

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



January 20, 2016 ~ 6:00 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Amy Aher, Kathy Roberts, Kylie Ammel, Sarah Morlock, Matt Maher, Ryan Ray, Justin Barwood, Bill Mason, Alex DeFelice, Bill Mann
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:05 PM
 - a. December 9th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Ryan, seconded by Alex).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Webmaster**-Instructions for migrating non-registered SportNgin association member emails should be on the NHAHA website. Kylie also learned at the NH meeting that, by April of 2016, the issue with calendar merging will be remedied. The group recognized the need to update the website. Matt will reach out to Kelly and ask him to remove old content, adding new.
 - b. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex reminded the Board that coaches' books need to be updated and in order with new rosters for teams' upcoming tournaments. Kylie reviewed Deb Powell's report of rostered coaches and it appears that all coaches are in good standing. Kathy will forward a list of coaches to Kylie who have been SafeSport certified. Noticing a number of new coaches on the ice, Alex suggested that Termite coaches be checked for their compliancy. Finally, Alex asked the Board to determine back-up coaches for the remaining Monday goalie clinics in the case of James' absence.
 - c. **Equipment Manager**-Kristen Chapman informed the Board that this is will be her last season with the Storm as equipment manager. She does have some notes for the Board to review regarding jersey reorder and storage. Matt asked that a notice be posted on the website to seek another volunteer for this position. Alex is willing to donate some clothes racks for the in-season storage of jerseys. Off-season, jerseys will need to be securely stored in locked bins.
 - d. **SafeSport Coordinator**-Kathy reiterated the SafeSport policy prohibiting the use of cell phones in locker rooms. Coaches and team SafeSport monitors will need to again communicate this to parents and players. Kathy sited that there has been a notable lack of monitor presence in/outside of locker rooms. Monitors need to be again made aware of their duties and their necessity.

- e. **Treasurer**-Ryan distributed an expense report. He shared that ice and referee bills have been paid in full up to this point. Ryan suggested payment protocol for the upcoming Pot-o-Gold. The Board agreed to cover the up-front registration costs for all Squirt, Peewee and Bantam teams. However, players will need to pay up front for their portion of their team's Pot-o-Gold fee. Sarah will email team parents and ask them to inform player families of their team's per player fee. Checks should be made out to UVHA. In the event that teams do not make their state tournament, the UVHA will return cash payments or destroy those checks being held for Pot-o-Gold registration. It was determined that these payments will be due by February 15th.
- f. **Fundraising**-Sarah and Amy reported that the Fundraising Committee is soliciting for donations for the March 11th Skate-a-thon. The Board approved of awarding another \$250 registration credit to one grand prize winner and allowed for the purchase of a grand prize valued up to \$250. The Board discussed the purchase of participation prizes and agreed to allow the Committee to buy such prizes, with the understanding that the proceeds of the Skate-a-thon will retroactively cover this expense. Sarah will place another magnet order. And she will be finishing the application for NHAHA's ADM Grant, due February 1st, making a request for jerseys to support the Mite program.
- g. **Registrar**-Kylie reminded the group that the next Try Hockey for Free Day is February 20th. Kylie and Sarah are working to market this event, including putting up a sandwich board at Pat Walsh Park to draw Lebanon skaters. She shared that there remains \$3,900 in outstanding registration fee payments. Of the five delinquent families, a number are working toward making payment while some have yet to respond to any of Kylie's correspondences. The Board will discuss this further in Executive session. Kylie was pleased with the growing number of registered Termites (28 to date). These strong numbers are great for the association's health going forward. Kylie will compile scholarship data for both Ryan's Treasurer's and Sarah's grant reports.
- h. **Scheduler**-Bill confirmed that tier movement is now complete. He also reported that there has been only one game rescheduled due to inclement weather. The Bantams are interested in playing a round-robin tournament with Hanover and other local teams. Bill is helping to coordinate this and will be careful to suggest use of existing end of season UVHA ice and other association's available ice. He will keep the Board informed on the progress of this venture.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Schedule Review**-Justin shared a proposed end-of-season schedule, detailing existing ice use and suggestions for the use of available ice. The Board discussed a number of uses, including upper-team scrimmages, Mite jamborees and spring tryouts. Justin will work on an additional proposal for the end-of-season practice schedule as that will likely need adjustment due to foreseen conflicts. As the ice exists and would likely go unused, our Termite, House and Travel Mite teams can continue play into March, past the typical season-closing BAHA tournament.

- b. **End-of-Season Tournaments**-Again, all Squirt, Peewee and Bantam teams are registered for the Pot-o-Gold tournament March 18th, 19th and 20th. Dates and locations for state tournaments have been released.
 - c. **Mite Jamborees**- John confirmed that the UVHA is registered for the BAHA, February 26th, 27th and 28th. No schedule for this weekend of play has been made available yet.
 - d. **Member Suggestion #1**-Matt shared that a parent suggested that the association consider purchasing a projector for reviewing game film. After some discussion, with concern over cost and the logistics of its use, the Board asked that a proposal be presented for further consideration of such a purchase.
 - e. **Member Suggestion #2**-Matt brought to the Board's attention another parent's suggestion that the association look into purchasing a seam cover for the Zamboni doors. There have been instances where player sticks have become lodged there and consequently broken. Matt will reach out to Scott Hausler to discuss a potential joint purchase of such a cover, if it exists.
5. **VT State Meeting Report:**
- a. The next meeting is February 9th at the Comfort Inn in Montpelier.
6. **NH State Meeting Report:**
- a. The next meeting is December 20th at the Holiday Inn in Concord.
7. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:29 PM