

# UVHA Annual Board Meeting Minutes



May 13, 2020 ~ 6:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

1. **Attendance:** Jason Spaulding, Justin Barwood, Brock Barton, Josh Obar, Jay Zandleoni, Ethan McNaughton, Sherry Dube, Sarah Morlock, Kylie Young, Trevyr Young, Jason Gramling, Roger Gillies, Will Meyer, Mindy Dube, Nate Dube, Justin Montebianchi, Beth DeSimone, Hillary Gillies, Chelsea Farnsworth, Kristy Driver, Aaron Panitz, Eric Smith, Shaylha Caffrey, Les Drent, Jon Wilkinson, Tom Daniels, Celeste Dakai

2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:00 PM

a. **Membership Welcome-**Former UVHA President, Jason Spaulding, addressed the membership, welcoming a record number of Annual Meeting attendants. He expressed his pleasure serving as President these past three years and shared highlights from the 2019-2020 season, including his high hopes for the Association's continued success going forward. Jason reported that the Storm's 188 players hailed from all over Vermont and New Hampshire, a true Upper Valley collective. Four UVHA teams earned championship titles this season. The Storm Academy 10U program and the Storm's Midget 16U program had great participation in their inaugural program years and were very well received. Fueled by positive parent and player feedback, both programs will be offered next season and are expected to thrive. The UVHA's Fundraising Committee elicited volunteer participation and overall support from the membership, surpassing the Association's fundraising goal of \$30,000. Despite an abrupt end to the season due to COVID-19, the Skate-a-thon was a virtual success. Players raised more

than \$16,000 to offset operating expenses and keep player registration fees fixed yet another season. Jason thanked the Board of Directors and the membership for making his time serving the Storm memorable and eventful. He described the dedication of the UVHA's leadership team, from the coaches to those holding appointed and voting governance positions. It is Jason's opinion that the UVHA offers an unrivaled experience thanks to the previously mentioned group's efforts to ensure that every child under the Storm banner has the opportunity to play and develop. Jason closed his remarks by introducing the new UVHA President, Brock Barton.

3. **Order of Business:**

a. **President's Address**-Before commencing with the election of open Board of Directors' positions, President Barton recognized outgoing Board members Jason Spaulding and Alex DeFelice who have been proponents of hockey in the Upper Valley for two decades, even preceding the merger of the Lebanon and Hartford Youth Hockey Associations. As local hockey players, and, later, volunteer coaches and members of the UVHA Board of Directors, the Storm owes a debt of gratitude to these individuals for their years of volunteerism and their efforts to shape the club into the fine organization we enjoy today.

b. **Position Elections**-The primary order of this evening's business was to hold the election for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and two Member-at-Large roles. Candidates for these positions were as follows: Josh Obar - Vice President, Jay Zanleoni - Treasurer, Jason Gramling - Member-at-Large, Sherry Dube - Member-at-Large, Roger Gillies -Member-at-Large, and Will Meyer - Member-at-Large. Each candidate introduced themselves to the membership. UVHA Secretary, Sarah Morlock, shared the Google ballot via email and explained voting procedures. Following confirmation of ballot completion, President Barton and Secretary Morlock reviewed the election results. President Barton announced that Josh Obar, Jay Zanleoni, Jason Gramling and Roger Gillies were elected by majority vote to serve on the Board the Directors for a two-year term.

c. **General Discussion**-President Barton opened the floor to the membership for general questions and discussion. The membership inquired about the

upcoming season in response to COVID-19. President Barton informed the group that registration for the 2020-2021 season would open to returning players on Friday, granted SportsEngine can fulfill their promise to set up the portal. The UVHA Board of Directors is proceeding as though the season will commence as normal. Aware that information and regulations are ever changing amid this pandemic, the UVHA will operate within the State of Vermont, Town of Hartford and NHAHA guidelines. In the event that the season is cancelled, full refunds will be offered.

4. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:30 PM