

Minutes for UAHA State Board – Monthly Meeting

A Board meeting of UAHA was held on December 3, 2018, at the Maverik Center. It began at 6:45 pm.

Attendees

See Attached Attendance Sheet. Guests introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

- Minute for December were reviewed. No corrections to the minutes were noted. Jason Empey made a motion to approve December minutes. Motion was seconded by Matt Holloway. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Minute for January were reviewed. Minutes consisted of a statement that the meeting was canceled. No corrections or comments to the minutes were noted. Jason Empey made a motion to approve January minutes. Motion was seconded by Dewey Regan. Motion was approved unanimously.

Regular Session

- **Consideration of approval to purchase RESPECT Banners.** - Derrick Radke noted that he had asked for an email vote to purchase the RESPECT Banners and did not get a sufficient number of responses. Derrick noted that there would be sufficient funds left from various budget items that will be underspent, such as the travel expenses for the USAH Winter Meeting, to cover the cost of the banners. Jill Day made a motion to approve the \$960 cost.
- **Setting tryout schedules** - Derrick Radke opened discussion by reviewing the tryout provisions from the Policies and Procedures. He noted he had been in touch with Lisa Durso who had indicated she would check with the Coaches from WCR and others to see if they could pin point when they would be able to hold the tryouts. She had not gotten back. Derrick asked the WCR representatives in the audience if they thought WCR could have their tryouts completed prior to the end of May. They indicated they were confident they would be completed prior to the end of May. Discussion regarding Tier II tryouts ensued and concluded they would be best held in June.

Discussion then turned to the Travel Level tryout schedule. Each of the members of the BOD were asked to give their opinions. Most offered they thought waiting again until August was the right thing to do. Michael Strahan, ADA Coordinator offered that USAH ADM Guidelines were to give the youth “time off” for the summer and to further develop. Members of the audience were also asked for their opinions. Most wanted to move the tryouts up noting the difficulty of getting “soft goods” in a timely manner, would work better for families and summer vacations, and it would allow the kids to know where they would play and not have to worry about any of it over the summer.

Other comments made:

- Noted that High School Players who took the summer off, often did better when the season restarted
- Some thought picking of teams was not transparent in that except for just a couple of players, teams were already picked
- Getting them done would relieve the stress of knowing where the kids would play
- Suggestion to have one “mass-tryout”...Everyone at one big tryout

Derrick asked if it would make sense to think about the discussion and ask for written input from those outside the BOD and bring it back for a decision at the March meeting.

Consensus of the BOD was that Tier I would conclude their Tryouts prior to the end of May; Tier II would begin their tryouts on June 1st and conclude by June 30th. Dewey Reagan made a motion to this affect. Matt Holloway seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Setting dates to review Organization Team Applications by Section** – Discussion by BOD concluded that the applications would first be reviewed by the Travel (Tier) and Youth (House/Rec) Section members so that UAHA could consider any concerns/comments by the Section while they review and consider applications.
- Youth/House Items – See information below presented by Patty Bigelow and discussed by BOD
Couple of things coming up. February 1, 2019 at midnight is the deadline for Team Declarations for Rec/House D1 and D2 and House Rec Travel Teams. Late fee will be charged \$250.00 + the 50\$ team fee. After 30 days, no late applications will be accepted.

Please email your team declarations too. UAHAVP@gmail.com

1. When declaring teams, I'd like to remind you that in 2017, the state board passed this regulation; "HOUSE REC: DIVISION II – **NON-CHECKING**. PLAYERS MAY PARTICIPATE IN AN IN-STATE LEAGUE (UYHL). D2 TEAMS MAY SET THEIR OWN IN STATE GAME SCHEDULE AS NEEDED. NO OUT OF STATE TRAVEL ALLOWED. OUT OF STATE OR BILLETED PLAYERS NOT ALLOWED. PLAYER IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO PLAY BOTH D1 AND D2". (Copy and pasted from P&P's)

A few things about this rule. This rule states that all D2 players are non-checking. It doesn't state that you can not teach checking during practices. However, all age groups can not check if they are D2 including 14U. The reason why as stated in the P&Ps'; "Division II – Beginning to low level skill player. Division II teams may not travel out-of state for any games or tournaments. It is recommended that the number of players be kept low so that the players get the maximum amount of ice time and puck touches during games. Teams are encouraged to practice together to maximize ice effectiveness and minimize costs".

