

**Minutes -****Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association**

Called to Order: 7:35 pm

8 Oct 13

Attendees (Exec Board):	Maurice Rosales, Ray St. Pierre, Brian Evans-Mongeon, Mike Hickey, Bob Greemore, Brian Collamore, Craig Weston, John Cioffi, John Pelkey, Chip LaGue
Attendees:	Aaron Keeler, Milton, Andy Rockefeller, Brattleboro, Ellery Perkinson, CSB, Dustin Degree, St. Albans, Walter O'Brien, VT Stars, Patrick Rahilly, Stowe, Bill Morvan, Northfield, Scott Amell, Northfield, Kevin Calder, Woodstock, Terri Phelps, Middlebury, David Santamore, Sled Hockey, John Hamilton, Rutland, VT Shamrocks, Matt Clark, Essex, Deb Epler, PVA, Chris Micciche, Burlington, David Cameron, Barre, Veronica Eldred, CVSA, Bill Mann, Upper Valley Storm, Cristal Vasseur, Harwood, Karen Fortin, Missisquoi. Phone: Lyndon, Northshire.
Not Present:	Exec Board: Carol Weston. Locals/Allied: Green Mtn. Glades, Lamoille, VT Coyotes, Caledonia.

Meeting Minutes:

President's Report: 1: Safe Sport will be emphasized and USA Hockey will be looking for more usage. Certification will be required next year.

2: This is a rule change year.

3: Vermont has a "Play Up" policy in place. It was in response to the attempts to move Mites up to Squirts in mass numbers, to get out of Cross-Ice hockey. Few Play Up requests so far.

District Mtg: Finalizing some of the Regional Tournament issues. Brian Evans-Mongeon was elected as the Secretary for the NE District.

Grow the Game/High Performance workshops this weekend, in conjunction with the US/Canada game.

Women's Report: John Pelkey for Carol. Local colleges are eager to help with the local girls hockey teams. UVM did "Grow the Game" event in St. Albans, with a practice followed by a presentation by HC Jim Plumer.

On October 20, at 10:50 am, the Lady Cats will be at Waterbury for practice, followed by a free skate with the players, and a talk by Coach Plumer.

The VPA has provided aid to help the local collegians in mentoring programs at local schools.

UVM is trying to set the Hockey East attendance record, versus Boston College on November 8.

Coaches Report: Coaching clinic at Leddy was lowest attendance ever. 23 coaches, which usually averages 45-50.

Last Level 1: November 17, at Woodstock.

Level 3: October 20, at St. Michael's.

The High Performance Workshop will allow a Level 3 to get Level 4.

Referee Report: The HECC decal has an expiration date. Referees will NOT be kicking kids off the ice for having an "out of date" sticker. It is the responsibility of the player and parents to decide when the time to replace the helmet is.



155 referees at St. Mikes.
Hartford on Oct 12.
Rutland on November 3.

State, Regional and National referees MUST complete Safe Sport this year.

Treasurer's Report: Some Locals have very low background check fees. Coaches and volunteers must be done every two yrs.

USA Hockey review: VSAHA received a very good review from the accounting firm performing the review. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: Brian Collamore. Second: Chip LaGue. Accepted.

Registrar's Report: No rosters from any Locals thus far. Glades and Rice Knights are the only one that have approved rosters.

U10 are registered as Club. There is not Tier 1 or Tier 2 for squirts.

Tournament Director:

- 1: Three new tourney logos are being vetted.
- 2: Participation matrix will be sent out soon. Shows Locals that want to host play down and/or championship weekends.
- 3: Listing of 2014 Regional Tourneys are available. Vermont will be hosting:
Squirt Tier II: Mar 14-16
Pee Wee Sectional (T II): Mar 14-16.
Girls U12-14 Tier I: March 21-23.

*****Very Important: Regional/Sectional/National
BoundTeams*****

**If you qualify for a Regional, Sectional or National
Tournament...you ARE going to attend. If you don't,
there will be repercussions for VSAHA.**

If the affiliate does not have a team attend at any level, there will be financial penalties for VSAHA and the offending team/Association, plus the loss of that slot at that age level next year.

**Penalty for the Local Association team that does not attend their
Regional/Sectional/National Tournament:**

**The entire Local Association, at all age levels, both Girls and Coed teams, will be BANNED
from all VSAHA State Tournaments the following year.**



State Tournament Site is active. Encourage local persons with access to the site to populate the appropriate fields with as much information as possible.

Bruins Mini 1-on-1: Mites: Missisquoi. Squirts: Stowe.

Next year: Competition in Boys: Mite, Squirt, Pee Wee and Bantam. Girls: 8, 10, 12 and 14.

Will be done in February of 2014, for the following year.

