



**ARKANSAS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 13, 2026**

Call to Order at 6:31 PM

Board Members Present: David, Eschenburg, Fleeman, Lehner, Nelsen, Saum, Sheridan, Toboy, Windley

Board Members Absent: Barker, Fennel

Non-Voting Members Present: Millner, Murray

Skatium Representative: James Belamy, not present

Nominated Board Members Present: Janet Freeman

1) Minutes: Windley moved, Eschenburg seconded. December minutes approved unanimously.

2) Rink Business - James Belamy

a) Not present

3) Association business

a) Millner: Janet Freeman is the proposed new 10U rep. Lehner moved to accept, David seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b) Saum

i) Team Photos: Nelsen said some teams are doing this weekend and some the next weekend. Eschenburg said 8U will do team photos on 17th, individuals are 21st, makeups on 24th. Windley asked about 10/12U, Nelsen said to talk to Abbie Henderson.

ii) Social media photos: Send her any pictures possible to post on social media

c) Sheridan – grant discussion: Shared grant results via email. Discussed record keeping and purchases for special equipment grant. Also discussed options for record keeping systems.

d) Eschenburg – Showcase: On Feb 18 for 8U. Said Arthur talked to Windley and Brady to be sure if they run over then it won't disrupt later practices. Said she sent it to Saum to post online and also sent it to news stations. Need help finding ref for 10/12U game. Millner said he would ref. Eschenburg said they want to have it like a big, real game. 10/12U won't have practice on the 18th. Windley said he thinks it's a good time to get people out to watch a game, but asked what the board opinion is about adding events. Millner said he thinks so long as there isn't cost involved it doesn't require an official vote. David said she feels board should have been notified since news was involved. Parents also should have been informed prior to news being informed. Millner said news contacted him and he turned them away not knowing about event, and they responded back with flyer. David said that is a problem and board should be notified in advance. Eschenburg stated JV did the same thing previously. David said this came up at last meeting and it was discussed that JV should have brought it to the board. Also additional ice was purchased, so had to be approved by board in advance because bylaws state that no AHA member can enter into any agreement such as ice time without board approval. Millner suggested an email at least one week prior to info going out. If any agreement has to be made to expend funds, purchase ice, etc. even if that team is paying for it themselves, must be approved at a meeting. Windley asked about formalizing this process. David said she can write a policy and send to Millner to present at next meeting.

e) Millner – Hockey swap 1/17 and tournament 1/18: Swap will be Saturday. Tournament is Sunday, will write something up to share about purpose – fundraiser for Hogan scholarship.



4) Financials (Windley)

a) Reviewed financial status. We have \$20K of invoices for rink/ice time paid by paper check that were lost. Windley has worked with rink to set up automatic payment. Current financial balance includes \$20k check that was lost. He has requested check to be voided, waiting on that to go through. Once final, electronic payment will be completed.

5) Other Business

a) Millner: Rink has news spots coming up, they asked for information about showcase and about AHA.

b) Sheridan met with someone from GameSheet, which meets the requirements to have the ref sign to prove they were at the game for payment. Said price point is \$4-8/game, can set up demo. Millner said this is something we need to solve, but cost could be prohibitive. Windley said there is a feature in TeamSnap for refs to use, so that might also be an option since we already pay for it. Windley recommended tabling and bringing back up for next season. Sheridan asked how many games we need to get a quote, Millner said two games (JV has 2 refs) plus any additional events.

c) David said nomination form for next board year will go out early Feb. Need to complete form to be on board for next year.

d) Murray said we have one coach (Marty Smith) that did not complete his coaching clinic so he needs to do a temporary certification. Said Registrar contacted Murray to redline Smith. Saum said he did the required training, Shane and J. Saum stated they saw the confirmation before he was on the ice. Murray said it is not in the system so asked for copy to be sent to him to find out why it's not showing up.

6) Upcoming Board Schedule February 3 @6:30 pm via Zoom

7) Adjourned 7:12pm, moved by Saum and seconded by David.