

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



January 23, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kylie Young, Sarah Morlock, Sherry Dube, Jason Spaulding, Justin Barwood, Josh Obar, Ethan McNaughton

2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:05 PM
 - a. The December 19th meeting minutes have yet to be reviewed by the full Board; these minutes will be approved at a later date.

3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Coaching Coordinator-**There is one coach at the Squirt and Peewee level that needs his credentials checked. Kylie will look into this and report back to the Board.

 - b. **Equipment Manager-**The shooter-tutor and passers that were ordered came in and have been assembled and put into use at practices. It seems as though the placement of the grommets on the shooter-tutor doesn't allow for a proper fit. Jason Gramling plans to modify the method of attachment to remedy this. Jason was able to redistribute jerseys returned by those Storm Academy who moved up to House Mites mid-season. This allowed him to defer the purchase of new Storm Academy jerseys. Jason said that storage will most definitely be an issue when SA players return their bags of equipment at the end of the season. Unfortunately, the office space at Kinney Pike that was previously a promising option for storage may no longer be available. Justin will check on its occupancy status. Josh urged

the Board to commit to having a decision regarding additional storage by the next meeting, citing that time is of the essence as the season will close just a few short weeks later. Finally, the group discussed the surveying SA parents in order to gain a sense of how many will return to play next year, and at what level. Sarah will draft a SA specific survey to disseminate before season's end.

c. **SafeSport Coordinator**-Sherry has an incomplete list of Locker Room Monitors. She's concerned that not every team has a monitor as of yet. Sarah will share the Team Parent contact list with Sherry so that she can communicate directly with them going forward. Jason will send an email to the team in question and ask that they be sure to have a Locker Room Monitor present at practices and games. The Board felt that it would be beneficial for teams to revisit locker room rules at this point in the season. Kylie suggested having signage made for the locker rooms. Jason will first check with the Town to see if this they would allow the UVHA to post Storm-specific rules.

d. **Girls Development**-Jay is working on scheduling several 12U girls' games. He'd like to explore options for consistent ice time for a girls' team. Josh explained that this is difficult on the weekends because you have to take into consideration the girls' regular season, co-ed teams' schedules. The current Saturday morning skates have been consistently attended, but Jay would like to welcome other players who would benefit from the additional ice time. He's asked coaches to recommend players.

e. **Treasurer**-Brock distributed a financial projection for the 2020 Fiscal Year. Given that fundraising is successful, netting nearly \$27,000, the Association's operational needs will be met. Looking at previous year's trends, the Skate-a-thon may again raise record funds, surpassing our original \$30,000 fundraising goal. But with the event averaging \$8,829.08, Sarah expressed concern for relying solely on player pledges. She suggested seeking additional support in the form of a pledge match. The Board agreed. Sarah will craft a letter and solicit for further aid.

f. **Fundraising**-Sarah reported that 2020 Skate-a-thon planning is well underway. The Skate-a-thon Committee is soliciting area businesses for event prizes and sponsorship. Entertainment is secured; the DJ and photo booth companies have committed to the March 6th. This year's participation prize was brought up for contemplation. Sarah stated that she had heard feedback from families who would like to take home something other than another tee shirt this year. Jason suggested going with a hat instead. Sarah will look into this, but warned the Board that the cost was sure to be more than the tees provided in the

past. She also recalled the company having a minimum of 150 units. Sarah will share her findings with the Board and, as time is of the essence, propose a vote for approval by email.

g. **Registrar**-Kylie said that there have been some mid-season entries. Storm Academy numbers are very healthy, with about 25 kids registered during each session. There are a number of 8U players who have made the leap to other Mite programs after exhibiting readiness and interest.

h. **Scheduler**-Josh has the season scheduled out. The group was pleased and impressed at Josh's ability to take on this role and handle it with such ease and success. He explained that there's some "orphan" ice at the end of February and beginning of March. He's working on filling that in.

4. **New Business:**

a. **New Score Board**-Hartford High School plans to purchase a new scoreboard to be installed at WABA for the 2020-2021 season. To cover the substantial cost of a , they are selling advertisement space on the clock and offered the UVHA the first option to purchase space. The Board had interest, but was uncertain of the pricing structure. Jason will inform Jeff Moreno of the UVHA's definite interest in supporting HHS' fundraising efforts and desire to secure space on the scoreboard; he will also confirm the cost.

b. **Storm Academy**-Looking at the pipeline, there are currently 39 2010-2011 birth year players. Brock asked that the Board begin to think about how to accommodate that number at the 10U level in the coming 2020-2021 season, particularly taking into consideration those ten-year-old Storm Academy players who will potentially be second-year skaters of a lower skill level. The addition of a third, development-focused Squirt team was discussed at length. Justin pointed out that ice limitations would make it difficult to accommodate three teams at the Squirt level with multiple teams also needed at the upper levels, unless there was some careful planning to account for the time needed for practices and games. This will be addressed again at the next meeting.

5. **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:45 PM

