

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

All motions passed unanimously unless otherwise stated.

MINUTES OF September 20, 2017:

Presiding Officer: Keith Schonrock, III

Present: **Board Members:**
Kimberly Ford
Ed Ragland
Fred Hudson
Jan Davis
Ralph Stone
Susan Phelan
Chuck Saunders

Absent: None

Facility Representatives: Steve Clough
Dita Dotson-Bowser
Chantay Naeger
Wendy Ruch

Press Representatives: None

Visitors: David Edwards, Ryan McCormick, Greg Meisser, Troy Skinner, Ryan Crim, Debbie Barrie, various members of "Fight Club" unidentified

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

Minutes: Approved

Public Comments

a. General Public: Keith opened the floor for public comments starting with the first name on the sign-up sheet, Greg Meisser. Greg stated he was there to find out about ice scheduling, specifically why certain user groups are scheduled before or after other user groups. Keith clarified there are new policies going into effect that night and communicated that Steve and Wendy have been working very closely with the City Attorney to update policies and ice rental contracts including prioritized user groups and request deadlines. Steve informed everyone that a certain transaction happened just that afternoon allowing him to move on with the scheduling process, however, a Board of Control approved contract is required to finalize ice times. While previous ice scheduling had not gone against old policies, updates were needed due to higher ice demand and to provide fairness to all user groups. Steve also explained that he looks at all requests by all user groups when determining what programs get their ice slots

with sensitivity towards youth programs. Ryan Crim requested to see old policies regarding public comments at BOC meetings and ice scheduling. He said his main concern was knowing that the new policies are keeping the rink open and profitable. He also asked if NAHA had reviewed the policies being voted on to which Keith responded the Ice Complex worked closely with the City Attorney and the City has reviewed and blessed all new policies and old policy updates. Troy Skinner was called upon next and he wanted to know what goes in to determining ice schedules and user group classification. Steve responded that the total hours rented by an organization/individual determines the ice renter group and that youth programs get priority over adult programs. Troy also requested copies of the current and new policies pertaining to both subjects. Ryan Crim then asked for more information in response to a previous comment made by Steve and Keith that certain programs are being created to eliminate other user groups. Keith replied stating the BOC was unable to discuss because it was a private issue with another user group. Mr. Crim then requested to see the policies being voted upon that night.

During the approving of the new and updated policies, Mr. Artrip, NAHA's lawyer, asked if public comments would be allowed during the voting process. Kimberly replied no, however, a patron could contact the BOC about policies at any time and that policies could be amended at any time. Mr. Artrip stated before leaving that the upcoming meeting on Tuesday between NAHA & the Ice Complex was about the policies and historical user ice time. The BOC disagreed and noted the meeting was about the new contract and approved policies.

Right before adjournment, Ryan Crim spoke again about his concerns and wanted to know if policies in place were in the best interest of the rink's business practices. Keith assured him the policies were written and approved in the spirit of fairness and just. Ryan then expressed concerns that by not allowing the public to have a say in the rink's policies, it appears as though the BOC is shutting the public out. He also mentioned that none of the visitors were given the new policies during the meeting which is also perceived as being shut out. Kimberly explained that no one was being shut out, however, it is not standard to hand out unapproved copies of policies to the public. They will be available once approved changes are made. An unidentified patron made a closing statement that while he thinks we have a fantastic facility, he fears if the BOC continues doing the "type of stuff they're doing, the rink is headed down the road to a phenomenal, non-used, run down, dilapidated type of facility." He begs that the BOC not cater to the what-ifs because the certainties will become disgruntled and stop coming to the facility.

b. NAHA:

Ryan McCormick spoke on behalf of NAHA and said it would be in the best interest of the Board of Control to take more time to consider the Public's and NAHA's comments on the policies before approving them. He said he thinks NAHA should have more input on the Ice Complex's policy writing.

c. SCH:

None

Chairman's Report:

None

FRIA Report: FRIA did not meet the month of September.

Main Checking Account	\$ 2,604.70
Sponsorship/Scholarship Account	\$ 409.13
Expansion Account	\$180,415.70
M. Dotson Memorial Fund	\$ 1,597.91
Avadian Savings Account	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Grand Total	\$185,032.44

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

- Total income was up \$7,255.18 over last year
- TPH ice decrease was due to their training camp being held in September-it will be reflected on next month's financials
- Hockey and Figure skating were up
- Salary expenses were down

Facility Financials:

General Checking Account	\$ 2,267.76
Capital Account	\$ 19,911.31
Reserves Account	<u>\$ 4,434.45</u>
Grand Total	\$ 26,613.52

Senior Manager's Report: Steve explained how marketing for the facility is now a team effort and has been both productive and efficient. Positive responses still being received about the 200 Club. Donations are steadily coming in every week and we hope to boost membership with some private 200 Club only events coming soon. Dita spoke on behalf of the Rocket City Classic saying it doubled in size this year due to the tremendous efforts from Jeff Buehrle, Vicki Edwards and other club members moving in the right direction.

September Parties: 9 September Groups: 2

Incident Report: As reported

Fundraising Report: As reported

HSSTA Report: As reported

HR Report: As reported

Maintenance Report: As reported

Hockey Report: As reported

Committee Reports: Ed is exploring options for insurance for users that don't have general liability, he will update the BOC when information is available.

Old Business: None

New Business: Wendy presented the new policies and ice rental contracts to BOC members. The 3 new contracts written by the City are for Recurring Ice Users, Player Development and General Users. There is no approval needed for the contracts. Policies 1.1.1 through 1.1.11 and policy 1.4.1 were all reviewed, motioned and approved with noted changes by the board members. An item of note is the Player Development rate was rewritten to be in uniform with the other policies stating that the normal rate is \$200 per hour but if paid in advance, the rate drops to \$175 per hour.
Keith referred to an email sent out to BOC members from Eric Treves about wanting more opportunities for goalie clinics. Keith responded to Eric stating he would ask Steve to look into options and that Eric should also contact NAHA about this concern as well.
Keith stepped down as President of the board of control. Ed stated he was approached but is in no position to comply due to work and USA hockey obligations.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:54pm. The next scheduled Board meeting is October 18, 2017 at 5:15pm.