With no VSAHA U12 or U14 representative, VSAHA needs to decide if VT will send a team to the Tier 1. The Stars have expressed interest in the U14 slot. Members were asked if there was interest in sending our State Tournament (top division) champion. John Hamilton suggested locals would be better served attention the Tier II tournament. There was nobody who suggested the U12 local State Champion go. SASA suggested the U14 champion should go; Middlebury indicated they would check with their Board.

At this time, Tier I eligible U12: Burlington, Rutland, St. Albans.

U14: Burlington, Middlebury, Rutland, St. Albans.

Must declare if interested.

2nd VP: Safe Sport is a new program from USA Hockey. Highly recommended to ALL coaches....do the video training this year.

Every Local Association MUST have 1 member take the training...and must identify that person to Ray St. Pierre. MUST be done by the November VSAHA meeting.

Background checks should have been/should be completed prior to the any volunteer or coach going on the ice, or into the locker rooms.

This is a "coach/volunteer" year for background checks. Should be 600+ background checks this year. Only about 100 so far.

All-Star tryout locations and dates are on the VSAHA website.

Transfers: A small number have been received to date. Will have some for the November meeting to review.

General discussion: Do the members still feel we need the transfer rules, other than to make sure that all funds have been paid to Local associations losing the player? Are the transfer rules serving the association membership needs?

Northfield commented that small organizations like theirs would be hurt without the transfer rules.

Please send in transfer paperwork asap.



Grow the Game: Grants are pending. Deadline is November VSAHA meeting.
2 and 2 Challenge is happening.

Off ice activities: \$25 to Charlie Fortier at NE District.

On ice: Registrar Bob Greemore can sanction the event...send him the form. **Print the IMR form (waiver of liability) and have it signed by each person not a member of USAH.**

Keep on file.

1-2 events are ok...but if more, then the persons must meet coaching requirements.

Play-Up Process: Deadline extended to the end of the month (Oct).

New Business: The attendance policy, possible update, asking for feedback.

Locals:

Barre: Will open November 5, due to mold cleaning.

Burlington: questions about CSB having 1 A team, and 3 B teams at one level.

Northfield: T-shirt Sale: Nov 16-17 and 23-24.

Adjourned: 9:57.

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Related Materials:

Registrars Report - handout

Treasurer's reports - handout



Face Off Meeting – 8/24/2013 – Doubletree Hotel, So. Burlington

Attendance: BAHA, CSB, CVSA EYHA, Harwood, Lyndon, Middlebury, Milton, Missisquoi, Northfield, PVA, Rutland, SASA, Stowe, Upper Valley/Hartford, Stars, Glades, Woodstock.

Presidents Session/General Session

Opening welcome and an agenda review were presented by Maurice.

Ray St Pierre provided a review of the SafeSport program including presentation material supplied by USA Hockey. All associations must provide Ray the name of their SafeSport contact, who must also complete the online training.

Ray reviewed the Vermont Select Tryout dates and changes to the girls dates for U14 and older girls.

Maurice reviewed the new District Personnel – Matt Daigle, District RIC; Brian-Evans-Mongeon, District Secretary; Bill Leidt, District Women's Director; Keith Barrett, District Director and Richard Oliver, District Director.

Maurice presented a brief PowerPoint of Financial Control's and some best practices.

Maurice Reviewed/reminded associations about the Grant process for 2013-2014 (process is the same as last year, except with the addition of an on-line request form (optional)).

Play up policy;

For 2013-2014 all USA Hockey 8U divisions nationally will play cross ice. USAH through NED has asked all of its affiliates regarding their process for managing/allowing/preventing players from playing up (particularly for U8's, to prevent whole teams of U8's from playing U10). Vermont believes that we have our own unique scenarios, due to our player population distribution and size, that we may have scenarios where play-ups are needed/warranted to field certain teams. Vermont proposed that to manage players playing-up that all players request a 'play-up' through VSAHA before placing them on a roster. The play up draft policy (included in the annual guide prior to the meeting and labeled- draft) was read. A motion to accept was made by Scott Ansell, and seconded by Rick Veins; the draft passed unanimously.

State Tournament Format: Brian handed out a flow chart for the State Tournament. Brian reviewed the division name changes, and declaration dates, team structures, roster rules, tournament site selections, and placement points for tournament groupings.

New to this year is the requirement from NED for Regional play. If the affiliate declares a team (by the NED deadline), the affiliate must send a team. The penalty is the affiliate will not be allowed to participate at that level the following year, and the affiliate must pay the tournament fee. A similar penalty will exist at the VT local level for teams winning a division and not sending a team to a regional (for regional/national bound divisions), the local will not be allowed to participate in 'States' the following season.

