



# Face-Off

August 29, 2021



# Welcome

John Cioffi, President

- [Face-Off Schedule](#)
- Thank you
- We are resilient
- Growth
- Changes
  - New Leadership Education
  - New Playing Rules
  - New Coaching Education
  - Search for CIC



# USA Hockey

Keith Barrett, USA Hockey VP,  
Youth Council Chair



# Player Safety

Jodi Lavanway

- [Concussion Report Form](#) & Return to Play

## COVID Resources

- [PreK-12 Contact Tracing Resources](#)
- [What To Do When COVID-19 is in our Program](#)
- [Checklist for Handling COVID-19 in our Programs](#)
- [Contact Tracing Framework](#)



# Teams & Tournaments

Kim Gaines, VSAHA 2nd VP

- State Tournament Committee
- Future Plans
- Tournament Information



# Growth

Mike Smith, VSAHA 8U/Growth  
Coordinator



# ***GROWING HOCKEY***



# VSAHA Growth Team

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- John Cioffi -VSAHA President
- Mike Smith-VSAHA 8 & Under Hockey / Growth Coordinator
- Becky Street-VSAHA Girls Coordinator
- Pat Phillips -VSAHA Treasurer
- Plus state reps



# Growth Objectives 1.0

## September / November

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- Try Hockey for Free” events starting in September-through November
- USA Hockey's Try Hockey For Free Days (Nov 6, 2021 & March 5, 2022)
- Register and reserve the VASHA equipment trailer for your event on our website

*We want each association to provide dates, times and locations for the “Try Hockey for Free” event. **Register your events (including your custom events)** using the USA Hockey platform, [USA Hockey Try Hockey for Free Registration](#). Using this form will allow us to promote the events on our sites.*



# Sample Hockey Events

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- Learn to Play
- Try Hockey Events
- Skate with the high school players, public skate
- Puck shoots (anywhere)
- Street / Floor hockey (especially @ schools / YMCA's)
- House league to foster growth for all ages as a way to give kids access to the sport



# Recruiting

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- Word of mouth
- Marketing , banners, street signs etc.
- Social Media
- Attend public skating sessions
- Display tables at events
- Flyers – schools, afterschool programs, cars @ soccer, baseball, malls, etc
- Work with Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts on badges
- Floor or Street Hockey events



# BACK TO THE BASICS

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## LEARN TO SKATE

1. Use the Figure Skating “Basic Skills Program” (first choice when available)
2. Use the Local Program “Learn to Skate Program - USAH Initiation Program”
3. 6 - 10 week instructional program

## LEARN TO PLAY HOCKEY

1. 6 - 12 week cross-ice program (cross ice with small nets and no goalkeepers)
  - o a. First session should be off-ice to present the USAH Philosophies and Policies and to instruct the parent(s) on proper equipment and its use



# Retain kids

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- Make sure it's FUN!
- Keep cost to a minimum
- Educate Parents – what are you teaching & what's next
- Re-enrollment discount
- Offer Skill coaching
- Offer goalie coaching
- Offer 3 v 3 fall and spring hockey to keep kids in your program playing
- Maybe extend your season early fall and late spring





# Treasurer

Pat Phillips, VSAHA Treasurer



# Girls

Becky Street, VSAHA Girls  
Coordinator



# Girls' & Women's Hockey

Focus on GROWTH – each association to host a “Try Hockey for Free” event or other girls’ hockey-related event in upcoming to season to encourage potential players to try hockey and register.

## **Potential Dates for Girls’ Events:**

**Oct 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>**—IIHF Girls Hockey Weekend

**Nov 6<sup>th</sup>**— USA Hockey “Try Hockey for Free” Day

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**—2022 Winter Olympics—the women’s ice hockey tournament starts preliminary play on Feb 3rd!

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>-Mar 6<sup>th</sup>**—Hockey Week Across America

**Mar 5<sup>th</sup>**—USA Hockey “Try Hockey for Free” Day

Becky Street  
VSAHA Girls’ Hockey Coordinator  
[girlshockey@vthockey.org](mailto:girlshockey@vthockey.org)

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# Treasurer

Pat Phillips, VSAHA Treasurer



# Policy

Nate Isham, VSAHA 1st VP



# Officials

Mike Hickey, VSAHA RIC



# Player Development

Nate Isham, VSAHA 1st VP



# Goaltenders

Leon Lifschutz, VSAHA  
Goaltender Development  
Coordinator



# VSAHA Goalie Department

2021-22 Season Updates  
and Plans

# Our Team

## Leon Lifschutz, VSAHA Goalie Development Coordinator

- 20 year of coaching goalies of all ages, abilities, and genders
- 9 years of goalie coaching with St. Mike's Women
- Owner of Post2Post Goaltending

## VSAHA Goalie Development Leaders

- Chris Cobb (Middlebury, Top Prospects Goaltending); Erin Stevens (Hartford HS); Nick Dube (Glades); Brady Giroux (Dynamo); Scott Davidson (CVU HS); Brent Truchon (St. Mike's); Dakota Woodworth (Rice Prep); Alex Gettens (University of Vermont)

# What We Currently Do

Provide	Provide resources for association goalie coordinators
Assist	Assist with any VSAHA coaching education programs
Evaluate	Evaluate goalie's for VSAHA festival teams
Lead	Lead USA Hockey Bronze-level goalie coach certification

# Programs We Are Working On (Pilots)

## “How to work with your goalies” coaching seminar

- 1.5 hour session with the ABCs of goaltending, how to support your goaltenders, and how to incorporate your goaltenders into practice
- We hope to partner with 2-3 associations this fall

## Try Goalie Day

- We come to your association’s 8U practice with extra sets of gear and help young players try out the position of goalie in a supportive setting
- We will be available for 3-4 of these in December and January

## Elite goalie pathway workshop

- Targeting talented and dedicated goalies ages 13 and up who would like to know what it takes to get to the next level
- Half day program with on and off-ice components in March

# Stay in touch

- Please stay in touch with us!
  - What support can we provide for you
  - Can we connect you to goalie coaching companies?
  - Can we send you additional resources
  - What other ideas do you have for programs?
  - Contact us to inquire about scheduling a program
  - EMAIL: [Goalies@vthockey.org](mailto:Goalies@vthockey.org)



# Questions & Comments

# Next Sessions

## **Breakout Group A - Presidents, State Reps & Registrars**

11:15-12:15 Sessions

- **Presidents & State Representatives (Salon D&E)**
- **Registering Your Association (Salon F) - VSAHA Registrar Bob Greemore**

12:15-1:15 Lunch

# Next Sessions

## **Breakout Group B - Schedulers, Coaches, SafeSport**

11:15-12:15 Lunch

12:15-1:15 Sessions

- **Coaching Expectations** (Salon D&E) - NED Coach in Chief, Larry Rocha
- **Keeping our Kids Safe** (Salon F) - VSAHA SafeSport Coordinator Ray St. Pierre

12:15-2:00

- **Schedulers** (Ballroom)

# Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

Minutes: Meeting – Tuesday 12 October 2021

President called meeting - conducted via Zoom - to order at 7:00 p.m.

## Roll Call

- Conducted by Secretary - see attached Meeting Attendance Report.

## Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from Annual Meeting conducted on Tuesday 13 April 2021. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

## President Report – John Cioffi

- Next NED meeting is scheduled on 22-23 October 2021 via Zoom.
- Rules Committee nominations presented and unanimously approved: Chair, Nate Isham (VSAHA 1<sup>st</sup> VP), Mike Hickey (VSAHA RiC), Craig Weston (VSAHA CiC - retired), Ray St. Pierre (VSAHA SafeSport Coordinator), Karen Fortin (Missisquoi).
- Appeals Committee nominations presented and unanimously approved: Chair, Chris Micciche (VSAHA Secretary), Kim Gaines (VSAHA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Brian Olsen (Rutland), Jim Pryor (Black Ice), Bobby Webb (Burlington)
- Audit Committee nominations presented and unanimously approved: Maurice Rosales (VT Lumberjacks), Pete Taubert (Stowe), Patrick Lowkes (St. Pats)
- Score sheets are still available – contact John C.
- VSAHA CiC position remains open – please send all inquiries to John C.
- Player Development – Chris Micciche and Pat Philips will be lightening Nate’s commitment overload by taking over organization of NED selects.
- USA Hockey’s Equity, Diversity & Inclusion program is ongoing.
- Two-page 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report dated 12 October 2021 prepared and previously circulated by Nate was reviewed.
- The Match Penalty issued recently in Vermont pursuant to 601(e)(3) was discussed with great concern. Background: On 30 October 2019, Jim Smith, USA Hockey President, issued a Presidential Directive that changed the penalty for “racial/derogatory” slurs of any kind that fall under 601(e)(3) from a game misconduct to a match penalty: “I am issuing a directive effective immediately that anyone assessed a penalty under Rule 601 (e.3) will now receive an **automatic Match Penalty**, in lieu of the game misconduct penalty that currently exists, and shall be immediately suspended until a hearing is conducted by the governing USA Hockey Affiliate or junior league. The applicable Affiliate or junior league is required to conduct a hearing within 30 days of the incident and the individual may be subject to further discipline.” (Highlighting in original). President Smith’s directive was later incorporated into the rule changes for 2021-2025, to wit,

601(e) “A match penalty shall be assessed to any player or team official who commits the following actions:

3. Uses language that is hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game.

The concerns raised about the severity of this new rule included the subjective nature of the terms “hateful” and “discriminatory.” The lack of clarity could lead to an abuse of discretion by the referee making the call. Another concern was that despite everyone’s sincere and best efforts, just the delay inherent in the hearing process would only compound the unfairness of a wrong call. That is, the mandatory suspension that cannot be waived pending a hearing would likely force a player to unwillingly accept an unwarranted sanction, calling upon the legal maxim, “Justice delayed is justice denied.” In the end all agreed that the only way to avoid, or at least minimize, these dilemmas is to continue to encourage all players to eliminate trash talk altogether – however unrealistic that may be given how embedded it has always been in the game.

