



ARKANSAS HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

July 7, 2022

633 Call to Order

Members present: Keating, Haustein, Wibbelsman, Harrington, Murray, Cronkhite, Henderson, King, Roberson, Fleeman, Keating,

Not Present: Miller, Millner

Non-Voting Rink Representative- Hannah King

Approval of June Meeting Minutes Mike Cronkhite and Jessie Wibbelsman 2nd.

Mike Cronkhite Treasurer report end of June approximately 40k in league account

We have approximately 1550\$ in U12 travel money

AHA paid around \$5000 to ice rink to June

\$5000 donation secured through Josh Millner, not fully allocated yet part of this will be used for hockey day

League Business

Jack Windley has moved away and can no longer fulfill duties on AHA Board. Jessica Saum makes motion and Rick Murray makes the 2nd to vote Holly McGovern on the board. She will shadow for consideration in the future to serve in the treasure position.

Skatium News and Information: Hannah King- all of the ice does not need to be removed totally in order to put down new Logo, AHA need to decide which logo will be used when it is put down.

Stick and Puck- 86 kids have signed up and so financially we are doing fine with the amount of players we have showing up. Stick and Puck will resume August 1 and continue Mondays until the season begins with the exception of September 4 Labor Day holiday

Rick Murray- updating AHA with a USA Hockey report- the system and portal are not open yet and Rick will be sending up all of this information when it does open

Dan Anderson has expressed interest in helping with U10 hockey to coach with Shane Saum. Jessica and Shane Saum can reach out to make contact with Dan.

Mark Scott's camp has 38 people that are signed up so far for the July camp, we should have a few more sign up prior to camp.

U12 travel team update- August 1 will return, it is working well to have stick and puck before the travel team practice and this is something we would like to see continue. Stick and Puck will also restart when travel team practice begins.

Pizza Card fundraiser is beginning with Dominos-buy one get one free cards- \$15 each this could benefit the whole league but is starting with raising funds for the U12 travel team

Jerseys- travel team will order jerseys this year, sponsorship can be sewn on at a later time or when secured.



Discussion was had to ensure that AHA can jerseys available for all skaters to order if they need a new size or did not have a jersey last season. Order will need to close on hockey day in order.

AHA discussed who was had has signing authority for checks and contracts. Hans and Mike will have signing authority.

Hockey Day update from Bevan (Josh Millner not present)

August 27- website link for hockey day with a discounted ticket price buying ahead of time. We are trying to get food donated and grills to increase profits as much as possible, this is still in the works

The days events are 12-6pm with Razorbacks playing around 4pm

Increase communication with all Little Rock hockey stakeholders and connect with Simone to ensure greater representation

We need to ensure there is a hockey is represented with a framed board to have sign to showcase, we need a league or board representative to help create a display- Jeremy Henderson will be working on details for this

U14 Plus Skaters- suggestion to not have practices but to have a once a week game for this older age group to better meet their needs and participation level. It allows for increased practice for U12 and allows the 715-815 time frame Wednesdays open up more. Discussion was had for how to charge for the various teams and scenarios. We need to have sign up at Hockey Team for all members to register

AHA in agreement Travel Team skaters must be house league skaters to play house

Next Board Meeting will be held in person at The Skatium August 11

Rick Murray provided a USA hockey update. Rick recently attended training with USA hockey and learned how hockey is coached is changing, how kids learn sports, a change in training and a focus on how kids learn, would like permission to purchase the book for all coaches and then host a coaching discussion. Rick will purchase books and submit for reimbursement to the AHA

Little Stars program- Jeremiah Fleeman spoke to this, a start around early to mid-October for lining up with NHL season is ideal and will need to coordinated with Hannah and The Skatium

Meeting motion to adjourn 7:30 made by Mike Cronkhite and seconded by Jessie Wibbelsman