

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



February 21, 2021 ~ 8:00 PM

Via ZOOM

1. **Attendance:** Brock Barton, Josh Obar, Jason Gramling, Will Meyer, Tom Daniels, Joshua Flanders , Jen Callahan.

2. **Meeting called to order:** 8:05 PM
 - a. Motion by Brock to approve Jen Callahan as new secretary for the remainder of the secretary term (through May 2023). Seconded by Jason Grambling. Motion Approved- 6 votes

3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Coaching Coordinator-** Nothing to report.
 - b. **SafeSport Coordinator-**No report.
 - c. **Equipment Coordinator-** Jason G reports there is not much to update on. Black puck supply is getting low and more pucks will need to be purchased for next year. Jen will do an inventory of pucks in storage and chuck-a-pucks Thursday to determine what needs to be ordered for the skate-a-thon and next year. Jason would like to create a budget and annual purchase list prior to the start of the next fiscal year.
 - d. **Girls Development-**Jason G reports attendance has been sporadic and will continue to be this weekend with the 10U states happening. A possible girls game with Hanover was discussed and is in the works for March.
 - e. **Treasurer-** No report.
 - f. **Fundraising-** Jen & Josh asked more clarifying questions about prizes for the skate-a-thon and reported that there have not been any volunteers to help solicit prizes. The association pays for some of the larger fun prizes for the \$100

fundraiser group. Kohl's and Shaws have sponsored Chuck-a-puck in the past and Josh will reach out this week. Brock agreed to send an association wide email to continue to ask for help and spread the word about the event. Will agreed to send an email to all the team coaches to ask them to get head counts for their team by Monday, February 28th. A final event time was set at 5-7:30pm on 3/11/22 and will be a revolving door event.

- g. **Registrar**-No report.
- h. **GSL League Representative**- Joshua was not able to attend the last in person meeting. He again emphasized the huge change moving to 15 minute periods will bring and the need for purchasing hour and 15 minute time slots for GSL games. Josh Obar reported that conversations about how this will work have begun with the town.
- i. **Scheduler**- Josh O shared the remaining weekend schedules. He reported practices the week of 2/28 - 3/4 will be mixed up due to HHS likely hosting numerous playoff games. There will be no skills that week. Monday practices will stay the same. No Storm practices Tuesday. Wednesday 8U will practice at 5:35pm and 10U at 6:45pm. On Thursday, 8U will practice in the 5:35 time slot while 12U and 14U practices remain the same. No Storm practices on Friday. There was also discussion about having 2013's skate up the week of 2/28 to begin to transition to full ice play for next season.
Jason Grambling is trying to put together a game with Hanover for next season's U10's, however, Hanover has no more ice time at Campion after March 5th. The 2011's can skate up with U12 after March 5th.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **End-of-Season Gifts**- Josh Obar put forth a request to purchase an end of the season gift for Jay Z to thank him for his time and efforts this season with Girls Skate and the goalies. He went above and beyond what was asked of him and stepped into roles where we were lacking coaches. Josh also suggested that we purchase a gift for Aidan Snow for all his help with the goalkeepers. These gifts were agreed upon unanimously and Brock said that he would purchase gift cards for both of them and take care of it.
- b. **Association Merger**- A long discussion was had about a potential merger between Woodstock, UVHA, and Hanover. This merger is being considered due to the lack of numbers at the PeeWee and Bantam levels. Woodstock's numbers are very low and Hanover Bantams came to skate with Storm this year because they didn't have enough for a team. The biggest benefit of this merger would be to increase the numbers of players in the association and allow for more teams in hopes to have kids playing at the appropriate level. The biggest concern with this merger seemed to be the geographic location of Woodstock and the impact that would have on weeknight driving times and our participation in the GSL league.

Other concerns were the cultural differences between associations, “home rinks” at the 8U and 10U levels, and differences in cost between associations and levels. Recruitment of players back to the association post COVID was also discussed as well and recruiting goalkeepers and a goalkeeping coach. Reid Cashman has shown interest in collaborating with Upper Valley associations and discussion about what that might look like was also had. Brock asked everyone to continue to think about this topic and it was tabled for a future meeting.

5. **Meeting Adjourned:** 9:47 PM