

**BENTON H. WILCOXON  
MUNICIPAL ICE COMPLEX  
BOARD OF CONTROL  
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

**All motions passed unanimously unless otherwise stated.**

**MINUTES OF October 21, 2020:**

**Presiding Officer:** David Edwards

**Call to Order:** David called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

**Minutes:** Approved

**Board Members:**

**Present:** David Edwards  
John Green  
Jan Davis  
Sasha Sealy  
Pat Sanders  
Kimberly Ford

**Absent:** Tyler Kirby (excused due to work emergency)  
Ralph Stone (excused due to concurrent Sports Commission event)  
Ed Ragland (excused family emergency)

**Facility Representatives:** Steve Clough  
Chantay Naeger  
Dita Dotson-Bowser

**Hockey Representatives:** AAHPA: Troy Skinner & Tracy Brown

**City Representatives:** John Hamilton

**Public Commentors:** None

**President's Report:** Mr. Edwards stated the BoC would not be voting on a set of bylaws at this meeting. He also asked John Green, Jan Davis, and Pat Sanders to serve on a Governance Committee. All accepted.

**City Updates:** John Hamilton provided an update on the renovations to the Iceplex. Ice has been installed and work above the rink was ongoing. The contractual completion date was December 12, 2020. The City was discussing joint occupancy with the contractor which would allow Iceplex staff to begin outfitting the Iceplex before construction is complete.

**Public Comments** David Edwards explained the public comment procedures and encouraged anyone not fully able to express themselves in the allotted time to please email the Iceplex Board of Control (BoC) with additional concerns.

**a. AAHPA:**

Troy Skinner was the first to comment. He was speaking as Executive Director of the Alabama Amateur Hockey Players Association (AAHPA). He discussed concerns with the current COVID policy and the issues it was creating for some of the hockey community. Mr. Skinner provided a report on adult hockey registrations and activities at the Von Braun Civic Center (VBCC). The AAHPA expressed an interest in monthly meetings with Steve Clough.

Tracy Brown spoke next. She spoke as the Parent Representative of the AAHPA. She provided a handout and spoke on the COVID policy of allowing one parent per youth player to enter the VBCC. Mrs. Brown noted that the spectators at the Huntsville Havoc scrimmage game followed different protocols than those established by the BoC. She requested that the BoC consider revising the current policy.

**b. General Public:** None

**c. Skating Club:** None

**FRIA Report:** None

Main Checking Account	\$ 137.90
M. Dotson Sponsorship/Scholarship	\$ 2,692.23
FRIA Curling Club	\$ 2,712.15
FRIA Capital Improvements	<u>\$ 10,835.04</u>
Grand Total	\$ 16,377.32

**Financial Report:** Financials were emailed to each Iceplex BoC member. Steve Clough noted that the Huntsville Havoc Hockey Club was hosting a free agent camp in October and planned to allow spectators to watch a scrimmage game. Operations of this event, including COVID protocols, were solely the responsibility of the Havoc.

**Facility Financials:**

General Checking Account	\$ 60,622.11
Capital Account	\$ 91,201.72
Reserves Account	<u>\$ 21,700.82</u>
Grand Total	\$ 173,524.65

**Senior Manager's Report:** Steve Clough noted that the financial statements, Ice Usage report, Huntsville Skating School report, and the Human Resources report were provided in a handout.

**Incident Report:** As reported

**HSSTA Report:** As reported

**HR Report:** As reported

**Maintenance Report:** As reported

**Committee Reports:** Ed Ragland provided a written report stating that the BOC unanimously voted at the last meeting to approve the budget which included the 2020/2021 hourly ice rates of General Public: \$280, Block Ice Users: \$280 & Non-Prime: \$180. Rates go into effect when the facility opens.

**Unfinished Business:** John Green provided an update on the bylaws. He reminded the members that a draft of the bylaws was provided by email. Comments were to be provided to Mr. Green for consolidation.

The COVID policy was discussed. The following updates were made to the policy

- a. Youth and adult participants were allowed a maximum of four spectators. Siblings were to stay with parent at all times.
- b. Participants, coaches, officials, and spectators were required to wear a mask at all times, unless they were actively participating on ice. Players were not required to wear masks while on the bench, however, coaches were.
- c. Signs were to be posted at the entrance to the VBCC warning of the risks of contracting COVID.
- d. Waivers were to be provided to user groups to distribute to their participants.
- e. Goalies were allowed to enter the facility 30 minutes prior to their session time.

**New Business:** Mr. Edwards discussed naming the tavern. The name was to be inclusive of all ice activities. Two names were suggested – Overlook and Overtime. It was discussed and agreed that the Iceplex would conduct an online survey soliciting names and the BoC would select one of the submissions via email correspondence.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm. The next scheduled board meeting is Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at the City Council Chambers.