Session completed at 11:15am



Registrar and Coaching session began at 9:35 where USA Hockey information on the registration process, and the coaching education program in Vermont were presented by Bob Greemore and Craig Weston respectively. The sessions concluded prior to the conclusion of the general meeting, and participates were able to join the end of the general meeting.



Minutes -

Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

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Attendees:	Barre, Burlington, CVSA, CSB, Essex, GM Glades, Upper Valley, Harwood, Middlebury, Milton, Missisquoi, Northfield, SASA, Stowe, VT Stars. Phone: Brattleboro, Lyndon, PVA, Rutland, Woodstock. Guest: David Santamore, Sled Hockey
Not Present:	Northshire

Meeting Minutes:

President's Report: Introduced guest David Santamore who led a discussion on the state of sled hockey in VT, and efforts to grow the game. David is working on a plan to develop additional sled hockey programs and working on grant applications from various sources.

Noted that there are military veterans, kids and older persons that would like to try the sport. They are travelling to different areas, and trying to expose as many people to the sport as possible. Have applied for grants to help defray the costs of equipment and other items. Feel free to contact David at: 802 498-3030, or kwwbsl@yahoo.com.

Kudos from USAH for the USA/Canada weekend, event was successful. The high performance clinic was also very successful.

The Home and Home policy with the A associations is not current with the new tournament format and team levels, particularly as teams may be moved to different levels. Should be reviewed as appropriate by this general body.

Girls/Women's Report: Carol acknowledged the hard work of Becky Salyards, Walter O'Brien and Nate Isham in organizing and running the clinics associated with the USA/Canada weekend. In excess of 100 kids at the clinics that weekend.

"Pack the Gut" effort to benefit the Burlington area Meals on Wheels program, and to set the Hockey East single game attendance record was spearheaded by UVM Asst. Captain Danielle Rancourt, and HC Jim Plumer. The Cats, while losing to Boston College, were successful in setting the record with 2,028 fans in attendance. Thanks to all those who attended.

UVM Women's Hockey have held two off-site clinics, in St. Albans and in Waterbury, which were both VERY well received.

Castleton will be running some "try girls hockey" clinics, as well as some "learn to skate" clinics.

Coaching Director's Report: Last Level 1 clinic is this Sunday in Woodstock, November 17.
Last Level 2 clinic is November 24, at Norwich.



Last Level 3 clinic is December 8, at Middlebury.

If there is a need of at least 15 coaches, an emergency Level 1 could be held on or about December 15. After these dates, there is no recourse to get certification.

Referee's Report: All clinics are finished.

Approximately 70 fewer officials this year, but also fewer games available.

50% of ALL first year referees do not return due to lack of games!

Question to Brian: can a coach on a bench ask a referee to have a spectator removed? Ans: yes, if it is interfering with the game. Usually better to try to solve the problem first using coaches and other parents.

Treasurer's Report: Submitted for consideration. Motion to Accept: B. Collamore. 2nd: D. Degree. Accepted.

Locals are getting background check bills monthly. Most coaches and team volunteers are due.

Registrar's Report: Player numbers are up 100 over last year at this time. Down 150 coaches....which could be due to many Locals have not submitted rosters. Stowe and Upper Valley have 0 claimed players.

Communication is the key. **No player that is above the allowed age limit may be rostered to the lower age level team....the younger kids must be rostered to the age level of the older player.**

Example: a first year player is a Pee Wee age kid. It is decided that the best place for the player to learn to skate is with the x-ice mites. He cannot be rostered as a Mite. The Mites would have to be rostered as a Pee Wee team. Obviously they will not be playing any Pee Wee games. Let other Locals know what is going on, and schedule the x-ice games.

400 unclaimed youth players as of this time. Sent list out to registrars today. Go through it....if kids are on it, they have registered with USAH.

Annual Guides and Rulebooks are available.

Send supplemental rosters to Bob if kid needs to play for another local team. Can't be rostered to two National Tournament bound teams. Exception: girls can be rostered to both a\ youth and girls National bound teams, but must declare which team, in writing, is the choice of for the National tournament..

Tournament Report: Numbers of games in the States are increasing. Fees will be set soon, approximately \$850-\$950, depending on numbers and age.

Bruins mini 1-on-1 will air sometime this winter. Stowe sent 2 U12 teams to participate in the Bruins 3 Minutes of Fame program between periods, recently.

New logo presented which includes male and female player.



Waiting for Locals to contact Brian to complete the participation matrix. Must be finished within the next week, or teams could be left out of the State tournament.

Championship Weekend will be hosted by: Middlebury. March 7,8,9.

VSAHA will be paying for ice and referees. Hosts can keep gate fees, and all promotions. Must buy t-shirts, but can keep 100% of those sales, as well.

