

# UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



August 18, 2015 ~ 5:30 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Shane Murray, Sandy Baily, Kathy Roberts, Sarah Morlock, Jason Spaulding, Mark Cromwell, Bill Mann, Ryan Ray, David Driver, Justin Barwood
2. **Meeting called to order:** 5:38 PM
  - a. July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Jason, seconded by Shane).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
  - a. **Coaching Coordinator**-Jason will be working with Alex to help organize the coaches' meeting. This mandatory meeting has been tentatively scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>. In addition to outlining coaching requirements, including SafeSport certification and background checks, locker room policy and coaching conduct will be discussed. Coaches will need to hold parent meetings at the start of the season, distributing parent packets and highlighting important information. Shane has worked with Pavlik to arrange for six Tuesday Skills Sessions. Bryant Harris will be returning to KUA and expressed that he would be interested in running a Skills Session for the Storm. Alex and Jason will contact Bryant as soon as possible.
  - b. **Equipment Manager**-Bill reported that jerseys have been ordered and paid for. They will be shipping on August 26<sup>th</sup> and should arrive well before the start of the season. Bill showed the group a sample pair of hockey socks from OT Sports. He has worked with them to create a custom sock for the Storm. These are priced at \$20. There's a minimum order and a four to six week turn around. Bill, Sarah and Kristen had discussed selling the socks as a fundraiser, offering them to the association at \$25 a pair. The Board agreed to move forward with the socks as an apparel sale offering, asking association members to place a pre-order request to gauge quantities and sizes. Bill offered to negotiate a better price and research other companies' goods. He will present his findings to the Board via email before proceeding with an association wide announcement.
  - c. **SafeSport**-Kathy plans to again share with the group the Locker Room Policy document she drafted last season. Any necessary revisions will need to be made so that it can be distributed in the parent packet. Kathy reminded the Board that

we still need to determine the action that will be taken if an individual does not adhere to the policy. She expressed the importance of having that outlined and communicated to parents prior to the start of the season. The Board also needs to decide whether or not anyone required to have a background check should do so in Vermont or New Hampshire. Last season, having checks completed in both states created some issues.

- d. **Treasurer**-Ryan and Matt submitted the UVHA's application for funding from the City of Lebanon. In the past, they have been generous with their aid awards.
- e. **Fundraising**-Sarah explained that a decision had been made to not move forward with the running of concession. The Town first offered this undertaking to the UVHA but intended to find a group willing to run concession in its entirety, including High School games and Public Skates. This simply wasn't feasible without a willing manager or mandating coverage. Therefore, the UVHA declined. Fundraising will be open to running concession on a case-by-case basis, if the opportunity arises. The committee will work to secure lost revenue through other means.

#### 4. New Business:

- a. **Rosters**-Unable to attend, Kylie shared a current registration list with Justin. As of today's meeting, there were 13 skaters and one goalie registered for Bantams. Jason said ideally the team would be fielded with 15 skaters and one or two goalies. Jason will reach out to any players he knows of who have yet to register. Once 15 players have committed with payment, registration will be closed. There were 25 skaters and two goalies registered for Squirts. This roster includes 20 returning UVHA players, two of which are petitioning up, and seven Twin Valley transfers. The Travel Mites have 16 players, House 18 likely and Termites currently have four registered players.
  - i. **Peewees**: The Peewees have 26 skaters and 3 goalies registered. There are four players on the waiting list, two goalies and two skaters. Justin briefed the group on the four players in question. It was agreed that taking on more than two goalies per team would be irresponsible. Bill made a motion to accept the wait-listed Hartford resident goalie. Jason seconded his motion. The Board voted unanimously in favor of Bill's motion. The Board will reach out to the other wait-listed goalie and help to place him with another association. The question of the wait-listed skaters was more difficult. Justin cited that the UVHA Policies and Procedures states that the optimal team size is 13 skaters and one goalie. While team size can exceed the optimal 13, the Board weighed the potential benefits and negative consequences of having a larger roster. Jason motioned to accept the two skaters. Bill seconded his motion. Four Board members voted against this motion, three voted in favor. After further discussion, Shane urged the Board to reconsider, motioning for a revote on the former motion. Jason seconded this motion. There was a unanimous vote to take both skaters. This will bring the team size to 14 skaters and two goalies.

Shane brought up that she recently learned that Hanover cut their “Blue” Pee wee team and the group tossed around the idea of having three Storm Pee wee teams. The Board agreed that given the time and ice constraints, this unfortunately wasn’t possible.

- b. **Coaches**-Bantam, Pee wee, Squirt and Travel Mite teams now have adequate coaching. The need for House Mite and Termite coaches remains. An email should be sent out to the parents of players registered at those levels to seek qualified volunteers for coaching. In the least, a head coach for each program will need to be identified prior to the September coaches’ meeting.
  - c. **Tryout Planning**-The Tryout Committee’s policy proposal was reviewed. This revised Tryout Policy will need to be voted on at the September meeting. The Board will also need to select members for the Tryout Committee at the September meeting so that those appointed individuals can begin planning for the October tryouts.
  - d. **Tiers**-Due to the August deadline, Matt moved forward with making team declarations after asking for feedback from coaches. Ryan reported that the Bantams were initially declared at Tier Five, Pee wees Tier Three and Four, Squirts Tier Three and Five, and Travel Mites were declared as playing Vermont cross-ice. Jason felt strongly that the Bantams should change their declaration to Tier Four. There was discussion as to where the Pee wees should play. Given the skill level of the player pool, it was agreed that Pee wees should change their declaration to Tiers Two and Three.
5. **VT State Meeting Report:**
- a. Bill reminded the group that the next meeting will be held on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree in South Burlington. The attendance of all officers is requested. The State emailed Bill inquiring as to our interest in hosting a tournament. Justin explained that with the new facility, we can now host a Vermont regional or sectional tournament. The group decided to decline, opting to host instead our own tournament.
6. **NH State Meeting Report:**
- a. The next meeting will be held on August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Concord. Presidents and Vice Presidents are required to attend.
7. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:33 PM