

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



February 15, 2017 ~ 6:00 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Sarah Morlock, Matt Maher, Justin Barwood, Roger Gillies, Jason Spaulding, Alex DeFelice, Ryan Ray, Bill Mann, Bill Mason
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:07 PM
 - a. January 18th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Jason, seconded by Justin).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Webmaster**-Kelly recently added some general association information to the website, including a link with directions to WABA. We'll need to continue to update website content. Matt will ask Kelly to post notice of the UVHA's Annual Meeting on the website. Sarah will place an announcement in the Valley News. After brief discussion, the Board agreed to hold the annual meeting on the typical third Wednesday in the month of March. To prepare for the Annual Meeting, the Board will meet prior to March 15th.
 - b. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex and Jason continue to address concerns brought to their attention regarding coaches' conduct. Any unresolved issues will be brought to the attention of the Disciplinary Committee in Executive Session.
 - c. **Equipment Manager**-Linda was not present. Following January's online vote, Bill purchased a set of 24" Mite goalie gear and six 54" Mite goals. Thanks also to Bill and John Morlock, all of the Mite goalie gear has been inventoried, and they will work to identify any gear in need of replacement. The new goals were ordered, delivered and assembled. Bill has forwarded receipts to Sarah to include in the required follow-up report to NHAHA.
 - d. **SafeSport Coordinator**-No report.
 - e. **Treasurer**-Ryan reported that he signed the tax forms, and they were officially filed yesterday. Matt dropped off both the IRS 501c-3 determination letters to the accountant's office this week. All ice bills, skills and referee fees are paid to-date.

The Sweep account is currently at \$126,129.33. The checking balance stands at \$7,971.95. The association has paid \$55,952.50 of the \$81,835 in 2016-2017 ice costs. After final payments are made and fees paid, but before Skate-a-thon and tournament revenue, Ryan estimates a season-end balance of \$96,396.83.

- f. **Fundraising**-The City of Lebanon again generously granted the UVHA \$3,730, bringing this season's fundraising total to more than \$10,000. Skate-a-thon planning is well underway. The Park family has committed some amazing grand prizes. And thanks to Dan McGee and the Red River Charitable Foundation, the UVHA also has a set of four Bruins tickets to add to the grand prize list. Sarah made a motion to approve a \$250 2017-2018 season registration credit to be awarded as a grand prize at the Skate-a-thon. Jason seconded her motion. All voted in favor.
 - g. **Registrar**-No report.
 - h. **Scheduler**-Bill continues to fill in open ice slots with games, scrimmages and practices, as requested by coaches. Justin offered Coach Gramling and the Termites an earlier sheet of ice on the 25th as their usual slot was absorbed by the Tier V Squirt tournament. Justin will brainstorm for the use of practice time the week prior to the Pot-of-Gold. Some early suggestions were to utilize the ice for step-up skates, skills nights, or, perhaps, a camp of some sort. He'll circle back to this prior to the next Board meeting.
4. **New Business:**
- a. **2017/2018 Registration**-The Board will soon need to consider the specifics of early registration, including registration fees and discounts. Strong participation in early registration is crucial to team planning and ice purchasing next season. There are already concerns for numbers at the Bantam level. This will need to be revisited at the March monthly meeting.*
 - b. **Return of Hockey Club**-The future potential for a Hockey Club and Girls' Program should be discussed more seriously in the near future. The Board agreed to table the conversation until Kylie's present.
 - c. **Squirt Tier V Tournament Director Update**-As of this afternoon, only eight tournament duties remain to be covered on Sign Up Genius. Sarah will continue to reach out to the membership, as needed, to ensure these positions are filled. Parking signage has been ordered and delivered. Roni will reach out to the Town to secure a back-up clock for the tournament. He'll also secure a third volunteer for the required three-person Disciplinary Committee. Sarah and Roni both spoke with Christian Henault of the Hartford Fire Department. He affirmed their commitment to running concession the tournament weekend, donating the proceeds to the UVHA. However, he has not responded to Sarah's emails of late.

She will continue to reach out to the HFD to confirm. Roni expressed his concern for managing unruly spectators. This was discussed, and, per USA Hockey's Zero Tolerance Policy and the UVHA's Policies and Procedures, anyone deemed as displaying inappropriate may be asked to vacate the premises.

- d. **Policy Revision Status**-Sarah made a motion to strike from the Policies and Procedures document Section 24 (including 24.1, 24.2 and 24.3) and Section 25 pertaining to the Hough Award and the UVHA Scholarship, respectively. Neither have been awarded in the recent history of the Association. Bill Mason seconded this motion. All voted in favor. Sarah suggested that as the Hough Award was instated in memory of Kenneth Hough, a respected coach, the Board still honor his memory with a plaque, drawing language for its inscription from the language found in Section 24.3. She will look into this and make a future proposal to the Board.
5. **NH State Meeting Report:**
 - a. The next New Hampshire meeting is February 18th, followed by the Annual Meeting on May 5th, at the Holiday Inn in Concord.
 6. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:17 PM

**3/1/17 Addendum-Matt made an email motion to have the 2017-2018 season registration open April 1st (as new USAH numbers become available), with early registration running through May 15th. He proposed that early registration discounts be managed via a discount code with an expiration date. Bill Mann seconded Matt's motion. Kelly confirmed the ability to facilitate this with SportNgin. All voted in favor (BM, AD, RR, BM, SM, KK, JB).*