

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



September 21, 2016 ~ 5:30 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kathy Roberts, Kylie Curtis, Sarah Morlock, Linda Trombley, Amy Aher, Adele Vanschoick, Matt Maher, Trevyr Young, Ryan Ray, Bill Mason, Justin Barwood, Roger Gillies, Bill Mann, Jason Spaulding
2. **Meeting called to order:** 5:36 PM
 - a. August 17th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Jason, seconded by Kylie).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Webmaster**-Matt will reach out to Kelly and request that meeting minutes be updated and the early season schedule posted to the website.
 - b. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex and Jason heard back from a number of individuals interested in returning to coach for the Storm. To their surprise, a number of expected volunteers on their mailing list did not respond nor submit coaching applications. A number of other gentlemen were identified by the Board as being potential coaching candidates. Alex and Jason will contact these remaining candidates, inquiring as to their interest and informing them of the application process. A coaches' meeting will be held as soon as possible. Based on their application responses and his personal experience, Alex attested that all applicants were qualified to coach in some regard for the Storm. Ryan motioned to approve the current slate of coaches. Justin seconded his motion. All voted in favor. Additional coaches will be approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis. Following tryouts and the placement of players, the Board will approve recommendations for head and assistant coaches.
 - c. **Equipment Manager**-Bill confirmed that replacement game jerseys have been ordered and paid for. They should be delivered within two weeks. John will again work with Stateline Sports and order this season's Mite jerseys. Ronnie shared that he learned of an opportunity for associations to acquire used equipment at the most recent Vermont meeting. Free gear will be up for grabs on a first-come, first-serve basis at the BOR on October 3rd from 6:00-7:30 PM. The Board will not be sending a representative to the event.

- d. **SafeSport Coordinator**-Kathy will be keeping record of coaches and volunteers who have completed their background checks, SafeSport certification and USA Hockey registration. She and Kylie will exchange this information as needed.
 - e. **Treasurer**-Ryan is working through some technical difficulties with the accounting software but is working to resolve this as soon as possible. He is still able to cut checks and bills are paid to date.
 - f. **Fundraising**-The Fundraising Committee will soon be meeting prior to the start of the season. Two photographers made bids for hockey photos this season. The Board gave the FRC the authority to choose the business to contract. Sarah affirmed that at this meeting, the FRC would appoint volunteers to lead this season's various fundraising efforts, including a tournament director. Sarah also shared that the UVHA received two, \$500 checks from the Covered Bridges Half Marathon; one made out to the Upper Valley Hockey Association, the other to the Hartford Youth Hockey Association. She will reach out to the CBHM volunteer coordinator to clear this up. Ryan will hold both checks in the meantime.
 - g. **Registrar**-Kylie reported that there have been no new registrations above Squirts in the last two months. A record majority of registrants have paid in full. She will be contacting those who have yet to make payment, reminding them of their need to do so before players are allowed on the ice.
 - h. **Scheduler**-Bill informed the Board that he has scheduled out a majority of the season, prioritizing league games for GSL. He's hoping to get input from Travel and House Mite coaches to finish scheduling games and tournaments for these teams. Bill will continue to work to fill out the rest of the season.
4. **New Business:**
- a. **Tournament Committee**-The Fundraising Committee will be meeting in early October and will aim to appoint a tournament director before the next meeting.
 - b. **Peewee Goalie Crisis**-The Peewees are still in need of another goalie. With two teams and only one goalie registered at this point, this is now a pressing issue that needs immediate resolve. It was pointed out that some Peewee parents have voiced concern and criticism of the situation. Justin explained that two Peewee skaters have expressed a willingness to try playing in goal, given that it is a shared responsibility. Recognizing the special circumstances surrounding this matter, the Board agreed to acquire and provide goalie gear to outfit these players. Matt set an October 1st deadline for commitment from these players.
 - c. **Ice Planning Update**-Justin distributed the ice schedule for the first two weeks of the season which will encompass to the to-be-determined tryout dates. Again, Matt will reach out to Kelly to have this schedule posted to the website.
 - d. **Building Storm Lockers**-Matt did take inventory of the equipment currently being stored at WABA. Trevyr Young volunteered to assist Matt with the build. Linda offered her husband, Mike's, tools and services as well. Matt pointed out that there should be ample space to build sufficient storage for what is currently being housed in the concession area, above the old locker rooms and in Board members' homes.

- e. **Skills Coaches**-Justin informed the group that there will be 18 Skills nights throughout the season. Each team will have 12 nights of Skills and six nights off. Justin did contact Chaz Hailey. Unfortunately, his cost exceeded the UVHA's budget. Todd Bebeau has agreed to direct two Skills Sessions early in the season. And Justin hopes to soon confirm Bryant Harris' commitment. The Board felt that having a variety of coaches was indeed beneficial to player development.
 - f. **Mini 3-on-3**-Matt communicated New Hampshire's announcement of a GSL Squirt/Peewee, 3-on-3 tournament. Each association is invited to enter only one team at each level. Associations need to sign up by October 1st. The consensus of the Board was that this would be difficult to pull together at the start of the season. It was believed to also prove inherently problematic to choose only three players.
 - g. **AAU Full-Ice Mites**-Matt informed the Board of an AAU insured opportunity for Mites to play full-ice hockey. There would be a slate of games in addition to regular season, cross-ice play. Associations need to commit by October 1st. Matt reminded the group that any full-ice play outside of the AAU would be unsanctioned.
 - h. **Tryout Planning**-The tryout process outlined in 2014-2015 will again be utilized. The Tryout Committee at each level will consist of both coaches from that level and independent evaluators. The process will again need to be clearly communicated to the association. Justin suggested that the Board meet a week early next month ahead of the season's start.
5. **VT State Meeting Report:**
- a. The next Vermont meeting is October 11th at the Comfort Inn in Montpelier.
6. **NH State Meeting Report:**
- a. The next New Hampshire meeting is October 8th at the Holiday Inn in Concord.
7. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:34 PM