

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



July 20, 2016 ~ 6:00 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kathy Roberts, Sarah Morlock, Justin Barwood, Alex DeFelice, Jason Spaulding, Roger Gillies, Mark Cromwell, Bill Mann

2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:04 PM
 - a. June 15th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Justin, seconded by Alex).

3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Webmaster**-No report.
 - b. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex will resume his role as Coaching Coordinator, assisted by Jason, as needed. They will compile a list of potential coaches to share with the Board at the next meeting. A coaches' meeting will be organized to be held in August. Coaches will again be asked to complete an application, specifying their coaching experience and level of interest. The Board will review the candidate applications, then vote to approve qualified head coaches, bench coaches and practice coaches. Jason brought up the importance of having a pre-season meeting to clearly define SafeSport, USA Hockey Code of Conduct and UVHA expectations. The Board also discussed the value in player evaluation and the communication of feedback both mid and post-season. Some coaches already provide this information, though it is not yet required.
 - c. **Equipment Manager**-Linda was unable to be present. Justin distributed Linda's spreadsheet with an account of jerseys returned, those not yet returned, and those that need to be replaced. It is imperative that jerseys be ordered by the first week in August to ensure that they are delivered prior to the beginning of the season. Bill will reach out to both Linda and Kristen to assist in determining order needs.
 - d. **SafeSport Coordinator**-No report.
 - e. **Treasurer**-No report.
 - f. **Fundraising**-No report.

- g. **Registrar**-No report.
- h. **Scheduler**-Bill asked that the Board make a determination of the number of teams and their respective tier placements by the Vermont Scheduler's meeting.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Tournament Planning**-A Tournament Committee will be appointed by the Fundraising Committee by the December meeting, at the latest. Justin will secure the remainder of the ice needed for the weekend of the tournament.
- b. **Player Recruitment**-While there are a number of coaches and Board members who have been actively reaching out to players and their families in hopes of securing goalies for both the Peewee and Bantam teams, both levels are inadequately fielded. The Bantams are still without a goalie, and there is only one goalie registered at the Peewee level for a potential three teams. This continues to be of high priority. The group identified two potential goalies. Justin, Kathy and Mark will reach out to these players.
- c. **Ice Planning Update**-Justin reviewed the ice schedule for the 2016-2017 season, which will officially start October 17th. Practices will again be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Weekend ice slots begin as early as 8:15 AM. Later ice times have been secured, including some slots from 1:30-2:30 PM. There will be no skates on Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's Day.
- d. **Building Storm Lockers at WABA**-The Town would like the UVHA to relocate the bins and equipment stored in WABA's concession room. They have offered to allow us to build permanent storage lockers at the far end of the rink. Matt has volunteered to design the lockers and plan for the build. He will likely need a crew of volunteers to assist him with construction. The Board will review and approve the budget for this project, when it is prepared and presented.
- e. **Skills Coaches**-The Board will need to secure Skill's coaches for the upcoming season. In addition to again asking Dave Pavlik and Bryant Harris to direct Skill's sessions, the Board will consider adding other candidates as well. Everyone agreed that each coach provides a unique perspective and skill set, all valuable to players.
- f. **Skills Camp**-Todd Bebeau will be directing a hockey camp at WABA the week of October 10th. Mites and Squirts will run from 5:00-6:00 PM; Peewees and Bantams from 6:15-7:15 PM. This is offered through the Hartford Parks and Recreation Department and is not exclusive to the Storm. Interested players will need to register through the Parks and Rec.

5. **VT State Meeting Report:**

- a. The UVHA missed the deadline for ordering quick-change goalie equipment through VSAHA. The Board opted, instead, to purchase Mite goalie sets independently of VSAHA, primarily being concerned with the limitations in pad sizing.
- b. Next meeting will be August 21st at the Doubletree in Burlington.

6. NH State Meeting Report:

- a. The Officer's Meeting is August 27th at the Holiday Inn in Concord.

7. Meeting Adjourned: 7:54 PM