



**ARKANSAS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 13, 2023**

1. Call to Order at 6:35 PM

- a. Board Members Present: Haustein, Saum, Millner, Newman, Wibbelman, Nelsen, McGovern, Henderson, Fennel, David, Bigelow
- b. Board Members Absent: Keating,
- c. Non-Voting Members Absent- Murray,
- d. Skatium Representative: Hannah King

2. Seating of new Board Millner President, Keating VP, Saum Secretary, McGovern Treasurer
No objections to those who have been nominated, motion made by Henderson, seconded by Fennel, approved by voice vote. All officers elected.

3. Approval of the March Minutes- sent electronically prior to meeting to all members and reviewed in person, motion to accept minutes by Saum seconded by Henderson, motion unanimously approved

4. Treasurer's Report McGovern presented at meeting, Account sitting at approximately \$46k before spring ice is paid. Spring hockey is \$4862.81

5. a. Spring Hockey update- no issues, running well and will continue through May 15

b. Summer Stick and Puck will take place Wednesdays. Program will operate as a punch card system and be played 7pm-8pm. First session will start May 31 and will end June 28. There will be no Stick and Puck in July. Program will start back Wednesday, August 2 and will be played through the 2023-2024 season starting

September 6 will be the first stick and puck and practices for travel team skaters

c. Skatium News reported from Hannah. The rink is getting new humidifier and she will keep us updated to any changes that will happen because of that.

Hannah agreed to Summer practices for U12 and U14 travel team on Mondays 6-7 and 715-815
Fall Hockey Update: October will no longer have Tuesday learn to ice skate which opens up additional ice time, ice time is open 6-7 and 715-815. AHA is working on times to meet the times of growing teams to fit this schedule.

d. USA Hockey Coaching Information/Updates- Must have background check and do safe sport

e. Travel Team News- Frisco is coming to play here this weekend and preparations are being made for Fall travel for both 12s/14s

f. Future Events- Hockey Day (AHA is again buying ice for the event) will be August 26, Millner is going to set up power skating with Hannah

Fleeman reported on Learn to play- is an 8-week session, currently have 6 players, new session starts June 3 and no skating July 4 weekend, Looking into Little Stars for possible August start and Try Hockey Free Day will be in October or November- good outreach and is free, SHAPE conference is coming up in the summer and booth rental is \$400

6. Other Business

Women's Expo in August 19-20 Barton Coliseum, materials needed to set up for their table, QR code, webpage, etc.

Ideas for branding and marketing- Making yard signs for families to put in yards, branding outside signage home of the Aces, continue branding work, Fennel continuing to work on marketing



League needs to look at a budget and also planning for fall expenses and costs with projected number of skaters.

Motion made by Wibbelman to migrate to Team Snap from SportsEngine for registration and team management from Fennel 2nd motion and approved unanimously. Fennel will begin working on this process.

Proposed Times for fall 2024:

Monday 6-7 U12

7:15-8:15. U14 and up game

Tuesday 6:15-7:15 U8

7:30-8:30 U10

Wednesday 6:15- 7:15 U10 and U12

7:30-8:30 U14

Saturday 7am U8 1

7:45-8:45 U10

9-10 U12 game

12pm-1 U14

9. Next meeting Thursday May 4 6:30 virtual

10. 7:33 motion to adjourn motion from Fleeman seconded by Henderson