- One-page 2021 Transfer and Release Summary dated 11 October 2021 prepared and previously circulated by Nate was reviewed, along with one-page Yearly Transfer by Association.
- Two-page Play-Up Report dated 12 October 2021 prepared and previously circulated by Nate was reviewed.

**State Tournament Committee Report – Kim Gaines, Chair**

- One-page email dated 12 October 2021 prepared and previously circulated by Kim was reviewed.

**Treasurer Report – Pat Phillips**

- Block Grant money is not yet available. Stay tuned for more info.
- USA Hockey Executive Committee has requested that 15% of Block Grant funds for the 2021-22 season be used for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives to increase multicultural, ethnic and inclusivity efforts within our organization.
- Disposition of non-exempt player transfer fees is an open question to be undertaken by the Policy Committee in the very near future.
- Pat is preparing VSAHA’s tax filing due in December.

**Policy Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair**

Two-page 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report dated 12 October 2021 prepared and previously circulated by Nate was reviewed.

**Rules Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair**

- Two-page 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report dated 12 October 2021 prepared and previously circulated by Nate was reviewed.

**Player Safety Coordinator Report – Jody LaVanway**

- Covid obviously remains the dominant issue to be addressed.
- Jodi expects to be circulating packets to all local association Player Safety Coordinators

in the very near future, along with concussion and injury reporting forms.

**Girls/Women Director – Becky Street**

- Try Hockey For Free events to date have been well-attended and quite successful.
- Upcoming Girls' Weekend will be centered around IIHF events.

**Referee-in-Chief Report – Mike Hickey**

- Level 1&2 seminars scheduled on 7 November in White River Junction.
- Levels 3&4 will be conducted on 19 October via zoom.
- Arbiter system is ready to go in selected locations - not yet statewide.
- Mike welcomes inquiries/complaints with video, although he insists that one wait twenty-four hours before submitting them to give one time to reflect.

**Registrar Report – Bob Greemore**

- Thirty-six teams registered to date.
- Natalie with USA Hockey has database established.
- Portal updated to include rostering board members regarding SafeSport compliance.

**Goalie Coordinator Report – Leon Lifschutz**

- Contact list has been distributed and resource list has been shared as well.
- Goalie clinic conducted two days ago at Harwood with good results.
- Bronze clinic to be scheduled sometime in either November or December – check with Leon for details.
- Leon has been working with Steve Thompson, USA Hockey goalie coordinator.
- Leon is looking for a goalie coordinator at each local association.

**8U Hockey & Grow the Game Coordinator Report – Mike Smith**

- Mike is looking for storage space for goalie gear.
- Try Hockey For Free events underway: BAHA on 9/25, Essex four already completed, CSB scheduled to begin 10/9, and Woodstock on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of October.
- Mike is pleased to report that the trailer has been used by more than a few associations.
- Steve Sharp from the Washington, DC area has tons of gear to donate to anyone who asks. Check with Mike for contact info.

**Local Association Business**

- Justin Martin (Glades) offered suggestions regarding the implementation of new rules to allow for double rostering with the hope of increasing player participation.
- Middlebury inquired about the disposition of non-exempt player transfer fees. Also reported the popularity of the Bruins Learn to Play program with 50 players registered so far.
- Stowe inquired about their 12U merger which is still pending VSAHA's decision.

**Adjournment**

- At 8:25 p.m. President called for adjournment. Motion duly-made and seconded. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

## VSAHA MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT 2020-2021


<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
John Cioffi - President	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Nate Isham - 1 <sup>st</sup> VP	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Kim Gaines - 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Pat Philips - Treasurer	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Chris Micciche - Secretary	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Mike Hickey	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	Absent
Bob Greemore	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
John Pelkey	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Canceled	Absent	Absent	Absent
Dave Santamore	Absent	✓	✓	Absent	Canceled	✓	Absent	Absent
Mike Smith	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	Absent
Ray St. Pierre	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Becky Street	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Craig Weston	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	Absent	✓	✓
Leon Lifschultz	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	Absent
<b>Local Associations</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
Barre	✓	✓	✓	Absent	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Burlington	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
CSB	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
CVSA	✓	✓	Absent	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Essex	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Harwood	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Lyndon	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Middlebury	✓	✓	Absent	✓	Canceled	✓	Absent	✓
Milton	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Missisquoi	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Northfield	✓	Absent	Absent	Absent	Canceled	Absent	Absent	Absent
Northshire	✓	Absent	✓	Absent	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Pleasant Valley	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Canceled	Absent	Absent	Absent
Rutland	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	Absent
St. Albans	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Stowe	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	Absent
Woodstock	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	Absent
<b>Allied &amp; Club Members</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Jan.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
Black Ice (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Canceled	Absent	Absent	Absent
Brattleboro (A.M.)	✓	✓	✓	Absent	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Caledonia (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Canceled	Absent	Absent	Absent
Cnt. VT Pioneers (A.M.)	Absent	✓	Absent	Absent	Canceled	Absent	Absent	Absent
Dynamo H.C. (C.M.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	Absent	✓	✓
Flames (C.M.)	✓	✓	Absent	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
Glades (A.M.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	Absent
Rice Knights (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Canceled	Absent	Absent	Absent
Upper Valley (A.M.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
VT Ice Vets (A.M.)	Absent	✓	✓	Absent	Canceled	Absent	Absent	Absent
VT Lumberjacks (Jr.)	Absent	Absent	✓	Absent	Canceled	Absent	✓	✓
VT Shamrocks (C.M.)	Absent	✓	✓	✓	Canceled	✓	✓	✓
VT Sled Cats (A.M.)	Absent	✓	Absent	Absent	Canceled	✓	Absent	Absent

**VSAHA MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT**  
**2020-2021**


VT Sled Dogs (A.M.)	Absent	✓	Absent	Absent	Canceled	✓	Absent	Absent
VT Stars (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Canceled	✓	Absent	Absent

