



ARKANSAS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 3, 2026

Call to Order at 6:31 PM

Board Members Present: Barker, David, Eschenburg, Fennel, Janet Freeman, Sheridan, Toboy, Windley

Board Members Absent: Jeremiah Fleeman, Lehner, Nelsen, Saum

Non-Voting Members Present: Millner, Murray

Skatium Representative: James Belamy, not present

Non-AHA present: Jade Pruitt

1) Minutes: Windley moved, Toboy seconded. January and February minutes approved unanimously.

2) Rink Business - James Belamy

a) Not present

3) Association business

a) Jade Pruitt – college research using Aces (Millner): Plays men's league hockey, previously played for Chaos. Senior nutrition and dietetics student at UCA, planning a community nutrition project about homemade electrolyte drinks to provide cheaper alternative to brand name options. Millner asked what he needs from us? Pruitt said he will have pamphlets, review nutrition labels, discuss benefits of electrolyte drinks, and demonstrate making the drink. Can do this before practice. Millner asked if he would also talk about healthy diet, Pruitt said yes he would discuss fruits and vegetables. David asked Murray if we need any kind of background check, Murray said no so long as this is only in public. Millner said he is not allowed in the locker rooms at any time. Millner said he will connect Pruitt with team managers.

b) Eschenburg:

i) Spring hockey: Asked for details. Millner reviewed survey results. Only two 8U are recommended to play 10U, but only one signed up. Also have ten 10U (including one 8U), five 12U, eleven 14U, eleven JV. Millner read recommendations from Saum on options for scheduling. Fennel said in the past we did two games on Monday night, one check and one non-check. James has indicated Wednesday and Thursday are out, had to be Monday or Tuesday. Discussed that requests in survey are split 50/50 on whether families want scrimmage or skill development. Murray recommended split ice with 3v3 and skill development. Fennel needs number of hours per week to contract ice and send out schedules. Millner recommended Monday 6:15-7:15 and 7:30-8:30, first non-check and second check, then an hour on Tuesdays for JV.

Toboy said JV is leaning toward skill development but could incorporate scrimmages if coaches want. Fennel recommended only having 6:15-7:15 split ice stick and puck and non-check game, then 7:30-8:30 is check game. Millner wants stick and puck to be half price this year. Eschenburg asked if 14U+ who haven't had a check clinic, can they play 7:30-8:30? Millner said this is a good introduction to check. Murray recommended splitting ice for 3v3 half ice games, one full check/one non-check. Millner recommended \$75/person to register for spring, \$12/session stick and puck if not registered. Discussed coaching coverage. David moved to contract for two hours of ice Monday night, 6:15-7:15 for stick and puck/10/12U half ice game, 7:30-8:30 for check game (possible split ice or skill development depending on coach decisions), registration \$75/kid, stick and puck drop-in fee \$12/session if not registered for spring. Eschenburg seconded. Passed unanimously.



4) Financials (Windley):

Reviewed financial status. Fennel has invoices to submit for ice time.

5) Other Business

a) Sheridan: submitted paperwork for grants. Asked Windley for help with ordering items for grants.

b) Eschenburg: got DEI grant from SAHA, said Boy Scouts would like to use that grant to pay for their ice time. Asked how to handle that. Millner said we need dates and will work with James to schedule time.

c) David: board applications for 26-27 have closed, only one seat was contested for the second 8U seat with two new applicants. Eschenburg asked if that impacted her 8U seat, David said no, it is only an election between two brand new applicants for the second 8U seat. Will vote on the remainder of the slate at the next meeting.

d) Windley: Said we need to consider in planning for next season splitting up 10/12U because of how large the program is. Millner said this continues to be a struggle, could mean different nights and early mornings. Will continue to discuss as we plan for next season. Fennel said we need to also purchase more full-size nets for next season. Millner said rink is questioning where we will store anything else we purchase.

6) Upcoming Board Schedule April 7 @6:30 pm via Zoom

7) Adjourned 7:17pm, moved by David and seconded by Janet Freeman.