

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



October 12, 2016 ~ 6:30 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kathy Roberts, Sarah Morlock, Linda Trombley, Matt Maher, Justin Barwood, Alex DeFelice, Roger Gillies, Bill Mann, Jason Spaulding
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:35 PM
 - a. September 21st meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Jason, seconded by Justin).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Webmaster**-No report.
 - b. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex and Jason held the annual pre-season coaches' meeting last Thursday evening. Alex outlined the requirements and expectations of all coaches. He will be checking the status of USA Hockey registrations, SafeSport trainings, and level-appropriate coaching clinics this weekend, and, will be communicating with coaches who have yet to complete these mandatory steps. Alex said that coaches will be prepared to hold parent meetings at the start of the season, after teams have been determined.*
 - c. **Equipment Manager**-Linda received the new game jerseys from Bill. She plans to issue jerseys the second week of practice. Justin reminded the group that some teams have games scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. Teams will need to be finalized and players will need their jerseys in-hand prior to that date. Bill reported that he continues to work to outfit the two Peewee goalies, following the Board's approval for the purchase of two sets of loaner goalie gear. Parents of these Peewee goalies were required to sign a document agreeing to the return of the gear, in good condition, or be responsible for its replacement.
 - d. **SafeSport Coordinator**-Kathy is making note of background checks as she learns of their completion. She will share this information with Alex, as Coaching Coordinator, and Kylie, as Registrar. Alex offered to assist Kathy in reaching out to coaches who have yet to complete this requirement. Coaches who are not

current with SafeSport and background checks will not be permitted on the ice with the players.

- e. **Treasurer**-No report.
- f. **Fundraising**-The Fundraising Committee met last week to discuss this season's events. Sarah reported that they are working to roll out hockey sock, garment bag, gear and apparel sales the first weeks of the season. They conservatively project that revenue from these sales, combined with profits from picture proceeds, the annual Christmas Tree Sale, Skate-a-thon and grant writing, will net \$15,000, meeting this year's fundraising goal. Sarah also informed the Board that both Hartford and Lebanon Parks and Recreation departments have kindly agreed to distribute information to their respective communities regarding Mite programs and the November 14th Try Hockey for Free event. An announcement has been placed in the Valley News and flyers will be distributed through schools to help "grow the game."
- g. **Registrar**-No report.
- h. **Scheduler**-Bill informed the Board that all league games are to be played by February 12th. As a result of first building out the schedule to meet this requirement, games are currently very thin between Saturday, February 18th and the Pot-of-Gold. He doesn't expect those sheets to be easily filled, especially given that Vermont's season concludes at the end of February. The Board will have to consider options for making use of that end-of-season ice. Matt heard from a Hanover member that their WABA ice is problematically limited after the New Year. Justin will work with Bill to be sure that this ice is put to good use, selling sheets to other associations or clubs, if need be. Bill also expressed concern regarding the ice times on Sunday. The Town allotted only ten minutes for ice makes in between Sunday's UVHA games. Given that ten minutes is clearly inadequate for making ice, games would likely be put off-schedule by 15-30 minutes. Justin said he has been in communication with the Town and is already working to remedy this. Finally, Bill gave the group a count of each team's games, as they now stand.
 - i. To-Date Game Parity:
 1. House Mites-15 total, 13 home
 2. Travel Mites-21 total, 10 home
 3. Squirt (1)-26 total, 13 home
 4. Squirt (2)-27 total, 13 home
 5. Squirt (3)-27 total, 13 home
 6. Peewee (1)-27 total, 15 home
 7. Peewee (2)-29 total, 14 home
 8. Bantams-31 total, 16 home

