

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

All motions passed unanimously unless otherwise stated.

MINUTES OF March 15, 2017:

Presiding Officer: Mike Finnegan

Present: **Board Members:**
Fred Hudson
Ed Ragland
Keith Schonrock, III
Jan Davis
Susan Phelan
Chuck Saunders

Absent: Kimberly Ford
Ralph Stone

Facility Representatives: Steve Clough
Dita Dotson-Bowser
Chantay Naeger
Hollie Beaver
Ryan McCormick

Press Representatives: None

Visitors: Mr. Ashcroft, Mr. Bice & other numerous hockey players and parents.

Call to Order: Mike called the meeting to order at 5:15pm

Minutes: None

Public Comments: Mr. Bice was the first to speak on behalf of the hockey players and parents in attendance. He brought to attention the following areas of concern: increase of stick & puck pricing; decrease of facility membership options; lack of communication between the board, facility staff and patrons; figure skating prices and participants. They feel there was too much change at one time in regards to the decrease of stick & puck sessions, increase to stick & puck pricing and loss of the 3 & 6 month membership options. Mr. Ashcroft requested a process breakdown of the increased pricing and voiced his fear of more negative changes to come. Mr. Bice, Mr. Ashcroft and others inquired about the Facility's financial situation and hourly ice rate for various programs at the rink. They feel as though the Facility will lose revenue with the cut of the 3 & 6 month memberships. Mike Finnegan responded to the concerns by explaining how the Facility is challenged to self-sustain and public and stick &

puck session rate increases are determined by the Sr. Facility Manager while the annual ice rates are set collaboratively by the SFM and Board of Control. The hourly ice rate goal is for programs across the board to break even overall. Steve declared that the Facility is doing all it can to increase revenue in all areas, not just hockey, and the community as a whole is taken into consideration. Steve will re-evaluate the pricing and meet with whomever would like to come forward to discuss.

Chairman's Report: None

SCH Report: None

FRIA Report: The FRIA board met on March 15, 2017 at noon. FRIA received an official letter that the IRS has accepted all returns as filed as well as the 501 (c) (3) status. Susan commends all involved in getting the pertinent information to the IRS representatives.

FRIA Checking Account	\$ 9,286.87
Sponsorship/Scholarship Account	\$ 109.13
Capital Improvements Account	\$159,979.60
M. Dotson Memorial Fund	\$ 1,597.51
Avadian Savings Account	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Grand Total	\$170,978.11

Financial Report: Steve Clough provided an itemized description of the February financial reports highlighting the following key items:

- Net income was down compared to last February however, the 5 month accumulative total was slightly up.
- The largest area of loss was reflected in the Public/Private accounts. Steve attributes this to the warmer weather this February over last year.
- NAHA had roughly a \$2,000 increase in ice time over last February.
- The Freedom Tournament fees went directly to TPH this year, the Ice Complex only sold ice time.

Facility Financials:

General Checking Account	\$55,945.55
Reserve Account	\$29,843.92
Expansion Account	<u>\$ 4,424.40</u>
Grand Total	\$90,213.87

Senior Manager's Report: The SE District Tier 1 Tournament will be here March 16th – 19th. This tournament rotates on a 3 year basis and Steve, along with the staff, is doing all that is needed for a successful weekend of hockey. Due to the lack of ice available at the VBC, the Ice Complex will host one Havoc playoff game for sure on 4/14/17 and possibly another game on 4/15/17.

Incident Report: As reported

Fundraising Report: There are two commercials, currently running, advertising Casino Night and other fundraising efforts. Additional info as reported.

HSSTA Report: As reported

HR Report: As reported

Maintenance Report: As reported

Hockey Report: There are 16 teams scheduled for the upcoming SE District Tournament here at the rink on March 16-19. Additional info as reported.

March Parties: 8 (only 3 weekends due to SE Districts) March Groups: 2

Committee Reports: Keith encouraged everyone to attend, if possible, the upcoming fundraisers Casino Night and Chaos Classic game. The Ice Complex budget for next season will be ready for the May board meeting.

Old Business: The stick & puck process including pricing and scheduling needs resolution to report at the next board meeting on 4/19/17.

New Business: All Board Members will be added to the website with contact information and the lobby display will be updated as well. BOC meeting minutes will also be posted on-line in the upcoming months. Susan and Jan feel more Facebook posts about rink events are needed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm. The next scheduled Board meeting will be April 19, 2017 at 5:15pm.