

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



August 20, 2014 ~ 6:30 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kylie Ammel, Sarah Morlock, Justin Barwood, Ryan Ray, Kelly Park, Matt Maher, Bill Mann
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:42 PM
 - a. July 30th meeting minutes were approved (motioned by Ryan, seconded by Kelly).
3. **New Business:**
 - a. **Website-**Kelly reported that the new Sport Ngin website is up but is in need of some additional content. While Kylie has created teams and rosters, not all of the registrar's information has been imported from Goaline. Kelly and Kylie will work together to complete this transition. Kylie reiterated the importance of having coaching certifications, etc. completed as soon as possible as coaches cannot be added to the official roster until they have done so. Following the October 1st deadline, the process for adding coaches becomes more cumbersome.
 - b. **Jerseys-**The jersey order has been placed. Bill made one change to the design; the white "neck trim" on both the white and black jerseys was replaced with royal blue. Jerseys will be in-hand by September 22nd. Ryan mailed in the first payment. Final payment is due after the jerseys are received. The Board agreed to sell the old jerseys at minimal cost as a fundraising venture. Jersey care and the imposed player replacement cost will be discussed further at the next meeting.
 - c. **Team Declarations-**Justin shared that the UVHA team declarations have been made. The Squirts were declared as Tier 3 and Tier 5 teams. The Peewees and Bantams were declared as Tier 3 and Tier 5 teams, respectively. Justin still questions the Squirt level declaration. Any changes should be sooner than later so that scheduling does not become an issue.
 - d. **Coaches-**The current list of committed coaches was reviewed. The Board agreed that each team should have a designated head coach. With upcoming deadlines approaching, coaches should be contacted in regards to the urgency of completing SafeSport certifications, coaching clinics, etc. Sarah will email Alex and ask him

to reach out to coaches to make them aware of these requirements and to inform them of the upcoming coaches' meeting.

- e. **Rosters**-Justin gave a roster update. There are currently 11 Bantams with 1 goalie, 15 Peewees with 1 goalie, 23 Squirts with three goalies, an estimated 16 Travel Mites, and an estimated 12-16 House Mites. With multiple players likely to petition up, these numbers could shift. The association is aware of three Mite level players interested in petitioning up to Squirts. There is one Squirt level goalie possibly petitioning up to Peewees. And there are likely three Peewee skaters petitioning up to Bantams.
 - f. **Skills Camps**-Todd Bebeau will not be running the UVHA skills camps. He did, however, recommend Bryant Harris as a great candidate for this position. Bryant is a young coach at Kimball Union Academy. Justin has reached out to him via email to see if he has any interest in running these camps.
 - g. **Goalie Clinics**-Goalie clinics are slotted for Friday nights. The association is in need of a goalie clinic director. Kelly, Ryan and Bill will work on recruitment. Ryan thought it wise for the Board to consider compensation for this role.
 - h. **Rink Progress**-WABA will be ready to be occupied by the start of the hockey season. While the official completion of the rink isn't likely until the end of November, there is no issue with ice use prior to that point. The rink has a new roof, replaced siding and a substantial addition, including additional locker rooms and a lobby. Justin distributed information regarding the opportunity to advertise at the rink. The friends of WABA, rather than the Town of Hartford, will have control of the money raised from advertising. Justin also informed the Board that the UVHA now has the right to post signage/banners at the rink and suggested that the Fundraising Committee consider the means for doing so.
 - i. **HYHA Savings**-Justin spoke with Clint Potter (a past HYHA President) to discuss uses for money in the Hartford Youth Hockey Association account. Clint explained that his understanding was that the association should have a reserve of two times the organization's annual expenses in order to satisfy a 501c3 guideline. In regards to scholarships, he clarified that this money was originally donated by Vermont businesses to support Hartford kids and should be used for such.
4. **Monthly Reports:**
- a. **Registrar**-Kylie has resolved many of the issues regarding the registration process, including auto-pay mishaps. She will soon be contacting registrants who have yet to make any payment and inform them of the payment deadline.
 - b. **Scheduler**-Bill is waiting for final team declarations to be made so that he can reach out for scheduling.
 - c. **Fundraising**-Sarah prepared a thank you letter for Mrs. Byrne in response to the Foundation's generous donation. It was signed by Board members and will be mailed promptly. An additional follow up thank you gift will be sent, including UVHA player photos.

- d. **VT State Representative**-Bill shared that the Vermont meeting will be held on September 14th at the Doubletree in South Burlington. He will email further information to the group, hoping to recruit a second representative. The state is in the process of organizing a new “jamboree style hockey day” for the Squirt, Peewee and Bantam levels. This is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 6th. Participation is strongly encouraged.
- e. **NH State Representative**-Matt and Justin will attend the upcoming August 23rd meeting.

5. **Meeting adjourned:** 8:05 PM