants to update to reflect Team Snap or anything else current. Asked if we want to print it for all families. Sarah said email it to the families and they can print as needed. Saum suggested putting a QR code up at the rink to scan as needed.
- b) Murray: Discussed SAHA rule on 10U using intermediate goals. Said net is more appropriate for size. SAHA funded a research project on the effectiveness of smaller net. Rick spoke at the National Goaltending Symposium in MN about this project. Was written up in The Athletic. Was also invited to national congress for USA Hockey. Other states are starting to use smaller nets now. Brady asked what to do when playing outside of SAHA (i.e. Tulsa) and Rick said rule is only for SAHA.
- c) Fennel: NW AR coach reached out to Shane and Brady, they have more players than they can travel with for 12U. Asked if we had room for any of them. We may be able to accommodate 3 players. Brady asked about cost for players since they will never play in LR, only when traveling in STL. Suggested \$700 total including socks and jerseys to cover only cost of 2 jerseys, 2 socks, and travel fees. Brady moved, Jamie seconded. Passed unanimously.



9. Upcoming Board Schedule August 6th at 6:30 at the rink in the ballet room.

10. Adjourn motion made by Hence to adjourn at 7:33 2nd by Barker, meeting adjourned