Online tournament system is operational. Many Locals have zero info inputted at this time.

Background Checks: Should be completed for all coaches and volunteers PRIOR to stepping on the ice, or in the locker rooms.

Approx 200 fewer than 2 yrs ago. Make sure they are getting done. If not completed prior to Dec 31, there is NO way to coach or volunteer for the remainder of the 2013-14 season.

Safesport: Each Local is REQUIRED by USAH to have one Board member complete it. It needs to be done asap, and the Board member's name emailed to Ray.

Selects: Please promote the January tryouts within the Locals. Get the numbers up, and have as many participate as possible. January 24,25,26. Many new parents and younger kids don't know about it.

There is now a FAQ page on the vthockey.org website.

Transfers:

Ray brought two cases for a vote by the general board, these cases are as follows:

1. Synopsis: player went from Northfield, to play for Glades. After playing for Glades, decided to go to Barre, and play there. Was not eligible for State Tournament. Decided to return to Northfield this season, and is requesting a waiver from the Transfer Policy to be able to compete in the State Tournament.

Executive Board recommends: No State Tournament, in accordance to Transfer Policy, as the policy is currently written.

Discussion: revolved around the policy voted in 2 years ago that removed the "return to home" provision from the Transfer Policy, as voted on and passed by the Local Representatives. This exception is no longer available.

Motion by Ray St. Pierre: To uphold the Transfer Policy and not allow the player to play in the State Tournament. 2nd. Maurice Rosales.

Vote: Yes: 9. No: 8. Motion is carried.

2. Synopsis: player left Barre to play for Vermont Jets and then to CVSA. Decided to return to Barre, and play there, this year. Is requesting a waiver from the Transfer Policy to be able to compete in the State Tournament.

Executive Board recommends(based on policy as written): No State Tournament, in accordance to Transfer Policy as currently written.

Discussion: revolved around questions about CVSA's Bantam team, and whether one would be fielded.



Motion by Ray St. Pierre: To uphold the Transfer Policy and not allow the player to play in the State Tournament. 2nd. Brian Collamore.

Vote: Yes: 12. No: 5. Motion is carried.

VPA Liaison: Vermont has 5 High Schools that are in jeopardy of losing teams. Co-ops are being explored. Grow the game at the younger levels, so that there are more kids going to High School hockey.

Grow the Game: 7 Locals have applied for grant money. Reminder: grant money is NOT available for ice time or tournament fees.

New Start Time for December: 7:00 pm.

Old Business: Home and Home policy. Motion by Dustin Degree: to suspend the Home and Home Policy and penalties for the 2013-14 season. 2nd: Matt Clark. Voice vote: Approved.

Local Associations:

Barre: BOR should have ice on weekend of November 23-24.

Essex: U14 Tier 1 question. Any decision yet? No, tournament decisions are pending

Harwood: Invited Barre to practice...tons of kids, tons of fun. Very successful.

Missisquoi: related story of a youth player at public skating, fell and hit head. Very serious injury...lost vitals at one point on way to Fletcher Allen. Long recovery ahead. If you have a helmet...wear it!

Northfield: T-shirt sale on Nov. 16-17, 23-24.

St. Albans: U Maine Black Bears held practice at Collins-Perley. Amazing access....great show for local kids to see.

Stowe: Rink to open in 3 weeks!!

Woodstock: if there are any Bantams available...they are very short. Apologies for cancelled games, recently.

Meeting adjourned: 9:42.

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Related Materials:

Registrars Report - handout



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11 February 2014

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Attendees:	Lyndon, PVA, St. Albans on phone. All other Associations in person. Also, David Santamore for Sled Hockey.
Not Present:	

Meeting Minutes:

President's Report: Motion to approve minutes from January meeting: Brian Collamore. 2nd: Ray St. Pierre. Approved.

Winter Meeting: Level 5 clinic in Las Vegas, NV. Aug 21-24.
20,000 coaches attended clinics nationwide. 1,546 in New England.
Women's National Camps in St. Cloud, MN. Boys: Amherst, NY.

Junior Program: The Vermont Lumberjacks will be located in Burlington, and play both Junior A, and Junior B. Visit their website, and find more information.

Rules: Proposal to add an orange "warning track" approx. 4' from the boards, to help players recognize they are entering the danger zone near the boards, and get their heads up.

Safe Sport: Many issues nationally. 1 in Vermont. Working to make it possible for Local Boards to watch it, and understand it. All Local Board members SHOULD.

NE District: New USAH Rule affecting primarily border organizations in VT, for organizations which are filled with a majority of players from one state or the other, they are to be registered in the state with the most representation. Exceptions could be made with mutual affiliate agreement.