2021 Transfer & Release Summary As of 12/1/2021		RECEIVING ASSOCIATION																	Grand Total				
		Barre (Local Association)	Brattleboro (Allied Member)	Burlington (Local Association)	CSB (Local Association)	CVSA (Local Association)	Dynamo (Allied Member)	Essex (Local Association)	Glades (Allied Member)	Harwood (Local Association)	Lyndon (Local Association)	Missisquoi (Local Association)	Northfield (Local Association)	Northshire (Local Association)	Rice Knights (Allied Member)	Rutland (Local Association)	St Albans (Local Association)	Stowe (Local Association)		VT Flames (Allied Member)	VT Shamrocks (Allied Member)	VT St Pats (Allied Member)	Woodstock (Local Association)
<b>Youth 8u &amp; Younger</b>				1	1	11	1			1	1		1		2	8					1		28
	CSB (Local Association)														2								2
	Essex (Local Association)														4								4
	Milton (Local Association)						1				1						7						10
	Missisquoi (Local Association)						1																1
	Northfield (Local Association)					1																	1
	Other												1										1
	Rutland (Local Association)															1							1
	St Albans (Local Association)																						2
	Upper Valley (Allied Member)						1										2					1	4
<b>Girls 10u</b>				1		1					1						1						4
	Burlington (Local Association)			1																			1
	CSB (Local Association)						1																1
	Milton (Local Association)										1												1
	Missisquoi (Local Association)																1						1
<b>Youth 10u</b>		1	1	1	2	5	5	1	1	4			1		4		15						41
	Barre (Local Association)																3						5
	Burlington (Local Association)						1			1		2											2
	CSB (Local Association)		1				1										1						3
	CVSA (Local Association)	1								1							3						5
	Dynamo (Allied Member)			1				1								1							5
	Essex (Local Association)						2										1						3
	Hanover (Out of State)																3						3
	Harwood (Local Association)					1																	1
	Milton (Local Association)							3									3						6
	Missisquoi (Local Association)					1	1	1															2
	Northfield (Local Association)			1						1													2
	Other									1													1
	PVA (Local Association)													1									2
	Woodstock (Local Association)																1						1
<b>Girls 12u</b>						1		13				1					8						23
	Barre (Local Association)											1											1
	Burlington (Local Association)									6													6
	CSB (Local Association)							4															4
	CVSA (Local Association)																1						1
	Dynamo (Allied Member)									1													1
	Essex (Local Association)							2									4						6
	Lyndon (Local Association)																2						2
	Northfield (Local Association)																1						1
	VT Flames (Allied Member)							1															1
<b>Youth 12u</b>		6	4			7	1	21		3	1				4		11						58
	Barre (Local Association)							1															1
	Burlington (Local Association)							5									1						6
	CSB (Local Association)						1	1															2
	Dynamo (Allied Member)							4								2							6
	Essex (Local Association)						2	4															6
	Glades (Allied Member)	1															1						2
	Harwood (Local Association)	3																					3
	Lyndon (Local Association)																3						3
	Middlebury (Local Association)						2										1						3
	Milton (Local Association)							1	2			1											4
	Missisquoi (Local Association)								3							1							4
	Other		2					1			2						3						8
	PVA (Local Association)		2																				2
	Rutland (Local Association)						1																1
	Upper Valley (Allied Member)										1						3						4
	VT Flames (Allied Member)	2					1																3
<b>Girls 14u</b>		2	4			11		1				1					8						27
	Barre (Local Association)											1					1						2
	Burlington (Local Association)			3																			3
	CVSA (Local Association)															1							1
	Essex (Local Association)						2										1						3
	Glades (Allied Member)						1																1
	Harwood (Local Association)					1																	1
	Lyndon (Local Association)						1										2						3
	Middlebury (Local Association)						1																1
	Other		2														1						3
	St Albans (Local Association)										1						2						3
	VT Flames (Allied Member)						6																6
<b>Youth 14u</b>		2	1			4		26		3	3		2			2	10					1	55
	Barre (Local Association)										2												2
	Burlington (Local Association)							4															4
	CSB (Local Association)					2		6															8
	CVSA (Local Association)							1															1
	Dynamo (Allied Member)							1			1						3						5
	Essex (Local Association)							1															1
	Glades (Allied Member)						1				1		2					2					6
	Harwood (Local Association)	2						2								2	1						7
	Lyndon (Local Association)																2						2
	Middlebury (Local Association)									1								2					1
	Milton (Local Association)									3													3
	Other							2			1							2					6
	PVA (Local Association)		1																				1
	St Albans (Local Association)						1	4			1												6
	Upper Valley (Allied Member)																					1	1
	VT Flames (Allied Member)							1															1
<b>Girls 16u</b>																	3						3
	Barre (Local Association)																1						1
	Burlington (Local Association)																1						1
	St Albans (Local Association)																1						1
<b>Youth 16u</b>																	1		2				3
	Dynamo (Allied Member)																		1				1
	Lyndon (Local Association)																1						1
	Other																		1				1
<b>Girls 19u</b>															14				1				15
	Barre (Local Association)																	1					1
	Other														9								9
	VT Flames (Allied Member)														4								4
	VT Shamrocks (Allied Member)														1								1
<b>Grand Total</b>		8	8	1	7	3	40	7	62	1	11	6	2	4	14	2	17	2	53	4	2	2	257

PREVIOUS ASSOCIATION

2021 Transfer & Release by Reason As of 12/1/2021											Grand Total
	Youth 8u & Younger	Girls 10u	Youth 10u	Girls 12u	Youth 12u	Girls 14u	Youth 14u	Girls 16u	Youth 16u	Girls 19u	
<b>Barre (Local Association)</b>					6		2				8
Exempt Transfer #2							1				1
Exempt Transfer #4					1						1
Exempt Transfer #5					2						2
Local Association Transfer					3		1				4
<b>Brattleboro (Allied Member)</b>			1		4	2	1				8
Exempt Transfer #1			1								1
Exempt Transfer #2					2	2	1				5
Local Association Transfer					1						1
Out of State Player					1						1
<b>Burlington (Local Association)</b>			1								1
Local Association Transfer			1								1
<b>CSB (Local Association)</b>	1	1	1			4					7
Exempt Transfer #2	1	1				4					6
Exempt Transfer #5			1								1
<b>CVSA (Local Association)</b>	1		2								3
Exempt Transfer #1	1		1								2
Exempt Transfer #2			1								1
<b>Dynamo (Allied Member)</b>	11	1	5	1	7	11	4				40
Allied Member Transfer	10	1	5	1	7	9	4				37
Exempt Transfer #2	1					2					3
<b>Essex (Local Association)</b>	1		5		1						7
Exempt Transfer #2	1		4		1						6
Exempt Transfer #5			1								1
<b>Glades (Allied Member)</b>			1	13	21	1	26				62
Allied Member Transfer			1	13	18	1	18				51
Exempt Transfer #1					1						1
Exempt Transfer #2					2		5				7
Local Association Transfer							1				1
Out of State Player							2				2
<b>Harwood (Local Association)</b>			1								1
Local Association Transfer			1								1
<b>Lyndon (Local Association)</b>	1		4		3		3				11
Exempt Transfer #1			1		2						3
Exempt Transfer #2					1		1				2
Exempt Transfer #3	1		3				2				6
<b>Missisquoi (Local Association)</b>	1	1			1		3				6
Exempt Transfer #2	1	1			1						3
Exempt Transfer #4							1				1
Exempt Transfer #5							1				1
Local Association Transfer							1				1
<b>Northfield (Local Association)</b>				1		1					2
Exempt Transfer #2				1		1					2
<b>Northshire (Local Association)</b>	1		1				2				4
Exempt Transfer #2			1								1
Exempt Transfer #5							2				2
Local Association Transfer	1										1
Other							1				1
Exempt Transfer #2							1				1
<b>Rice Knights (Allied Member)</b>										14	14
Allied Member Transfer										11	11
Out of State Player										3	3
<b>Rutland (Local Association)</b>	2										2
Exempt Transfer #1	2										2
<b>St Albans (Local Association)</b>	8	1	4		4						17
Exempt Transfer #1		1			1						2
Exempt Transfer #2	6		3								9
Exempt Transfer #5			1		2						3
Local Association Transfer	2				1						3
<b>Stowe (Local Association)</b>							2				2
Exempt Transfer #2							2				2
<b>VT Flames (Allied Member)</b>			15	8	11	8	10		1		53
Allied Member Transfer			11	4	7	3	5		1		31
Exempt Transfer #1					1	1					2
Exempt Transfer #2			1	4		4	2				11
Exempt Transfer #5							1				1
Out of State Player			3		3		2				8
<b>VT Shamrocks (Allied Member)</b>								3		1	4
Allied Member Transfer								3			3
Exempt Transfer #2										1	1
<b>VT St Pats (Allied Member)</b>									2		2
Allied Member Transfer									2		2
<b>Woodstock (Local Association)</b>	1						1				2
Allied Member Transfer							1				1
Local Association Transfer	1										1
<b>Grand Total</b>	28	4	41	23	58	27	55	3	3	15	257

RECEIVING ASSOCIATION

Yearly Transfers by Association		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Previous Association								
	Barre (Local Association)	13	5	16	21	10	8	3
	Brattleboro (Allied Member)	0	0	3	0	1	0	0
	Burlington (Local Association)	25	7	6	11	5	8	7
	CSB (Local Association)	20	12	37	21	11	6	5
	CVSA (Local Association)	8	2	3	13	16	10	4
	Dynamo (Allied Member)	18	29	14	2	0	0	0
	Essex (Local Association)	23	11	21	17	17	16	11
	Glades (Allied Member)	9	16	15	10	44	7	9
	Hanover (Out of State)	3	11	4	13	9	4	0
	Harwood (Local Association)	12	17	5	8	11	2	11
	Lyndon (Local Association)	11	8	1	0	3	1	4
	MAHA (Local Association)	8	8	9	4	18	6	1
	Middlebury (Local Association)	5	4	5	3	12	1	4
	Milton (Local Association)	24	15	5	9	4	1	2
	Northfield (Local Association)	4	13	1	4	3	12	1
	Northshire (Local Association)	0	3	0	1	4	0	0
	Other (Out of State)	38	58	13	24	16	21	5
	PVA (Local Association)	5	22	0	1	7	1	1
	Rutland (Local Association)	2	3	9	0	2	1	1
	St Albans (Local Association)	12	9	19	11	18	3	6
	Stowe (Local Association)	0	5	2	0	4	5	7
	VT Flames (Allied Member)	15	3	4	3	0	0	0
	V Shamrocks (Allied Member)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	VT Stars (Allied Member)	0	0	0	0	5	5	0
	Woodstock (Local Association)	1	5	0	2	0	0	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>85</b>	

### Repeat Transfers

Players who transferred in 2016 & 2017	23
Players who transferred in 2016 & 2018	5
Players who transferred in 2016,2017 & 2019	4
Players who transferred in 2017 & 2018	9
Players who transferred in 2017 & 2019	7
Players who transferred in 2017 & 2020	13
Players who transferred in 2018 & 2019	23
Players who transferred in 2018, 2019 & 2020	5
Players who transferred in 2018 & 2020	25
Players who transferred in 2019 & 2020	25
Players who transferred in 2019, 2020 & 2021	2
Players who transferred in 2019 & 2021	17
Players who transferred in 2020 & 2021	38



# Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

Minutes: Meeting – Tuesday 12 October 2021

President called meeting - conducted via Zoom - to order at 7:00 p.m.

## Roll Call

- Conducted by Secretary - see attached Meeting Attendance Report.

## Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from Annual Meeting conducted on Tuesday 13 April 2021. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

## President Report – John Cioffi

- Next NED meeting is scheduled on 22-23 October 2021 via Zoom.
- Rules Committee nominations presented and unanimously approved: Chair, Nate Isham (VSAHA 1<sup>st</sup> VP), Mike Hickey (VSAHA RiC), Craig Weston (VSAHA CiC - retired), Ray St. Pierre (VSAHA SafeSport Coordinator), Karen Fortin (Missisquoi).
- Appeals Committee nominations presented and unanimously approved: Chair, Chris Micciche (VSAHA Secretary), Kim Gaines (VSAHA 2<sup>nd</sup> VP), Brian Olsen (Rutland), Jim Pryor (Black Ice), Bobby Webb (Burlington)
- Audit Committee nominations presented and unanimously approved: Maurice Rosales (VT Lumberjacks), Pete Taubert (Stowe), Patrick Lowkes (St. Pats)
- Score sheets are still available – contact John C.
- VSAHA CiC position remains open – please send all inquiries to John C.
- Player Development – Chris Micciche and Pat Philips will be lightening Nate’s commitment overload by taking over organization of NED selects.
- USA Hockey’s Equity, Diversity & Inclusion program is ongoing.
- Two-page 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report dated 12 October 2021 prepared and previously circulated by Nate was reviewed.
- The Match Penalty issued recently in Vermont pursuant to 601(e)(3) was discussed with great concern. Background: On 30 October 2019, Jim Smith, USA Hockey President, issued a Presidential Directive that changed the penalty for “racial/derogatory” slurs of any kind that fall under 601(e)(3) from a game misconduct to a match penalty: “I am issuing a directive effective immediately that anyone assessed a penalty under Rule 601 (e.3) will now receive an **automatic Match Penalty**, in lieu of the game misconduct penalty that currently exists, and shall be immediately suspended until a hearing is conducted by the governing USA Hockey Affiliate or junior league. The applicable Affiliate or junior league is required to conduct a hearing within 30 days of the incident and the individual may be subject to further discipline.” (Highlighting in original). President Smith’s directive was later incorporated into the rule changes for 2021-2025, to wit,

601(e) “A match penalty shall be assessed to any player or team official who commits the following actions:

3. Uses language that is hateful or discriminatory in nature anywhere in the rink before, during or after the game.

The concerns raised about the severity of this new rule included the subjective nature of the terms “hateful” and “discriminatory.” The lack of clarity could lead to an abuse of discretion by the referee making the call. Another concern was that despite everyone’s sincere and best efforts, just the delay inherent in the hearing process would only compound the unfairness of a wrong call. That is, the mandatory suspension that cannot be waived pending a hearing would likely force a player to unwillingly accept an unwarranted sanction, calling upon the legal maxim, “Justice delayed is justice denied.” In the end all agreed that the only way to avoid, or at least minimize, these dilemmas is to continue to encourage all players to eliminate trash talk altogether – however unrealistic that may be given how embedded it has always been in the game.

- One-page 2021 Transfer and Release Summary dated 11 October 2021 prepared and previously circulated by Nate was reviewed, along with one-page Yearly Transfer by Association.
- Two-page Play-Up Report dated 12 October 2021 prepared and previously circulated by Nate was reviewed.

#### **State Tournament Committee Report – Kim Gaines, Chair**

- One-page email dated 12 October 2021 prepared and previously circulated by Kim was reviewed.

#### **Treasurer Report – Pat Phillips**

- Block Grant money is not yet available. Stay tuned for more info.
- USA Hockey Executive Committee has requested that 15% of Block Grant funds for the 2021-22 season be used for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiatives to increase multicultural, ethnic and inclusivity efforts within our organization.
- Disposition of non-exempt player transfer fees is an open question to be undertaken by the Policy Committee in the very near future.
- Pat is preparing VSAHA’s tax filing due in December.

#### **Policy Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair**

Two-page 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report dated 12 October 2021 prepared and previously circulated by Nate was reviewed.

#### **Rules Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair**

- Two-page 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report dated 12 October 2021 prepared and previously circulated by Nate was reviewed.

#### **Player Safety Coordinator Report – Jody LaVanway**

- Covid obviously remains the dominant issue to be addressed.
- Jodi expects to be circulating packets to all local association Player Safety Coordinators

in the very near future, along with concussion and injury reporting forms.

**Girls/Women Director – Becky Street**

- Try Hockey For Free events to date have been well-attended and quite successful.
- Upcoming Girls' Weekend will be centered around IIHF events.

**Referee-in-Chief Report – Mike Hickey**

- Level 1&2 seminars scheduled on 7 November in White River Junction.
- Levels 3&4 will be conducted on 19 October via zoom.
- Arbiter system is ready to go in selected locations - not yet statewide.
- Mike welcomes inquiries/complaints with video, although he insists that one wait twenty-four hours before submitting them to give one time to reflect.

**Registrar Report – Bob Greemore**

- Thirty-six teams registered to date.
- Natalie with USA Hockey has database established.
- Portal updated to include rostering board members regarding SafeSport compliance.

**Goalie Coordinator Report – Leon Lifschutz**

- Contact list has been distributed and resource list has been shared as well.
- Goalie clinic conducted two days ago at Harwood with good results.
- Bronze clinic to be scheduled sometime in either November or December – check with Leon for details.
- Leon has been working with Steve Thompson, USA Hockey goalie coordinator.
- Leon is looking for a goalie coordinator at each local association.

**8U Hockey & Grow the Game Coordinator Report – Mike Smith**

- Mike is looking for storage space for goalie gear.
- Try Hockey For Free events underway: BAHA on 9/25, Essex four already completed, CSB scheduled to begin 10/9, and Woodstock on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of October.
- Mike is pleased to report that the trailer has been used by more than a few associations.
- Steve Sharp from the Washington, DC area has tons of gear to donate to anyone who asks. Check with Mike for contact info.

**Local Association Business**

- Justin Martin (Glades) offered suggestions regarding the implementation of new rules to allow for double rostering with the hope of increasing player participation.
- Middlebury inquired about the disposition of non-exempt player transfer fees. Also reported the popularity of the Bruins Learn to Play program with 50 players registered so far.
- Stowe inquired about their 12U merger which is still pending VSAHA's decision.

**Adjournment**

- At 8:25 p.m. President called for adjournment. Motion duly-made and seconded. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

# Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

Minutes: Meeting – Tuesday 14 December 2021

President called meeting - conducted via Zoom - to order at 7:00 p.m.

## Roll Call

- Conducted by Secretary - see attached Meeting Attendance Report.

## Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from monthly meeting conducted on Tuesday 12 October 2021. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

## President Report – John Cioffi

- John reviewed his President’s Report circulated prior to the meeting.
- Score sheets are still available – contact John. Brief discussion regarding electronic score reports – tabled due to concerns about inconsistent internet coverage throughout Vermont.
- VSAHA CiC position remains open – please send all inquiries to John.
- USAH winter meeting is scheduled in Florida 13-16 January 2022.
- Three-page Play-Up Report circulated and discussed.
- Proposal recently circulated by Glades Youth Hockey regarding double rostering was submitted for discussion to determine whether a consensus believes it warrants further consideration by the Policy Committee. After a spirited discussion with Northshire, BAHA, SASA, CSB, and Flames weighing in, the consensus of opinions was that it does not. Thus, John will not be forwarding the proposal to the Policy Committee.
- Highlights from October NED meeting:
  - District-wide roster of qualified referees continues to shrink, approaching critical shortages.
  - All tournaments must be USAH sanctioned. Applications are readily available on NED website.
  - NED Development camps currently scheduled as follows:

Y17s (2005)

Y16s (2006)

Friday-Sunday 8-10 April 2022 (Non-residential)

New England Sports Village, Attleboro, MA

Y15s (2007)

Wednesday 29 June 2022– Saturday 2 July 2022 (Residential)

Keene State College, Keene, NH (Goalies arrive 6/28)

Y14s (2008)

Wednesday 20 July 2022 – Saturday 23 July 2022 (Residential)

Keene State College, Keene, NH (Goalies arrive 7/19)

G17s,16s, 15s, 14s (2005 – 2008)  
Friday-Sunday 15-17 April 2022 (Non-residential)  
Northford Ice Pavilion, Northford, CT

**State Tournament Committee Report – Kim Gaines, Chair**

- VSAHA website tournament section has been updated.
- Per VSAHA policy, the most recent version of the VSAHA Annual Guide (2019-2020) remains in effect until a revision is published.
- Kim needs to be informed by each registered team prior to 31 December whether they plan to participate in ST so she can begin planning playdown schedules, etc.
- Many tier changes have been made lately for a variety of reasons.
- Teams should consult VSAHA website to confirm whether they are bound for regionals or nationals.
- Kim will be coordinating with Bob Greemore and contacting Allied Members regarding rostering and registration issues.
- USAH rules control game and player counts. For tier 4 teams, VSAHA will determine.
- Vermont is hosting two regionals this year; G14U T2 at Harwood and Y12U T3 at SASA.

**Treasurer Report – Pat Phillips**

- VSAHA received approximately \$10k in Block Grant funds. Applications can now be submitted.

