



**ARKANSAS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
November 12, 2024**

Call to Order at 6:34 PM

Board Members Present: Barker, David, Fennel, Fleeman, Sheridan, Henderson, Nelsen, Webb, Wibblesman, Windley

Board Members Absent: Hence, Keating, Saum, Murray

Non-Voting Members Present- Millner

Skatium Representative: Jay Gady and James Belamy

1) Millner:

a) Vote to approve Dennis Sheridan to join board as 8U representative, Fennel motion, Webb seconded, motion approved unanimously

2) Skatium Owner Jay Gady

a) Gady provided copy of Windley's document with his notes handwritten on it

b) Apologized for what happened. Used Windley's document to guide improvements. Has installed 7 CO monitors. Showed plugged in monitors that cover explosive gas such as propane leak along with CO at 30. Monitors have been tested. Also have two handheld units, will be kept in the pro shop any parent can use, but also a monitor will be kept on the Zam. Policy will be to check CO in the Zam room before starting to Zam ice, and keep a log. Locker rooms and scorekeeper box have CO monitors. Above men's locker room has one right now, but it will be moved to near the dehumidifier. Process will be daily monitoring. Rink will move outlets in locker rooms because right now monitors are where people sit. Ice is zammed 3-5 times a day. Once level reaches 30 ppm the alarm will sound, which is the UL recommendation. He said monitors have been reading zero so far. If it goes above 30 ppm, there will be an evacuation procedure and they will call 911. At 30 ppm you have time to get skates off and safely leave. Will also use hand monitor to check and ensure it's not a false alarm. Gady has talked with managers twice in group sessions and an employee meeting on Thursday to address this again. Will keep records and logs for reviews by AHA. Have started writing out an emergency evacuation procedure, have not yet rehearsed but will do that. Communication will be via announcement system. Will have an annual review of processes. Will have daily checks of ventilation system and keep records of inspection/maintenance. Air flow is from dehumidifier, talked to HVAC guy who said it does about 4,000 cu ft per min and that unit is bigger than needed. On question regarding peak times, this still needs to be evaluated. Filters are changed monthly but there is a light in his office if it needs anything. Will keep logs of all maintenance. Will have monthly manager meetings. Gady is seeking recommendations for third party testing, Josh said CTH might be able to do it. Assessment criteria, logs of staff training, documentation of incidents and response, etc. – will keep these and have them available for review. Will have an emergency drill and make staff participate. Will have maintenance log, Zam check log (two visual checks – if there is any number on monitor write it down, then call Gady and manager, do CO check before and after Zam). Windley said that our goal was to get together to discuss what happened because Monday was very scary, and this conversation was very positive.



### 3) Rink Business – James

a) No business to report

b) Wibblesman asked if 10/12U was taking all 14U time unused, Windley said yes, already notified families.

4) Approval of October 2024 minutes: Barker made motion to accept minutes, Wibblesman seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

### 5) Association business

a) LTP – Millner would like to go ahead and open registration for next round. Has been very successful having goalie training on other end, Henderson said as many as 8 goalies have come out. Also had very positive feedback about stick and puck split with 8U. Fennel will open session starting in January, straight 9 weeks. Millner also wants to do a hockey swap on a Saturday when everyone is here for regular events. Maybe 2nd week of January.

### 6) Financials (Webb)

a) Webb emailed September and October financial reports along with 12U and 14U travel expenses. Reviewed during meeting. Said 12U has already spent half of their budget but have not signed up for any tournaments yet. 14U has checks to write tonight that will put them over their budget for the year. Wibblesman asked that ice cost charges be reviewed for 14U that Tuesday is shared with house when it was supposed to be just travel, and Saturday is shared with house when it was supposed to just be travel. Webb said we based budget on last year, this year they are having to buy much more ice because we have to pay for our own ice when we are the home team. The only way to do anything different would be to officially join Mo Hockey so we could have teams come to LR, but we are part of SAHA and that would be joining outside our district. Wibblesman has plans for a fundraiser for the ice invoice she gave to Webb tonight. Webb said we never could have foreseen having to pay for so much ice, 12U and 14U will both be upside down big time. Fennel said we said in the registration that this is an estimate and players could owe more. David suggested going with Barker's idea to do butter braids this time of year. Fennel also suggested getting a connection at Simmons to work events. Wibblesman said 14U need to raise \$4200 just to cover ice, not including tournaments or friendlies.

### 7) Other Business

a) Fennel: Has been doing research and met with other associations who are ultra successful in other places. We are at max for ice time, our ice isn't regulation size, and ice schedule has been changed by rink after approval. Fennel concerned that when the rink goes for sale it may not continue to be a rink, we need to be proactive rather than reactive. Spoke to another association that has 6 sheets, to Pinnacle Sports who has done indoor sports, and to architecture firm whose principal owned a rink. To get investors involved to build a new rink, we need a feasibility and financial study. Fennel wants AHA to pay for a feasibility study. David said that she is concerned that we can't do this as a board because our non-profit bylaws, Fennel said that rink would be non-profit. Cost for feasibility study is \$17,000 split into 3 payments, plus any travel costs. Josh is willing to donate \$10K to help offset it if the board approves. David said we need to talk to a tax attorney about our bylaws and whether we can legally do this, and also if board wants to try to move forward, we need to present this to the families of the



association before voting. Millner suggested inviting them to the board meeting. Fennel will email proposal to board.

8) Upcoming Board Schedule December 3rd @6:30 pm via Zoom

9) Adjourned 7:46pm, moved by Fleeman and seconded by Webb