VSAHA: "Best Backyard Rink" will be chosen on Championship Weekend. Go to facebook [facebook.com/vthockey](https://www.facebook.com/vthockey) to see rinks and submit rinks

Nominating Cmte: Chair: Christopher Micciche
Jim Kurrle
David Santamore

Referee in Chief: Festival Referees Selected: Kyle Peckham, Ronnie Dimasi, Pasha Koshokin.



Brian been contacted by local parents about penalty calls, or non-calls. Should be going through proper channels, and using the State Rep.

Treasurer Report:

(submitted to all reps via e-mail and copies handed out) Motion to Accept: B. Collamore. 2nd: J. Hamilton. Accepted.

Form for Ice Reimbursement for Tournament Host Sites is available (for those hosting State Tournaments)

Grow the Game:

March 1, Try Hockey for Free. 1 GOAL forms should be sent in asap.

Grants:

Send in documentation (i.e. sales receipts) to show what has been purchased with your grant money, so the rest of your funds can be released.

CROSS ICE:

As has been stated MANY times, VSAHA does not allow ANY full ice games for Mites. (please note the first section of the 10 December 2013 minutes, for the most recent guidance on this issue). **Supposed “Controlled Full Ice Scrimmages” will be viewed by the Executive Board as a direct attempt to circumvent the Full Ice ban.**

Cross Ice = Cross Ice. Not half ice. The ice should be split into 3rds, and games played from side to side, not goal line to center line.

Coaching Dir:

Levels 1-4 Coaching Symposium in coordination with Women’s Frozen 4. March 22-23. New Haven, CT.

Some coaches need age approp module before States. Available online.

Women’s Dir:

Bristol Outdoor Ice went well. Hoping for more during vacations.

Possible Mite Jamboree?

Great coverage of Team USA!!

Select tryouts were very well attended, and went well.

Registrar Rep:

All teams that are National/Regional Bound, who are competing in the Championship Weekend, need to get their books credentialed the last week of February, as Bob will not be available. Make sure you have your books complete (coach info, print out from Reg, games checked, etc.) before bringing to Bob. He will try to make two different evenings to get these done.

Safe Sport:

1 incident in Vermont, being worked through at this point.

Selects:

All done and posted. Very large turnout at the younger ages.

Festival:

Last weekend in March, in the Manchester/Nashua area.



Tourney Dir:

Mini 1 on 1 competition will be held in Waterbury, March 30.
Mites will be for VT only
Squirt and Pee Wee aged boys and girls, will compete to qualify for Bruins program. Boys and Girls will compete separately.

Coaching Cred:

Age appropriate modules must be in the system. Coach will NOT be allowed on the bench if all not correct. **No waivers. No exceptions.**

Tourney Info:

Updates will be posted on VThockey.org.

Teams that qualify to make Championship weekend, will have done so by winning the preliminary weekend. There will be no tie breakers. OT if necessary. Rules are posted.

Assoc. News:

Milton: Rink has been purchased, and being refurbished. Hope to open for 2014-15, if not sooner.

No new business.

Adjourned:

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Not Present:	Burlington, Northshire.(bad phone number)

Meeting Minutes:

Grow the Game: Grants are wrapped up for this year. Send receipts for items purchased, and VSAHA will distribute remaining funds for the grant.

There have been a few play up requests trickling in. Need to be documented for girls also. Complete the process prior to moving player.

Try Hockey For Free: Rutland, Northshire, Brattleboro and Missisquoi participated in the November event. Another occurring March 1. Great way to get kids into the game.

To Avoid confusion: VSAHA does NOT allow ANY Full Ice Games for Mites. There is NO waiver for full ice games.

USAH's intention was for cross-ice hockey, not goal line to the center redline.

President's Report: Grant money has been set aside to help Vermont Sled hockey. David Santamore, from Sled hockey, reported that a 5 sled grant application with USAH has been submitted. Still travelling and playing. Jan 13, 2014 there is a clinic at Champion Arena, which is part of the NE Veterans Winter Sports Clinic. For info, to schedule a demo/scrimmage...phone David at (802) 498-3030. Email: kwwbs1@yahoo.com.

A white paper being circulated that refers to "Fair Play" in youth hockey, with the potential to "add" points to tournament play, for team with fewest penalties. Working to see if there is a correlation between trying to get "Fair Play" points, and the reduction of concussions. Interesting concept, from a collaboration between Brown and Harvard. VSAHA has just received this, and will look at it. No action contemplated at this time.

VSAHA is hoping for submissions in the inaugural VT Backyard Rink contest!! Please send your pics and info (info as to where to send will be announced)!!

Instructions for the new scoresheets is available (vthockey website) ...the key is to get the important stuff...like the scores. Secondary items (such as shots on net) are less important (nice to have).