I've attended several house/rec games, because, I've had complaints about non-compliance with the D2 non checking rule going all the way to WIOHA. I will say this; the state depends on each organization's president to enforce the rules set forth by the state (UAHA) and educate all coaching staff about these rules. I will include the link to the P&P's please make sure to print off copies in necessary. <https://www.utah-hockey.com/page/show/145143-uaha-bylaws-and-pandp>

* I Strongly recommend holding a coaches meeting with all coaches and going over rules for compliance.

2. Thank you for being dedicated, Thank you for encouraging our youth hockey players, Thank you for all the hours and headaches you deal with on a daily basis, and most of Thank you for trusting me to help our youth groups, and for your Patience, I really do appreciate every one of you. We've all worked together over many years and feel like we all have the same goals we would like to work towards.

3. Couple of items I am adding to the agenda this coming month. Just brief description.

- Practice players, rostering rule ; work with Derrick to add to P&P's.
- Work with Derrick to change the wording of our P&Ps on page 7 of 59;
From: Approved youth USA hockey sanctioned teams for the 2017-2018 season
To: Approved youth USA hockey sanctioned teams

- Grizzlies Rec teams; plan of action: We will be setting up a Presidents Meeting for our URHL teams in April of this season. I am allowing them to declare teams, as agreed in good faith they've done what we as a group have asked of them; during the Presidents only meeting, we will be deciding on how we are going to accept them into our organization.
4. Work with Derrick to amend P&P. Change page 9 of 59:

From: Complete the Membership Application Form and submit with a \$50.00 per team, nonrefundable application fee made payable to UAHA, must be submitted on or before February 1st of each year. Membership application shall be a form prepared by and submitted to UAHA, signed by the President of the Member Association. The form shall contain the information detailed in sections 3 through below.

To: Complete the Membership Application Form and team declarations by February 1st of each year. The 50\$ team fee will be due December 15 of the current season. Membership application shall be a form prepared by and submitted to UAHA, signed by the President of the Member Association. The form shall contain the information detailed in sections 3 through 9 below.
 5. Work with Derrick to amend P&P. Change Page 19 of 59: Team Rosters: Addition of Rule 14. Birth Certificates for every youth player must be submitted to the State Registrar. When roster is approved player will be redlined and not able to play or participate in practices or games until proof of age has been submitted. (this should only need to be done once per player, BC will become record with the state registrar)
 6. Discuss Cedar City, and the possibility of joining UAHA. They have built their program from the ground up. They have a HS sanctioned team, they have 6U 8U 10U 12U and 14U, all youth leagues appear to be D2 level. They have a 9 million dollar grant to build a facility, they will need to provide changing rooms for teams, and a separate room for Girls, that can be locked or monitored. I've invited their representative to the meeting.
 7. P&P updates need to reflect UYHL as voted and approved.
 8. I would like to discuss where the required \$50 team fee is going, how it benefits all youth organizations as a whole or independently. If youth organizations can apply for grants. Derrick noted that HS had concerns as well and UAHA should have an in depth discussion as the 2019-2020 budget is developed.
 9. I would like to discuss priority of scholarships given at the beginning of the season. (Note: Item was skipped during discussion)
- Section Reports (5 Min. Each)
 - High School VP, Matt Holloway
 - JV Season wrapped up. Playoffs started February 4th and will wrap up on February 22nd.
 - Girls/Women VP, Doug Anne
 - Working with Brian to get more girls participating at State Camp. 12U Lightning Girls went to Stillwater MN. All games were close. Doug described the girls hockey "community" in Stillwater.
 - Adult VP, Jae Worthen – No report
 - Youth VP (House/Rec), Patty Bigelow – Nothing else to report

