



**ARKANSAS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 4, 2025**

Call to Order at 6:32 PM

Board Members Present: Barker, David, Fennel, Henderson, Nelsen, Saum, Sheridan, Windley

Board Members Absent: Fleeman, Hence, Keating, Webb, Wibblesman

Non-Voting Members Present- Millner, Murray

Skatium Representative: James Belamy

1) Minutes: David forgot to send for this meeting. Will submit for approval at next meeting.

2) Rink Business - James Belamy

a) Millner, Jack, and Brady have been working with James to find more hours. Have Sundays after church time, two hours consecutively.

b) Have some of the dates for spring worked out.

c) Millner – waiting for Little Stars approval to buy ice on Sundays.

3) Association business

a) Spring hockey, grants (Sheridan)

i) If there are any grants, he will help apply for those.

b) Millner

i) We have a gap in 8U coaching for next season. Have identified two parents who are available to help.

ii) Rick will help get anyone trained

c) Referee, Budget Meeting (Windley)

i) Budget planning for upcoming season. Would like to schedule a separate meeting to review budget once new board is set. Gave high level update on projected expenses and past season expenses. Wants to have fundraising budget.

ii) Millner said an anonymous men's league player donated \$500 to each travel team (total \$1,000) and if there is a child who needs help paying to go to Nashville, to let them know.

iii) We are operating at a deficit and make it up with donations. If we run at a deficit at the level we are projecting, we have funds on hand to cover deficit for 4 years.

iv) Do we know what the ref needs are for spring? Brady said first week of April, 6 weeks, Monday evenings, two games. Perfect world is 2 refs per game. Windley will let refs know.

v) 14U has a credit of about \$3200. Once all invoices are paid, whatever is left we refund to families. Wibblesman – have tournament fees to pay still, and any extra STL fees. Would like for credit to be refunded. Several families are not continuing so a refund would be more fair. Millner offered that families can pay for spring.

Wibblesman said we could also offer to credit to next season. Saum said she's worried about the precedent. Brady said his concern is that there is a lot left over for 12U, but they aren't expecting that to be returned. Wibblesman said the \$150 has to be credited back or refunded. But, they have a tournament coming up so she's thinking there will be more expenses. Windley is asking to table until we see the final amount left after all expenses are paid.

d) Purchase Request (Fennel)

i) Intermediate nets – put in purchase request for 4 nets and 4 shooting tools. Also 2 new big nets. Also 8U pucks. 200 pucks already approved. Intermediate nets \$800/ea, total \$2400. Full size \$1100/ea, \$2200 total. woodies for smaller nets \$300 + shipping/ ea. Pucks \$700. 8U pucks \$73. Brady moved to purchase. David seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Windley said we have a debit card and can make the purchases.



ii) Want to apply for SAHA grants since they covered most of the cost last year. Rick said grants are on SAHA website, deadline is October 1st. Reviewed available grants.

e) Seats for next board (David/Millner)

i) Reviewed bylaws changes from last year. Number of seats did not change, and make up of number of seats per age group did not change. Names were updated to align with USA Hockey format, and two adult league seats were reassigned as general house and general travel.

ii) Slate was proposed with 10U vacant slot filled by Jessica Saum, which would require vote, then election in 16/18U between Henderson, Nelson, Hence. Revised slate after officer corrected age of child on their application from 12U to 10U. Election will be Hence, Nelson, and Lewis. Election will be 16/18U eligible families. Discussed how that would work. Would send a google form to families on 14U and 16/18U teams and ask for votes for those eligible for 16/18 next year.

iii) Hence asked what bylaw changes were made today? David said bylaw changes were presented at the last board meeting and approved by the board. Reviewed bylaw changes related to board seats. Hence asked who made these decisions? David said there was a committee. Millner said this is a process for almost 7 months, and board approved all changes. Hence wants to do fundraising at events. Said she wanted to propose new board guidelines because she felt there wasn't fundraising. David said there is already a specific fundraising chair position that the board can seat if it chooses, however, new board has to be elected first.

iv) Barker moved first to approve, Windley seconded. Motion passed unanimously 7:21.

v) David will work with Miller to get short 2-3 sentence bio for candidates.

4) Financials (Windley)

a) See notes above in association business

5) Other Business

a) Wibblesman – Mark Scott asked what week for his camp. July 14-17 or July 28-31. Josh said this isn't affiliated with us so we can't vote for this. He is not an affiliated Aces coach. Josh said whatever's convenient for him.

b) Murray – last weekend was SAHA winter meeting. Will make a roster for board for next year. Have struggled to get some of our board members to complete background checks and safe sports. Registration system will now require it. There needs to be consequence and removal if board member does not comply. There will be summer meeting, need to send some of our officers to attend. At end of season, player development camps. Starts at 14U. First an affiliate camp. Top positions move to district camp. Top move to national camp. Top can move to USA team in international tournaments. Boys – April 13-14, birth years 2008-2011, in Nashville, registration on SAHA. Girls – only at district level. Starts at 14U. Registration on district website, April 25-27 in Florida. Saum asked if we can send this out on team snap.

6) Upcoming Board Schedule April 8th @6:30 pm via Zoom

7) Adjourned 7:33pm, moved by Saum and seconded by David.