Treasurer's Report: Background checks have slowed. Motion to accept: Brian Collamore. 2nd: Ray St. Pierre. Accepted.



VPA Liaison: Maurice reports for John that he was able to address the HS AD's at the last VPA meeting, to express concerns over the use of U14 (and U18) boys and girls on HS rosters, that don't play. Hopefully, there will eventually be some coordination between VSAHA and the VPA concerning these kids that could play Bantam or Midget, and continue to develop for the future.

One concern, from the VPA, is that any "exception" to the rules for hockey will have to be made available for all other sports.

Referee Report: No issues. 236 officials have completed course work. 47 still have not.

Coaching Director: Maurice for Craig reports: Emergency Level 1 Clinic on Dec 21, in Lyndon. Online modules must be completed for the appropriate age level, even for Level 4's. Local Registrars have the info on who has completed requirements, and who hasn't.

Girls/Women's Report: Grant Kimball running a clinic for all ages in December 23. Go to UVM website for info.

Castleton is working on holding clinics over the holidays for youth girls.

"Hockey Under the Lights" festival in Bristol, VT on January 31. It is for Mite kids, that do not travel. Contact Carol for info....for kids only...BYOS: Bring Your Own Shovel!!! Very low key...probably \$20 per team to help offset costs of Bristol Rec Board.

Safesport: the following Locals have not submitted names of a member that has completed Safesport: Brattleboro, Lyndon, Northfield, Northshire.

Background: any person that has frequent and close contact with your member kids must get a background check.

Selects: Registration for the Select 12, 13, 14 begins December 15. Also for the U13 girls. Tryouts take place at Cairns on January 24-26. Locals: advertise the opportunity, to get a more diverse group. Coaches and Board members are encouraged to contact Ray if there is interest in participating. Those that tried out in Hooksett are posted on the NE District website.

Registrar: No Report.

Tournament:

1. Meeting with site directors went well. All are moving forward. New England matrix will be finalized soon.
2. Not all teams have posted scores or rosters. If not submitted, that team will be placed in a higher bracket.
3. January meeting will be much more focused on the State Tourney.
4. It is possible that if a B team is move to A in the first half, then it could be moved to AA in the second half.
5. Still anticipating \$850-\$950 per team.

No new business:

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Not Present:	Upper Valley/Hartford, Lamoille

Meeting Minutes:

Minutes approved (motion by NAHA, second CVSA, vote to approve passed)

Presidents Report

Play-up report (request for play-up in VT) summary was presented (see end of minutes)

Several key meetings are coming up, USAH Winter meeting, NED Winter meeting, expect an update in our Feb VSAHA meeting

Feb Meeting - We will Select a Nominating committee for April elections

RIC: Nothing notable to report, all courses completed, incident reports continue to trickle weekly

Financial Report:

Financial position presented by our Treasurer, motion to accept the report by NAHA and second by Harwood - vote to accept report passed

Grow the Game:

One Goal equipment available from USA H

March 1st Try Hockey for Free day

Jamboree are being hosted by SASA and BAHA

Girls/Women's Hockey:

Women's Frozen Four will be at Quinnipiac

Michelle Amidon will run another Coaching Symposium - similar to the one held in Burlington. Info is available on the usahockey.com website.

Bristol outdoor ice/games are in question for due to weather (Jan 31/Feb 1 event)

There is a showcase video with the National Team with footage with the team in Burlington in the fall.

Registrars Report

Report provided (and e-mailed).

Our registrar will be signing credential books for Regionals earlier than in the past. All tournament bound teams heading in to championship weekend will have books reviewed. All must be reviewed prior



to March 1. Complete the credential verification sheet, also if sheet as a “V” next to a player, then a birth certificate is not required (has been previously verified).

Bob reminded associations to check rosters for any international items.

CIC Report

Dec 31 was the deadline for all CEP completions and modules. Modules have been re-opened with the same fee as a temporary card (\$50).

The Symposium (During Women’s frozen Four) - will be 3/22-3/24

Selects:

Select 12, 13, 14 and Girls U12/U13 will take place at Cairns at the end of the month. See website for specific schedules. All teams will be posted Sunday night. Online registration closes at noon the Thursday before tryouts (which start on Friday).

Tournament Report:

Tournaments are posted on the Tournament section of the vthockey.org site (see tournament sheet). Three will be hosted in VT. VSAHA will be looking for potential Women’s C teams for next year to participate in Regionals.

Brian reviewed the State Tournament Sheet (also on the vthockey.org website in the tournament section), and explained the location changes, and the number of teams per division. Any team color coding was also reviewed. It was announced tat there is a 72 hour window to appeal any (up/down) placements.