**Policy Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair**

- Transfer & Release process has been completed and refund checks have been mailed to eligible parties. A final report can be found on the VSAHA website. The Policy Committee intends to re-examine the T&R policy at its next meeting.

**Rules Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair**

- Outstanding Shamrocks matter has been resolved.
- Outstanding Dynamo mater has been resolved.
- Three coaches have recently received a game misconduct.
- Game misconducts appear to be on the rise.

**Player Safety Coordinator Report – Jody LaVanway**

- New tab has been added to VSAHA website for Player Safety where concussion protocols & return to play forms can be found.
- Because many rinks have different Covid protocols in place, all teams are reminded to contact host rink prior to arrival.

**Girls/Women Director – Becky Street**

- Next Try Hockey For Free Day is scheduled to be held on 22 March. All are invited/encouraged to participate.

### **Referee-in-Chief Report – Mike Hickey**

- Historical average of registered referees is between 215-220. To date only 184 have registered with only 141 credentialed.
- Nine seminars were conducted this season, more than in the past.

### **Registrar Report – Bob Greemore**

- One hundred sixty-three (163) teams have been registered.
- Thirty (30) invitational tournaments have been held in VT to date.
- To date only three (3) local associations (Middlebury, Rutland, and CVSA) have submitted BoD rosters. All others are delinquent.
- Girls can play on both Youth and Girls teams prior to State Tournament, but in ST can only play on team for which they declared prior to 31 December. In the absence of declaration, player will be deemed to have declared on team for which they were registered first and therefore can only play for that team. For national bound teams, declaration must be submitted to Bob Greemore. For teams bound for ST, declarations must be submitted to Kim Gaines.
- Deadline for CEP compliance is, as always, 31 December. Bob will circulate list of coaches at risk of being redlined.
- Player movement ends on 31 December per USAH rule, but certain covid exemptions may permit double rostering for non-tournament bound teams.
- Player rostered on national and regional bound teams must scan their birth certificates and send to BG for verification.

### **SafeSport Coordinator Report – Ray St. Pierre**

- Nothing new to report.

### **Goalie Coordinator Report – Leon Lifschutz**

- Leon sent an email to all goalie coordinators regarding future training opportunities.
- Leon is collecting information regarding off-season goalie camps and clinics.

### **8U Hockey & Grow the Game Coordinator Report – Mike Smith**

- VSAHA's equipment trailer has become very popular; used by several organizations. Everyone is welcome. For now, contact Mike. Trailer signout suggested for VSAHA website.
- Everyone is invited to submit a Growth Grant application. Timelines are on the application.
- USAH intends that fifteen percent (15%) be devoted to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

### **Disabled Hockey Coordinator Report – David Santamore**

- Dave was not present. JC reported that Central Vermont Pioneers are playing in the New England Sled Hockey League.

### **Local Association Business**

- None reported.

### **Adjournment**

- At 8:56 p.m. President called for adjournment. Motion duly-made and seconded. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

## VSAHA MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT 2021-2022

<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
John Cioffi - President	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Nate Isham - 1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Absent	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kim Gaines - 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pat Philips - Treasurer	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chris Micciche - Secretary	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mike Hickey - RiC	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bob Greemore - Registrar	Absent	✓	Absent	✓	✓
John Pelkey - VPA Liaison	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Dave Santamore – Disabled Co.	Absent	Absent	✓	✓	✓
Mike Smith - Grow the Game Co.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ray St. Pierre - SafeSport Co.	Absent	✓	✓	Absent	✓
Becky Street - Women/Girls Dir.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Absent
CiC – Position Open	-	-	-	-	✓
Leon Lifschultz - Goalie Co.	✓	✓	✓	Absent	Absent
Jodi LaVanway - Player Safety Co.	✓	✓	✓	Absent	✓
<b>Local Associations</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
Barre	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Burlington	✓	✓	✓	✓	Absent
CSB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CVSA	Absent	✓	✓	✓	✓
Essex	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Harwood	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lyndon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Middlebury	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Milton	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Missisquoi	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Northfield	Absent	Absent	✓	✓	Absent
Northshire	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pleasant Valley	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Rutland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
St. Albans	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stowe	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Woodstock	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Allied &amp; Club Members</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
Black Ice (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Brattleboro (A.M.)	Absent	✓	✓	✓	Absent
Caledonia (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Cnt. VT Pioneers (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	✓	✓	✓
Dynamo H.C. (C.M.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Flames (C.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Glades (A.M.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rice Knights (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
Saint Pats (A.M.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	Absent
Upper Valley (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
VT Ice Vets (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	✓	✓	✓
VT Lumberjacks (Jr.)	✓	Absent	✓	✓	Absent
VT Shamrocks (C.M.)	Absent	✓	✓	✓	Absent
VT Sled Cats (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	✓	✓	✓
VT Sled Dogs (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	✓	✓	✓

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VT Stars (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
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<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
John Cioffi - President	✓	✓	✓		
Nate Isham - 1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Absent	✓	✓		
Kim Gaines - 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	✓	✓	✓		
Pat Philips - Treasurer	✓	✓	✓		
Chris Micciche - Secretary	✓	✓	✓		
Mike Hickey - RiC	✓	✓	✓		
Bob Greemore - Registrar	Absent	✓	Absent		
John Pelkey - VPA Liaison	Absent	Absent	Absent		
Dave Santamore – Disabled Co.	Absent	Absent	✓		
Mike Smith - Grow the Game Co.	✓	✓	✓		
Ray St. Pierre - SafeSport Co.	Absent	✓	✓		
Becky Street - Women/Girls Dir.	✓	✓	✓		
CiC – Position Open	-	-	-		
Leon Lifschultz - Goalie Co.	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Local Associations</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
Barre	✓	✓	✓		
Burlington	✓	✓	✓		
CSB	✓	✓	✓		
CVSA	Absent	✓	✓		
Essex	✓	✓	✓		
Harwood	✓	✓	✓		
Lyndon	✓	✓	✓		
Middlebury	✓	✓	✓		
Milton	✓	✓	✓		
Missisquoi	✓	✓	✓		
Northfield	Absent	Absent	✓		
Northshire	✓	✓	✓		
Pleasant Valley	Absent	Absent	Absent		
Rutland	✓	✓	✓		
St. Albans	✓	✓	✓		
Stowe	✓	✓	✓		
Woodstock	✓	✓	✓		
<b>Allied &amp; Club Members</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
Black Ice (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent		
Brattleboro (A.M.)	Absent	✓	✓		
Caledonia (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent		
Cnt. VT Pioneers (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	✓		
Dynamo H.C. (C.M.)	✓	✓	✓		
Flames (C.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent		
Glades (A.M.)	✓	✓	✓		
Rice Knights (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent		
Saint Pats (A.M.)	✓	✓	✓		
Upper Valley (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent		
VT Ice Vets (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	✓		
VT Lumberjacks (Jr.)	✓	Absent	✓		
VT Shamrocks (C.M.)	Absent	✓	✓		

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VT Sled Cats (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	✓		
VT Sled Dogs (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	✓		
VT Stars (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent		

## VSAHA MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT 2021-2022

<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
John Cioffi - President	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Nate Isham - 1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Absent	✓	✓	✓	
Kim Gaines - 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pat Philips - Treasurer	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Chris Micciche - Secretary	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Mike Hickey - RiC	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Bob Greemore - Registrar	Absent	✓	Absent	✓	
John Pelkey - VPA Liaison	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Dave Santamore – Disabled Co.	Absent	Absent	✓	✓	
Mike Smith - Grow the Game Co.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Ray St. Pierre - SafeSport Co.	Absent	✓	✓	Absent	
Becky Street - Women/Girls Dir.	✓	✓	✓	✓	
CiC – Position Open	-	-	-	-	
Leon Lifschultz - Goalie Co.	✓	✓	✓	Absent	
Jodi LaVanway - Player Safety Co.	✓	✓	✓	Absent	
<b>Local Associations</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
Barre	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Burlington	✓	✓	✓	✓	
CSB	✓	✓	✓	✓	
CVSA	Absent	✓	✓	✓	
Essex	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Harwood	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Lyndon	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Middlebury	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Milton	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Missisquoi	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Northfield	Absent	Absent	✓	✓	
Northshire	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Pleasant Valley	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Rutland	✓	✓	✓	✓	
St. Albans	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Stowe	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Woodstock	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Allied &amp; Club Members</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
Black Ice (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Brattleboro (A.M.)	Absent	✓	✓	✓	
Caledonia (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Cnt. VT Pioneers (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	✓	✓	
Dynamo H.C. (C.M.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Flames (C.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Glades (A.M.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Rice Knights (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
Saint Pats (A.M.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Upper Valley (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
VT Ice Vets (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	✓	✓	
VT Lumberjacks (Jr.)	✓	Absent	✓	✓	
VT Shamrocks (C.M.)	Absent	✓	✓	✓	
VT Sled Cats (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	✓	✓	
VT Sled Dogs (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	✓	✓	

**VSAHA MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT  
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VT Stars (A.M.)	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	
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## VSAHA MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT 2021-2022