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Tournament Committee**-Sarah Morlock, supported by the FRC, and Roger “Ronnie” Gillies have agreed to act as tournament directors for February’s GSL Tier V tournament. Ronnie will organize most of the logistics of the tourney, while Sarah will focus on fundraising and relation aspects. Matt informed the Board that the December NHAHA meeting will also be a required GSL Tournament Directors’ meeting. Sarah and Ronnie will plan to attend.
- b. **Peewee Goalie Crisis**-In addition to the one full time goalie already registered at the Peewee level, two skaters have stepped forward to play in goal. To support these players and their families volunteering to fill this role, loaner gear will be provided by the association.
- c. **Tryout Committee Selection**-Todd Bebeau and Gary Smith have both agreed to act as the UVHA’s impartial, independent evaluators. Based on their past experience, they felt certain that it was only necessary for them to attend two of the six tryout sessions. The Board agreed. Alex suggested that, of the six, the last four skates be designated as official tryout nights and families be informed of the importance of attending on these days, if their players are interested in being evaluated for placement on an upper level team. The Board agreed that a combination of skills and small area games would again be utilized as the basis for evaluation. Following group discussion, Bill made a motion to approve Ryan Ray, Scott Christian and Jason Spaulding as the Squirt Tryout Committee members and Dan McGee, Justin Barwood and Alex DeFelice as the Peewee Tryout Committee members. Matt seconded his motion. All were in favor.
- d. **Ice Planning**-Justin shared that the ice contract has been finalized. The beginning season skate schedule has been communicated with association members. Once Skills Coaches have committed and made their schedule needs clear, the regular season practice schedule will be released.
- e. **Gear Lockers**-Matt made a motion to approve the purchase of two gear sheds, not to exceed a purchase total of \$1,000. Bill seconded his motion. All voted in favor. Matt will run this by Scott for final approval before proceeding.
- f. **Skills Coaches**-Bryant Harris has committed to direct a portion of Skills nights. He mentioned to Justin that Mondays would be difficult for him. As a result, Skills will probably need to be pushed to Tuesday nights. Additional coaches will be considered to enrich the Skills skate experience for players. Alex will reach out to James Tierney, Jim Mooney and Rob Day in regards to the organization of Goalie Clinics. Shared ice is available Mondays from 5:35-6:35 PM. Jason suggested that there be a rotation of Mite and Squirt goalies one week, Peewee and Bantam goalies the next.

5. **VT State Meeting Report:**

- a. Ronnie informed the group that VSAHA will be hosting a weekend jamboree/tryouts for the development team on April 1st and 2nd. This event is still in the planning process. It's open to Vermont residents only.
- b. The next Vermont meeting is November 15th at the Comfort Inn in Montpelier.

6. **NH State Meeting Report:**

- a. The next New Hampshire meeting is November 2nd at the Holiday Inn in Concord.

7. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:18 PM

**10/31/16 Addendum: Alex made an email motion to the Board to approve the following proposed slate of coaches for each team. Matt seconded his motion. All voted in favor.*

Bantams: Scott Christian (HC)
Mike Allen (AC)
Mark DuBois (AC)
Kalya Thibideau (AC)

Peewee 1: Justin Barwood (HC)
Dan McGee (AC)
Alex DeFelice (AC)
Jason Spaulding (AC)
Kelly Park (PC)

Peewee 2: Trevyr Young (HC)
Ryan Ray (AC)
Jim Mooney (AC)

Squirt 1: Kelly Park (HC)
Dan McGee (AC)
John Morlock (AC)
Tom Daniels (PC)
Scott Christian (PC)
Nick Davies (PC)

Squirt 2: Les Drent (HC)
Rick Desharnais (AC)
Nate Dube (AC)
Kylie Curtis (PC)

Squirt 3: Ryan Ray (HC)
Mark Bean (AC)
Kelly Ray (AC)
Chris Gogan (AC)
Justin Barwood (AC)

Mites: Matt Maher
John Morlock
Justin Montebianchi
Jay Zanleoni
Nate Dube
Nick Davies
Jason Gaudette Dan McGee

Termite: Jason Gramling (HC)
Will Meyer
Matt Marrasso
Josh Obar