The fees for the tournament were discussed, and a question as to the increase. The tournament has increased in size (total number of games) due to adding semi-finals. Also several tournament hosts lost money last year due to having to pay for officials out of gate-fees. The fee now includes officiating costs. Running a tournament should be a fundraiser for tournament hosts.

Association Business

Motion By Essex

To rename the U10 tournament, U12B, which will include the 3 teams listed (CSB,EYHA,SASA) exclusively any other properly registered USAH team NOT already on the tournament Matrix (as provided at the meeting by BEM)

Second SASA

Motion passed

Motion David Siegel (Woodstock) For this tournament (2013-2014) rename the U12A , U13 division

Second MAHA (Karen)

Discussion: NAHA noted objection due to late season change

Motion Passed by role call vote 10 -6

SASA: Requested a motion to allow their two (one or both) goalies on their bantam team to play in two divisions. Motion did not received a ‘second’



Adjourned: 9:22 pm.

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Related Materials:

Registrars Report - handout
Treasurer's reports – handout
State Tournament Sheet – handout

Play-up Requests

50 Total - 17 U10, 16 U12, 16 U16, 1 U18/19

Mite Requests

4 Goalies
3 denied
3 approved – needed numbers
4 injury related
1 rescinded
2 misc



Minutes -

Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

8 April 2014

Called to Order: 7:07 pm

Attendees (Exec Board):	Mauricio Rosales, Ray St. Pierre, John Cioffi, Bob Greemore, Carol Weston-Mullins, Craig Weston, John Pelkey, Mike Hickey, Brian Collamore, David Santamore, Chip LaGue. PHONE: Brian Evans-Mongeon
Attendees:	Barre, Burlington, CVSA, CSB, Essex, Upper-Valley/Hartford, Harwood, Middlebury, Milton, Northfield, Rutland, St. Albans, Stowe, Shamrocks, Stars, Woodstock. PHONE: Northshire, Pleasant Valley
Not Present:	Brattleboro, Lyndon, Missisquoi (excused)

Meeting Minutes:

Motion to Approve March Minutes: Collamore. 2nd: Pelkey. Approved.

President's Report: NE District meeting held during Festival, along with Tournament Directors. USAH meeting is in June. Ray will be continuing as VT Safesport Director. Exec Board sub-committee will be realigning some areas of responsibility to reflect the new Board make up.

Face Off Meeting: Proposed days are Sept 6, 7, or 14. Sept 14 is front runner for now. There will also be a Schedulers Meeting.

All Registrars, from ALL Local Associations are Required to Attend!

VSAHA Website: NGIN gave positive demo. Need to show they can handle one other requirement as it pertains to the State tourney, but it looks like we will be switching over as early as next week. Intending to set up as an umbrella system, where all Locals that want to switch to NGIN can, at a better price (hopefully). Looks to be about \$250 set up, and approx. \$500 per year.

Tournament: Brian will probably be sending a survey, of sorts, out to participants, looking for feedback and suggestions. Some ideas being considered:

1. Jamborees early in the season, to try to get teams together that don't play that often.
2. Fair Play Point, which could also be used in Tournament. More info to come.

Treasurer: Motion to accept report: B. Collamore. 2nd Ray St. Pierre. Accepted.

- 1: CVSA, Stowe, are ONLY Locals who have paid ALL their Background checks. All must be paid in full ASAP.
2. If you want your ice reimbursements, you MUST send t-shirt money, and ice receipts. Must include at a minimum, copies of the receipts, not just amount



owed.

Rutland: Has not sent T-shirt money.

Harwood: Has not sent anything for T-shirts or Ice.

St. Albans: Has not sent anything for T-shirts or Ice.

BAHA: Has not sent anything for T-shirts or Ice.

CSB: Needs to send Invoices.

Registrar: Everything will be online...someday...hopefully.

Due to multiple issues with rosters and registrations, ALL Local Registrars are REQUIRED to attend the Kick Off Meeting.

Grow the Game: Grants need follow up information. Submit original invoices, along with a narrative of how the money was spent. When that is received, the rest of the grant money can be released.

Safesport: No issues.

Selects: Well run festival by NH.

Coaching Dir: Level 4 clinic in NH, June 21-22. In Hartford, Ct, Aug 9-10.
Distributed a handout: What a Coach needs to Coach a team.
Level 5 in Vegas. Must be invited.

Ref in Chief: 283 refs statewide. Only 257 registered. Other 26 did not complete their work.

Vt Ref Highlights:

1 at Selected to work Women's Div III Final 4 in Plattsburg.

7 worked NESCAC and ECAC Div. III playoffs.

3 worked USAH Tier I Nationals.

Festival: Kyle Peckham, Pasha Kozhokin and Ron Dimasi all worked the Festival.

