



ARKANSAS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MEETING MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS February 3, 2022

1. Call to Order @ 6:34 PM

- a. Voting Directors Present: Acebedo, Cronkhite, Harrington, Keating, Klempel, Millner, Murray, Purtle, and Wibblesman b. Voting Directors Absent: Windley
c. Officers Present: Haustein
d. Guest: Hannah King

2. Approval of December and January Meeting minutes (Cronkhite, Purtle 2nd)

3. Treasurer's Report (Cronkhite)- About \$65,000 in the account. Ice has not been paid for the season yet, Hannah said she will send the invoice soon. Cronkhite has paid the refs out of his Venmo so he will need to be reimbursed. Our end-of-year mailer yielded about \$400 in donations to the program. The board agreed that the organization will cover ice costs for March 6 friendlies tournament in Shreveport.

4. Association Business

a. Coaching (Murray)- No new updates.

b. Website/Registration (Harrington)- 1 new registration in January. Mark Scott's Summer Camp will be added to the registration in the next couple of weeks.

c. Makeup Ice (Haustein)- We have 5 hours of ice time to make up for different cancellations this season. The board will ask the rink to make up the hours in March as follows:

- 1) March 2, 2 hours. Coaches will use the time to prep for the Shreveport friendlies that weekend.
- 2) March 7, 2 hours. Coaches will hold a skills competition.
- 3) March 9, 1 hour. This will be our end-of-year celebration. The 6:15 hour will be a pizza party and awards for the season. The second hour will be a free skate for players and their families.

d. January Parent Meeting Recap (Haustein)- A note from the parent meeting is better communication as well as working on a contract with the rink on ice next year. A big challenge in determining ice needs for next season is dependent on however many players we have for a season. In the past, we have sent out a survey to try to get early numbers for next season, but it has not been very accurate.

e. Hockey Outreach/Little Stars (Acebedo) – Little Stars has 7 participants for this session. February 21st will be the final date for this session. On March 5th there will be a National try hockey free day from 12-1 PM. We have 3

participants signed up so far. The organization would like to use the Winter Olympics as a push to get more kids registered. Ace could use a few volunteers to help out that day that aren't traveling to Shreveport for friendlies.

f. Hockey Post Season (Haustein)- The board discussed several options to keep kids playing hockey during the postseason.

- 1) Spring League- We will survey families to see how much interest there would be in a Spring League. It would run for 6 weeks. Tentative dates would be Wednesdays, March 30- May 4. (Additional cost, subject to player interest)
- 2) Advanced Practices- Optional extra practice Mondays for players wanting to advance their skills for next season. Tentative start date is March 28. (Additional cost, subject to player interest)



3) Travel Teams- Subject to player interest. Dates for practices or possible try-out date TBD.

** Mike Cronkhite mentioned the board will need to create separate budgets in the future if the organization has enough interest in a Travel League as well as our current House League. Travel league participants will have additional costs separate from House League costs. **

g. 2022/2023 Season Board (Hans)- We have had 4 applicants regarding the 22/23 Board for different positions. Applicants are Brooke Miller (Webmaster/Communications position), Jessica Saum (Rink Liason), Elizabeth Roberson (Operations/Event Organizer), and Jeremiah Fleeman (Outreach).

5. Other Business

1. Hannah asked us to send her dates for ice makeup times to approve.
2. Shelley Purtle is organizing team/individual pictures for this season. She has asked Brooke Miller and Blakelee Tinkler

if they might be interested in taking photos. Picture dates are TBD.

6. Upcoming Board Meeting- March 10, 2022 7:57 PM (Cronkhite, Acebedo 2nd)