<b>Executive Board</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
John Cioffi - President	✓	✓			
Nate Isham - 1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Absent	✓			
Kim Gaines - 2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	✓	✓			
Pat Philips - Treasurer	✓	✓			
Chris Micciche - Secretary	✓	✓			
Mike Hickey - RiC	✓	✓			
Bob Greemore - Registrar	Absent	✓			
John Pelkey - VPA Liaison	Absent	Absent			
Dave Santamore – Disabled Co.	Absent	Absent			
Mike Smith - Grow the Game Co.	✓	✓			
Ray St. Pierre - SafeSport Co.	Absent	✓			
Becky Street - Women/Girls Dir.	✓	✓			
CiC – Position Open	-	-			
Leon Lifschultz - Goalie Co.	✓	✓			
<b>Local Associations</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Feb.</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>
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Milton	✓	✓			
Missisquoi	✓	✓			
Northfield	Absent	Absent			
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Rice Knights (A.M.)	Absent	Absent			
Saint Pats (A.M.)	✓	✓			
Upper Valley (A.M.)	Absent	Absent			
VT Ice Vets (A.M.)	Absent	Absent			
VT Lumberjacks (Jr.)	✓	Absent			
VT Shamrocks (C.M.)	Absent	✓			

**VSAHA MEETING ATTENDANCE REPORT**  
**2021-2022**

VT Sled Cats (A.M.)	Absent	Absent			
VT Sled Dogs (A.M.)	Absent	Absent			
VT Stars (A.M.)	Absent	Absent			

# Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

Minutes: Meeting – Tuesday 8 February 2022

President called meeting - conducted via Zoom - to order at 7:00 p.m.

## Roll Call

- Conducted by Secretary - see attached Meeting Attendance Report.

## Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from monthly meeting conducted on Tuesday 14 December 2021. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

## President Report – John Cioffi

- A motion was made and duly seconded to add to the previously arranged schedule a monthly meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> in order to comply with VSAHA Bylaws. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.
- A Nominating Committee consisting of Karen Fortin, Chair and Mark Slade has been appointed. Third appointee is pending.
- At the upcoming March meeting the Nominating Committee is charged with presenting a slate of candidates for the following officer's positions up for election this, an even numbered year: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, and Secretary.
- VSAHA CiC position remains open – please send all inquiries to John.
- Coaches who failed to acquire the necessary credentials by the applicable deadline have been redlined and must not be on the bench or ice.
- According to Larry Rocha, NED's CiC, temporary credentials will no longer be made available.
- USAH Winter meeting summary:
  - Governance structure undergoing significant changes.
  - A committee devoted to all things related to officiating has been established with Vermont's Keith Barrett, USA Hockey Vice President - Youth Council as its chair.
  - Stephanie Jackson began as USA Hockey's director of diversity and inclusion in June of 2019 and is responsible for developing and implementing strategies and programs to increase multicultural, ethnic and inclusivity efforts within the organization.
  - USA Hockey fees will be increased 2022-2023 for players only:

6U	free
7-8	\$50
9-12	\$61
13-18	\$70
- Recap of 2022 NED Development Camps:
  - Boys 17s (2005)
  - Boys 16s (2006)

Friday-Sunday 8-10 April 2022  
New England Sports Village, Attleboro, MA (Non-residential)

Boys 15s (2007)  
Wednesday 29 June – Saturday 2 July 2022  
Keene State College, Keene, NH (Goalies arrive 6/28)

Boys 14s (2008)  
Wednesday 20 July – Saturday 23 July 2022  
Keene State College, Keene, NH (Goalies arrive 7/19)

Girls 17s, 16s, 15s, and 14s (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008)  
Friday 15 April – Sunday 17 April 2022  
Northford Ice Pavilion, Northford CT

Boys and Girls 13s & 12s (2009 & 2010) Futures Camp  
Friday 1 April – Sunday 3 April 2022  
Cairns Arena, South Burlington, VT

- Chris Micciche and Pat Phillips are directing all the NED camp tryouts this year. The schedules can be found on the VSAHA website. Check frequently as changes may become necessary.

#### **State Tournament Committee Report – Kim Gaines, Chair**

- All teams must bring team credential books to playdown games for review – head coach will be suspended until team complies with credentialing requirements.
- Pursuant to USA Hockey's rules, each team must have played no fewer than twenty (20) games prior to first playdown game.
- VSAHA's "home and home" rule is frequently waived due to COVID disruptions.
- Teams 14U and above will need a consent to treat form for each player.
- Teams must comply with tournament host Middlebury's COVID protocols – call in advance to be sure what is currently in effect.
- ST game schedules have been posted to VSAHA website.
- Bob Greemore intends to be in Middlebury for the ST, if necessary, to verify team credential books.
- Detailed ST invoices have been sent out and need to be paid ASAP.

#### **Treasurer Report – Pat Phillips**

- Profit & Loss statement has been posted for January and February 2022.
- FY 2023 Budget will be warned at March meeting.

#### **Policy Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair**

- Nothing new to report.

#### **Rules Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair**

- Nothing new to report.

**Player Safety Coordinator Report** – With Jody LaVanway’s absence, JC reports

- No concussion reports have been filed to date although history suggests at least one has likely occurred.

**Girls/Women Director** – Becky Street

- Preparations are being made for the NED Futures Camp 1 – 3 April 2022 at Cairns.
- 2022 Girls NED Camp details:
  - 2008 tryout - player selection to the Girls 14 Eastern Select Development Camp at St. Anselm College Sunday 26 June – Thursday 30 June 2022.
  - 2005, 2006 and 2007 tryouts - player selection for the USA Hockey National Player Development Camp:
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  - Registration closes on March 30<sup>th</sup>, after which a schedule and details for the camps will be distributed.
  - Players will also be selected for an invitation to the New England District Player Development Camp to be held at St. Anselm College, Wednesday 22 June – Sunday 26 June 2022.

**Referee-in-Chief Report** – Mike Hickey

- Finding a sufficient number of refs for ST playdowns has not been easy.
- Refs 16 – 21 years old will be participating an officials camp with NED supervisors during the NED Futures Camp 1 – 3 April.
- Vermont’s Chelsea Rapin is scheduled to officiate at the Winter Olympics.

**Registrar Report** – Bob Greemore

- Several reports circulated and reviewed.

**SafeSport Coordinator Report** – Ray St. Pierre

- SafeSport certifications must now be satisfied annually; renewal due every twelve (12) months!
- All associations must verify that all volunteers, including their board of directors, have satisfied SafeSport requirements. Only two associations have complied; all others are seriously delinquent.
- Revisions to SafeSport manual are underway.

**Goalie Coordinator Report** – Leon Lifschutz

- Leon is in the process of developing a directory for summer camps which will be available soon.

### **8U Hockey & Grow the Game Coordinator Report** – With Mike Smith’s absence, JC reports

- From 2 - 4 p.m. on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, during the NED Futures Camp hosted by VSAHA at Cairns, a blind, sled, and special hockey event will be conducted.
- Growth Grants deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- USA Hockey’s Try Hockey for Free Day is scheduled on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Turnout can be expected to be much higher than normal due to the Winter Olympics. USAH is typically very generous with helpful resources.

### **Disabled Hockey Coordinator Report** – David Santamore

- From April 18 - 20, Paralympic athletes from the United States National Team, Canada and other adult and junior sled hockey players will compete for the gold, silver, and bronze in the 10th Annual New England Invitational Sled Hockey Tournament at Amelia Park Ice Arena in Westfield, Massachusetts.
- Central Vermont Pioneers and Ice Vets competed in the New York’s 2022 Empire Games February 3 - 6 in Lake Placid, NY. Central Vermont Pioneers placed second overall. The Ice Vets took last place.
- All looking forward to April 2<sup>nd</sup> event at Cairns (noted above).

### **Local Association Business**

- CSB – kudos to Kim.
- Middlebury looking forward to ST with kudos to Kim.
- Rutland has Castleton University coaches offering assistance. Ice may become available in August 2022.
- Lumberjacks reported a top five power ranking and five players with college commitments.
- St. Pats Patrick Lowkes has a niece competing in the Winter Olympics as an ice dancer – related to hockey as it also involves really smooth ice.
- Shamrocks reported their upcoming trip to Nationals in Denver, CO.
- LAYHA (Andrew McGregor) reported optimism that his organization will soon “rise from the ashes.” Andrew requested and received assurance that all returning players would be regarded as exempt transfers.

### **Adjournment**

- At 8:18 p.m. President called for adjournment. Motion duly-made and seconded. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

# Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

Minutes: Meeting – Tuesday 12 April 2022

Nate Isham, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. John Cioffi, President attended via Zoom.

## Roll Call

- Conducted by Secretary - see attached Meeting Attendance Report.

## Approval of Minutes

- A motion was duly made and seconded to approve minutes from monthly meeting conducted on Tuesday 8 March 2022. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

## President Report – John Cioffi

- NED update:
  - Next meeting is scheduled in May.
- VSAHA CiC position remains open.
- USA Hockey Coach Developer training 25-27 March 2022 in Massachusetts was a well-attended success.
- Vermont St. Pats 16U went undefeated to capture national championship held in Troy, Michigan. St. Pats' coaches, Patrick Lowkes and Brent Truchon expressed their gratitude for VSAHA's support.
- 2022-2023 season Faceoff Meeting is scheduled for Sunday 28 August 2022.

