



**ARKANSAS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 1, 2025**

Call to Order at 6:31 PM

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

Board Members Absent: Trowbridge

Non-Voting Members Present- Millner, Murray

Skatium Representative: James Belamy (not present)

1) Minutes: February and March minutes to be reviewed. Barker moved to approve, Fennel seconded. Minutes approved unanimously

2) Rink Business - James Belamy

a) No rink rep present

3) Association business

a) Seating of new board (Millner)

i) Eschenburg withdrew her name from nomination for secretary.

ii) Windley moved to accept Josh as president and Jessica as VP, Fennel seconded. Approved unanimously.

iii) Millner talked to Trowbridge. He withdrew his name from nomination for secretary and treasurer. Secretary is David, Treasurer is Windley. Brady moved, Hence seconded. Approved unanimously.

iv) Barker asked if there was anything needing to vote on for him to be Travel chair, Millner said no.

b) Budget proposal/approval (Windley/Fennel)

i) Windley has put together budget for next season.

ii) Propose 8U get 1.5 hours per week, 10/12U 2.5 hours, 14+ house 2 hours, 14U travel 3 hours, 16U travel 3 hours, stick and puck 2 hours, LTP 1/2 hour. Will cost us about \$75k for ice and ref fees. Have \$1,000 each for 8U and 10/12U for travel for friendlies/tournaments. For 14U and 16U travel, \$3,000 for travel expenses. Fennel said 12U budgeted about \$5,500 and 14U was around \$7,500. Windley updated spreadsheet with notes to revise.

iii) Organization expenses budgeted around \$14,000. Hence asked if we could order 25 different types of giveaways and include that in the marketing budget. Windley said yes in theory it could be included in that budget but would have to vote as a board to approve those expenses and decide what to buy. Hence also asked if we could spend marketing budget on marketing bags.

iv) Reduced fundraiser event budget. Increased budget for fundraising for hockey day. Millner said they're working on a 4v4 tournament for the day after hockey day to fundraise. Fennel said hockey day has turned into an expense since Razorbacks stopped coming, Millner said Hogs won't come back. Brady said Mathnasium will no longer sponsor jerseys, Faded Rose has committed.

v) Fennel said we need to adjust travel, plus provide option to 14U+ for game only.

vi) Windley said he has been communicating with families with past due invoices and told them that their child cannot be rostered or participate until they are paid up.

vii) Reviewed overall budget and possible deficit for next year. Said we are trying to keep costs as low as possible, so fundraising will be important.

viii) Fennel reviewed schedule. Will have 2 extra hours on Sunday now so 10/12U game and 14U+ house game will be back-to-back on Sundays.

ix) Will be able to track expenses against team-specific budgets in Quickbooks.



x) Fennel said we can set up registration and payment plans as soon as budget gets approved.

xi) Windley confirmed that he will send out the excel budget to the board to review and asked everyone to provide comments. At May board meeting we can be prepared to approve.

c) Goalie Clinic (Henderson)

i) Millner read report. Wants to have Ian Kescherich come down from Tulsa. Millner said Henderson didn't provide a cost. Saum and Fennel said we would need to know the cost to be able to vote.

ii) Henderson got on at the end of the meeting. Said Ian does does goalie clinic along with clinic for coaches. He would need two days of ice time, 2.5 hours each day. He does this 3 times a year for NW AR. His travel + cost is \$3,000 plus our ice time. Henderson said we can discuss at the next meeting.

4) Financials (Windley)

a) See notes above about budget.

5) Other Business

a) Millner said there is a request to refund credits. Fennel said we tracked credits because of rink issues, but we did not intend to refund. Concerns expressed that it sets bad precedent. Barker said Wibblesman feels she was told they would be refunded. Nelsen said that the 14U was supposed to have their own practices, and the 14U+ house practiced with them. She said they were supposed to get \$150 credit, asked if they aren't getting any credit back toward future registration or just no refund? Millner said decision was made by board after original fees were set. Fennel said if we refund 14U as a credit, then we have to invoice 10/12U for that amount. Nelsen said we need clarity about what's the actual vote – are we doing nothing or giving a credit to the travel 14U for \$150? David sent notes from last meeting, stating Wibblesman requested refund but it was tabled to see what total expenses were before it was discussed. Windley moved to not provide a refund or credit to 14U, Fennel seconded. Motion passed.

b) Millner said Eschenburg's husband wanted to ask about having Cub Scouts come skate. Would need gear to learn about a sport, have to do it for 30-60 minutes to get a belt loop for scouts. Ages 5-11. Millner said he didn't realize this was for scouting, he can set this up the week before LTP then if they want to continue they can roll into LTP in July. Millner will talk to Eschenburg to get it set up.

c) Millner: Major SAHA meeting is Aug. 2-3 in Nashville, we need someone to go if possible but board can't pay for it. Windley said he would talk to Millner.

d) Hence asked if we can put a link to all summer hockey camps on our website. Said she will send link to Millner.

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

7) Adjourned 7:32pm, moved by Saum and seconded by Fleeman.