Kyle Peckham selected to work the Summer National Camp.

VPA Liaison: Nothing new. Continuing to work together.

Women's Dir: Girls State Tourney dominated by female referees.

Excellent performances at Festival

Excellent performances at Tier I and Tier II Nationals.

Planning to submit bid to Host Tier II Nationals for Girls in 2016.

Looking for help to be on committee....a 2 yr process

Sled Hockey: Introduced multiple local sled hockey players who attended the meeting.



Brian Evans-Mongeon on phone:

1 on 1 was very successful. 70 total teams.

Shamrocks U16 won Tier II Regional, and advanced to Semis at T2 Nattys.

Glades Bantams won the NEHL title.

Rice Girls finished 2nd at Tier I Regional, and went to T1 Nattys.

Annual Elections:

Chris Micciche presented the Approved Slate of Candidates:

President: Mauricio Rosales
1st VP: Brian Evans-Mongeon
2nd VP: John Cioffi
Treasurer: Mike Hickey
Secretary: Chip LaGue

Motion to Vote on the Slate of Candidates: Dustin Degree. 2nd: John Hamilton. Voice vote: Unanimous.

No Local Business

Motion to Adjourn: Collamore. 2nd: Ray St. Pierre. Adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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Related Materials:

Registrars Report - handout
Treasurer's reports - handout



Minutes -

Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

Date: 11 March, 2014

Called to Order: 7:10

Updated 4/8/14

Attendees (Exec Board):	Maurice Rosales, Carol Weston, John Cioffi, Ray St. Pierre, John Pelkey, Mike Hickey, Chip LaGue, (phone: Brian Evans-Mongeon).
Attendees:	Burlington, CVSA, CSB, Essex, Glades, Upper Valley/Hartford, Harwood, Middlebury, Milton, Missisquoi, Northfield, Shamrocks, Stars, St Alabans (phone)
Not Present:	Barre (end of year banquet), Brattleboro, Lyndon. Phone: Northshire, PVA, Rutland, Woodstock.

Meeting Minutes:

President's Report: Face-Off Meeting may move to September, and possibly hold a scheduler's meeting the same day.
Exploring Sport NGIN to be our new VSAHA webpage host.

Nominating Committee Chair, Chris Micciche, presented the Slate of Officers:

President: Maurice Rosales
1st V. President: Brian Evans-Mongeon
2nd V. President: John Cioffi
Treasurer: Mike Hickey
Secretary: Chip LaGue

To be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in April. Second: CSB. Approved.

Tournament Director: 206 lead-in games, with 15 games on Championship Weekend. 515 medals awarded. Great attendance, and a packed arena. Also, were able to have "all female" officiating crews for the all the girls final games.

Discussion about an appealed game, and the dispensation of said appeal. There were many rumors, and unknowns surrounding this decision. The decision by the Host Site was overturned by the Tournament Director. A long discussion ensued about this topic, including why the decision was made, and how this particular situation could not be tolerated. The Executive Board will be reviewing the disciplinary decision of the Local Association, and will either accept or make further recommendations to the Local, to insure no further occurrence.

Tournament format and schedule for next year, playdowns, and Championship Weekend will mirror this year, as much as possible. Playdown 1: Feb 13-15, Playdown 2: Feb 20-22. Championship Weekend: March 6-8. Many sites are asking to host Championship Weekend, and all will be given consideration.

Bruins Mini 1-on-1 will be held on the last weekend of March. Ages based on the current year, not next year's age classification.



- Treasurer's Report: Mike Hickey presented his report. Motion to accept: Chip L. 2nd Chris M. Approved.
- Grow the Game: 1 Goal order date: March 15.
A few Locals need to finish their paperwork to receive the balance of their grant.
- Coaching Director: High Performance workshop during the Women's Final 4 at Quinnipiac.
- Referee in Chief: Nothing to report. Zero match penalties.
- Women's Director: Great showing at States! Skill level growing every year. Working to host Girls Tier II in 2016.
- Registrar: Absent.
- Safe Sport: 1 incident last month. Review completed. The only incident in VT.
- Selects: Festival in Nashua/Manchester area on Mar 27-30.
- VPA Liaison: coordination between the VPA, VSAHA and Colleges is greatly improved. Many new programs going well.
- Local Association News:
- Burlington: Just wanted to assure any that noticed the Burlington Squirts wore their helmets during the National Anthem because...they were unsure of protocol, and wanted their kids protected. Certainly, there was no disrespect intended at all.
- Middlebury: Thank you to Brian Evans-Mongeon and the rest of the Tournament Committee for the opportunity to host the Championship Weekend. It was fantastic!!
- Motion to Adjourn: Ray St. Pierre. 2nd Mike Hickey. Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

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