## State Tournament Committee Report – Kim Gaines, Chair

- Kim recognized Pam Ellis for an excellent job managing the NED Regionals for Girls 14U T2 held 11-13 March 2022 in St. Albans.
- Kim recognized Waterbury for their excellent job managing the NED & MA Y12U T3 Regionals held 18-20 March 2022 in Waterbury.
- State Tournament reimbursements still pending – needs all submittals online.
- Spring Tournament committee meeting – TBA.

## Treasurer Report – Pat Phillips

- FY 2023 Budget warned for consideration at March meeting was presented and reviewed in detail. A motion was duly made and seconded to approve the budget as presented. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.
- Most of the checks for Growth Grants were issued mid-March. Those grants still outstanding are lacking required documentation. Pat will contact.

## Policy Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair

- Outstanding Debt List will go live on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please start working with delinquent individuals now in order to satisfy ODL notice requirement. Applicants must submit all required documentation.
- Transfer and release process opens June 1<sup>st</sup>. At present, no changes to the policy are on

the horizon.

- Regarding tryouts for 2022-2023 season, all organizations must comply with the following:

**VSAHA Tryout Policy**

- Teams at 14U level and above cannot hold tryouts until 48 hours after the last USA Hockey National Championship Game which will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, making March 6<sup>th</sup> the first authorized day;
- Teams at the 12U level and below cannot hold tryouts until the Monday after the completion of the March New England District Regionals, making Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> the first authorized day.

**USA Hockey Tryout Policy:**

- Tryouts for all Tier I & II 14U-18U Youth and 14U-19U Girls Teams. No youth Tier I or II team may recruit or solicit players or offer hockey contracts to players for the following season, or hold development camps, tryouts, player selections or any activity that could be construed as a tryout/solicitation or recruitment for the following season, until 48 hours after the last game of Youth National Championships (both Tier I and Tier II Nationals must be completed). Therefore, no tryouts at these levels may be held prior to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Rules Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair**

- Flames were sanctioned for violation of USA Hockey Tryout Policy and VSAHA Tryout Policy. A two-thousand-dollar (\$2,000) fine was issued which must be paid before any Flames teams will be rostered. Plus, Flames deemed ineligible for state, regional, or national tournaments in 2022-2023 season.
- Match penalty was issued at Nationals resulting in three (3) game suspension.

**Player Safety Coordinator Report – Jody LaVanway**

- While Covid remains a major issue, concussions must still be reported reliably through Player Safety network, not SafeSport. Player Release forms must be signed by medical professional.

**Girls/Women Director Report – Becky Street**

- Becky reported that the NED Futures Camp hosted by VSAHA at Cairns was a huge success with thirty-nine (39) Vermont players attending. Becky recognized the eight (8) girls' coaches who helped at the camp.
- Becky continues to promote the Try Hockey For Free Day as an excellent platform to grow the game for both youth and girls.

**Referee-in-Chief Report – Mike Hickey**

- Mike recognized referees Dan Tomaino and Katlyn Hayes for their assignments at Nationals in Michigan and Pittsburgh, respectively.
- Future seminars will include:
  - Level 1, in August, most likely at Cairns.
  - Levels 1, 2, and 3, Sunday 2 October at Essex.
  - Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4, Saturday 22 October at Hartford.
  - Levels 1, 2, and 3, Sunday 6 November, most likely at Middlebury.

**Registrar Report – Bob Greemore**

- One hundred ninety-seven (197) teams registered.
- Bob intends to publish multiple-year (5 – 15) report – stay tuned.

**SafeSport Coordinator Report – Ray St. Pierre**

- Certification is now annual – renewal must be completed prior to one-year anniversary.

**Goalie Coordinator Report – Leon Lifschutz**

- Leon was not available. He intends to send an email out tomorrow – stay tuned.

**8U Hockey & Grow the Game Coordinator Report – Mike Smith**

- The disabled hockey event conducted during the NED Futures Camp hosted by VSAHA at Cairns had eight (8) blind skaters and nine (9) with special needs. A very strong show of support was made with twenty (20) volunteers helping out, including several from Connecticut who used pucks with audible signals for the blind skaters.
- VSAHA equipment trailer needs adult-large helmets.
- VSAHA equipment trailer needs to be inventoried.

**Disabled Hockey Coordinator Report – David Santamore**

- Dave recognized all the volunteers who helped make the disabled hockey event conducted during the NED Futures Camp hosted by VSAHA at Cairns a very rewarding and inspiring experience for the players, their families, as well as everyone else involved.

**Annual Meeting – Election of Officers**

- Nominated candidates having accepted their nominations:
  - President  
John Cioffi  
Jon Higgins
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Nate Isham  
Mike Torney
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Kim Gaines
  - Treasurer  
Pat Philips
- Jon Higgins introduced himself and spoke about his interest and qualifications for the position of President.
- John Cioffi spoke about his interest and qualifications for the position of President.
- Mike Torney introduced himself and spoke about his interest and qualifications for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.
- Nate Isham spoke about his interest and qualifications for the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

- VSAHA Secretary conducted a roll-call vote of eligible voters, with the following results:
  - President: sixteen (16) votes for John Cioffi, one (1) vote for Jon Higgins. Secretary announced election of John Cioffi for succeeding one-year term.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: sixteen (16) votes for Nate Isham, two (2) votes for Mike Torney. Secretary announced election of Nate Isham for succeeding one-year term.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Unanimous vote for Kim Gaines. Secretary announced election of Kim Gaines for succeeding one-year term.
  - Treasurer: Unanimous vote for Pat Philips. Secretary announced election of Pat Philips for succeeding two-year term.

#### **Local Association Business**

- Middlebury requested publication of Growth Grant details.
- Rutland congratulated St. Pats.

#### **Adjournment**

- At 8:50 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President called for adjournment. A motion was duly made and seconded for adjournment. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

# Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

Minutes: Meeting – Tuesday 8 March 2022

President called meeting - conducted via Zoom - to order at 7:05 p.m.

## Roll Call

- Conducted by Secretary - see attached Meeting Attendance Report.

## Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from monthly meeting conducted on Tuesday 8 February 2022. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

## President Report – John Cioffi

- NED update:
  - Next meeting is scheduled in May; agenda has not yet been published.
  - NED Regionals for Girls 14U T2 scheduled 11-13 March 2022 in St. Albans.
  - NED & MA Regionals for Y12U T3 scheduled 18-20 March 2022 in Waterbury.
  - NED Futures Camps for Girls and Boys 12s (2010) and 13s (2009) scheduled 1-3 March 2022 in So. Burlington, at Cairns. Invitations have just been sent.
- VSAHA CiC position remains open.
- USA Hockey Coach Developer training scheduled 25-27 March 2022 in Cape Cod. Presently, 5 people have registered. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact JC.
- VSAHA Annual Meeting will be conducted in-person beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> - venue to be announced.

## Nominating Committee Report – Karen Fortin, Chair, Mark Slade, and Ian Smith

- The committee presented the following slate of candidates for the elections to take place at the upcoming VSAHA Annual Meeting in April 2022:
  - President  
John Cioffi
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Nate Isham
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Kim Gaines
  - Treasurer  
Pat Phillips
- A nomination was presented from the floor for Jonathan Higgins as President, and duly seconded.
- A nomination was presented from the floor for Mike Torney as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and duly seconded.

## State Tournament Committee Report – Kim Gaines, Chair

- Kim extends her gratitude to state tournament host Middlebury for its excellent management of the games.

- VSAHA's very own Mike Smith most capably managed the broadcast and call of all the state tournament games.

**Treasurer Report** – Pat Phillips

- FY 2023 Budget presented and warned for consideration at Annual Meeting in April.

**Policy Committee Report** – Nate Isham, Chair

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**Rules Committee Report** – Nate Isham, Chair

- A ruling is due this week regarding a roster issue for a state tournament team.
- A local association challenged the interpretation/application of VSAHA's tie-breaker rule during the state tournament playdown games and a ruling was rendered. The deadline for an appeal from that ruling ends tomorrow.

**Player Safety Coordinator Report** – Jody LaVanway

- Jodi was not available.

**SafeSport Coordinator Report** – Ray St. Pierre

- Ray was not available.

**Girls/Women Director Report** – Becky Street

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**Referee-in-Chief Report – Mike Hickey**

- All state tournament on-ice officials reported that the event was a great experience, thanks, in large part, to Kim Gaines.
- Refs 16-21 years old will be participating in an officials' camp with NED supervisors during the NED Futures Camp 1-3 April.
- A coach of a Canadian 13U team was ejected and ultimately prosecuted for assault after throwing the blade of a broken stick at a referee.

**Registrar Report – Bob Greemore**

- Reports circulated earlier today were reviewed.
- 188 teams registered in 2021-2022, 173 in 2020-2021, and 228 in 2019-2020.
- 3966 players registered in 2021-2022, 3041 in 2020-2021, and 4100 in 2019-2020.
- Credential requirements for regionals and nationals reviewed. Missing birth certificates for 10U T2 Essex and 10U Tier 3 Red CSB; must be submitted no later than Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Player Development Directors Report – Pat Philips and Chris Micciche**

- Tryouts for all NED camps have been completed successfully with the help of several generous volunteers and cooperation with Glades Youth Hockey regarding ice availability.

**SafeSport Coordinator Report – Ray St. Pierre**

- Ray was not available

**Goalie Coordinator Report – Leon Lifschutz**

- Leon was not available.

**8U Hockey & Grow the Game Coordinator Report – Mike Smith**

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- All looking forward to April 2<sup>nd</sup> event at Cairns (noted above) – Sled Cats may participate.
- North Country Sled Dogs are attempting to restart their program.
- USA Warriors Ice Hockey Program will be hosting this year's 3rd Annual USA Warrior Sled Hockey Tournament at Rockville Ice Arena in Rockville, Maryland over Memorial Day Weekend on 28-30 May 2022.

#### **Local Association Business**

- Lyndon expresses its gratitude for all the contributions made towards the rehabilitation of its rink.
- Stowe would like to have a written process for the selection of hosts for state tournament playdown and championship games.
- Lumberjacks reported eleven of its players have received college commitments.
- Shamrocks will be submitting an item to NED for inclusion on its agenda for discussion at its May meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

- At 8:40 p.m. President called for adjournment. Motion duly-made and seconded. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

## VSAHA Play-Up Report 2021-2022

	Birthdate	Gender	Association	VSAHA Action	Movement	Type of Team
1	09/27/2011	Female	BAHA	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
2	07/21/2012	Female	BAHA	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
3	06/22/2011	Female	BAHA	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
4	02/26/2011	Female	BAHA	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
5	03/20/2011	Female	BAHA	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
6	10/11/2012	Female	BAHA	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
7	09/22/2013	Male	BAHA	Approved	8u to 10u	Youth
8	06/25/2013	Male	BAHA	Approved	8u to 10u	Youth
9	06/15/2009	Female	BAHA	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
10	08/21/2009	Male	Barre	Denied	12u to 14u	Youth
11	01/06/2011	Male	Brattleboro	Approved	10u to 12u	Youth
12	08/12/2011	Female	Brattleboro	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
13	02/19/2009	Female	Brattleboro	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
14	03/04/2009	Female	Brattleboro	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
15	09/02/2010	Female	Brattleboro	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
16	09/02/2010	Female	Brattleboro	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
17	06/03/2009	Female	Brattleboro	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
18	01/07/2011	Male	Brattleboro	Approved	10u to 12u	Youth
19	07/30/2012	Female	Brattleboro	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
20	09/30/2010	Female	Brattleboro	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
21	03/25/2014	Male	Brattleboro	Denied	8u to 10u	Youth
22	05/26/2010	Female	Brattleboro	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
23	11/09/2010	Female	CSB	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
24	10/12/2012	Male	CSB	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
25	06/29/2011	Female	Essex	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
26	05/17/2011	Female	Essex	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
27	03/03/2011	Female	Essex	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
28	04/01/2009	Female	Essex	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
29	07/10/2012	Female	Essex	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls

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	Birthdate	Gender	Association	VSAHA Action	Movement	Type of Team
30	12/30/2009	Female	Essex	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
31	11/18/2009	Female	Essex	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
32	07/25/2009	Female	Essex	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
33	04/17/2009	Female	Essex	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
34	02/22/2011	Female	MAHA	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
35	04/10/2011	Female	MAHA	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
36	06/19/2009	Female	MAHA	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
37	04/29/2009	Female	MAHA	Approved	12u to 14u	Youth
38	01/09/2009	Female	MAHA	Approved	14u to 16u	Girls
39	02/15/2010	Female	MAHA	Approved	12u to 14u	Girls
40	04/27/2011	Male	Middlebury	Approved	10u to 12u	Youth
41	01/10/2012	Female	Middlebury	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
42	03/14/2011	Female	Middlebury	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
43	06/11/2012	Female	Middlebury	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
44	08/18/2011	Female	Middlebury	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
45	12/08/2011	Female	Middlebury	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
46	04/15/2007	Female	Rice Knights	Approved	14u to 16u	Girls
47	04/15/2007	Female	Rice Knights	Approved	14u to 16u	Girls
48	08/14/2007	Female	Rice Knights	Approved	14u to 16u	Girls
49	04/03/2007	Female	Rice Knights	Approved	14u to 16u	Girls
50	08/23/2006	Female	Rice Knights	Approved	16u to 19u	Girls
51	05/09/2012	Female	Rutland	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
52	08/21/2011	Female	Rutland	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
53	02/18/2012	Female	Rutland	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
54	10/14/2011	Female	Rutland	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
55	11/25/2011	Female	Rutland	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
56	07/04/2012	Female	Rutland	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
57	12/23/2011	Female	Rutland	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
58	04/26/2011	Female	Rutland	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls

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59	09/13/2012	Female	Rutland	Approved	10u to 12u	Girls
60	02/28/2013	Female	Rutland	Approved	8u to 10u	Girls
61	07/07/2013	Male	Stowe	Approved	8u to 10u	Girls
62	08/31/2006	Female	VT Shamrocks	Approved	16u to 19u	Girls
63	02/27/2005	Female	VT Shamrocks	Approved	16u to 19u	Girls
64	05/15/2005	Female	VT Shamrocks	Approved	16u to 19u	Girls
65	05/18/2005	Female	VT Shamrocks	Approved	16u to 19u	Girls
66	08/08/2006	Female	VT Shamrocks	Approved	16u to 19u	Girls
67	10/23/2006	Female	VT Shamrocks	Approved	16u to 19u	Girls
68	10/26/2006	Female	VT Shamrocks	Approved	14u to 16u	Girls
69	08/31/2006	Female	VT Shamrocks	Approved	16u to 19u	Girls
70	04/13/2009	Male	Woodstock	Approved	12u to 14u	Youth
71	12/20/2013	Male	Woodstock	Approved	8u to 10u	Youth
72	08/19/2009	Male	Woodstock	Approved	12u to 14u	Youth
73	01/29/2011	Male	Woodstock	Approved	10u to 12u	Youth
74	06/03/2009	Female	Woodstock	Approved	12u to 14u	Youth



# Presidents Report - December 14, 2021

## VSAHA Committees

- Most committees have been meeting virtually and as needed.

## Scoresheets

- Available if needed
- Contact John to set up pickup or dropoff

## Coach In Chief

- Deadline to complete coaching requirements is December 31.
- Clinics are ongoing and available to register online at [USA Hockey](#)
- Coaches will be redlined if the deadline is not met.

## NED

- Meeting was held October 22 & 23;
- Referees
  - Shortage is real. We need more officials
  - We are all onboard to stop the abuse of officials.
- Tournament Sanctions (\$250, +\$100 for non-USA Hockey teams) [NED Application](#)
- Electronic Score Sheet Discussion and Follow Up
- Player Development Deadlines & Camps
  - Feb 15 - Names for ages 15-17 Boys
  - March 1 - Names for ages 12-13 Boys & Girls
  - April 15 - Names for 14 Boys
  - [Futures Camp](#) (12 & 13 Boys & Girls) - April 1-3, Burlington, VT
  - Girls 14-17 - (2005, 2006, 2007, 2008) April 15-17, Northford, CT [NED Registration](#) - Opens in January
  - Boys Camps
    - 16 & 17s (2005 & 2006) - April 8-10 Attleboro, MA
    - 15s (2007) - June 27-30 NH
    - 14s (2008) - July 20-23 NH

## USA Hockey

- [Legislative Proposals Summary](#)
  - Governance Discussion



# Presidents Report - February 8, 2022

## Nominating Committee

- Nominating Committee (Karen Fortin, Mark Slade, TBD)
  - Present slate of nominations at March meeting along with nominations from the floor.
  - Any VSAHA member interested in filling the positions (president, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary) should contact the committee.
  - Vote takes place in April
- Add a March meeting - 3/9

## NED

- Meeting was held January 15
- Tournament Sanctions (\$250, +\$100 for non-USA Hockey teams) [NED Application](#)
- Regionals March 11-13 and March 18-20
  - Find all locations and dates - [VSAHA Regional page](#)
  - Hosting
    - 12U T3 Youth - Waterbury - March 18-20
    - 14U T2 Girls - St. Albans - March 11-13
- Player Development Deadlines & Camps
  - Feb 15 - Names for ages 15-17 Boys
  - March 1 - Names for ages 12-13 Boys & Girls
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    - [NED Registration](#) - Open
  - Boys Camps
    - 16 & 17s (2005 & 2006) - April 8-10 Attleboro, MA
    - 15s (2007) - June 27-30 NH
    - 14s (2008) - July 20-23 NH
- USA Hockey Financial Review is coming in 2022

## USA Hockey

- [Winter Meeting Summary](#)
  - Governance
  - Officiating Task Force
  - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
  - [Proposed 2022-2023 Fee Increase](#)
    - 6U participants at \$15 (currently \$0) • 7/8 participants at \$50 (currently \$46) • 9-12 participants at \$61 (currently \$46) • 13-18 participants at \$70 (currently \$46)

## Coach In Chief

- Coaches were redlined on rosters if they did not complete their requirements by 12/31.
- Anyone on the bench during a game must be on the approved team roster. [VSAHA Rosters](#)
- Temporary cards were issued this year, but do not expect any next season.
- Any interested candidates in the CIC position, contact me.