- Travel VP (Tier), Dewey Reagan
 - State Playoffs are ready to go. Needs UAHA BOD to volunteer to be at the games for the Disciplinary Committee if needed. Still looking for EMT. Brian Clements has a lead and will get it to Dewey. There will be a cost. Dewey made a motion to approve the added expense. Carole Strong seconded the motion. The proposal was approved unanimously.
- Disabled VP, Brian Clements
 - Brian reported on State Camp registration. State Camp moved to Steiner March 22-24. 95 boys already registered. Girls numbers are low. Need help. Was able to get Pure Hockey to sponsor the camp, getting lots of goodies for the participants. Gordy is going to be the Evaluator coordinator. There are 2 out of state evaluators and several more from within the state.
- CEP, Wayne Woodhall
 - Discussed issues with coaches being on the bench/ice with expired CEP
 - Had 80(ish) attendees at the Level IV clinic
 - Held a Level II clinic on December 28th. Lots of out of state participants
- ADM, Michael Strahan
 - Looking for organizations willing to hold ADM clinics. Sent email inviting organizations to get a hold of him
 - Has put together an ADM Facebook Page
- SafeSport, Wendy Radke – Derrick read report submitted with the agenda
- Web Master, Brian Murray – Nothing to report
- Executive Reports (5 Minutes Each)
 - Registrar, Catherine Anderson – No report
 - Discipline, Carole Strong
 - December hearing. Adults not behaving. Coach Game Misconduct
 - No January hearing.
 - No February hearing (yet)
 - Treasurer, Jill Day
 - Received annual report
 - Charitable Statement filed on time
 - Secretary, Linlee Jones – No Report
 - Exec. VP, Jason Empey – Nothing additional to report
 - President, Derrick Radke
 - A question has been raised about fees for 8U/6U. The P&P's do not exclude any age group or division. Do we want to amend the P&P's?
 - USA Hockey has developed new Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policies for Affiliate Leadership to sign. I will bring these to an upcoming meeting once they are edited with our information.
 - Winter meeting Update
 - RMD Meeting
 - Kathleen Smith is up for election. I sent her nomination in for consideration. Anyone in good standing with USAH/UAHA can nominate others. District Registrar will be sending out balloting information. Ballot information will be

- sent to each Sb-Affiliate for voting. I cast the final ballot for Utah based on the voting submitted.
- Considering a Fee Increase
 - Mike Lehto from ID has decided to withdraw his resignation. Looks like USAH is going to let him continue as Coach-in-Chief.
 - Boys District Camp in Dallas
 - Cost going up [Need to verify]
 - Will be over Mother's Day Weekend, May 9-12
 - Girls Combined District Camp in Colorado Springs
 - Cost going up from \$645 to \$670 [Need to get that info out to Utah Camp participants]
 - June 8-12, 2019
 - High School
 - St. Lewis Showcase
 - Committed Boys Team
 - Committed girls for combined RMD Team
 - Boys HS Nationals
 - Affirmed Pure and Independent Teams
 - Fee will be \$1500/team with no gate fee.
 - District Tournament March 14-17, 2019
 - Like Nationals, no gate fee for spectators, but...
 - Cost is likely to go from \$1500 to \$2000
- USAH Winter Meeting Highlights
 - BOD passed \$6/season fee increase (down from initial \$10 proposal)
 - Moving away from Rocky Mountain Registrar and building a USAH platform. Supposed to be less costly
 - Emphasis was placed on continued development of the Player Safety Coordinator positions. District and Affiliates are going to need to seek a volunteer, and encourage State Organizations to follow suite.
 - Much discussion (in every session) about moving Body Checking from 14U to 16U. Considering several new studies from Mayo Clinic and others about brain development. Study of restricting last move to 14U reduced concussions by 67%
 - Considering many options (All Levels, Just House Rec)
 - Emphasize training of Body Contact at appropriate levels
 - Changing Annual Guide to require written release from qualified medical person on USAH form. Must submit to coach, Organization, Affiliate, and USAH.
 - Much discussion regarding Transgender accommodations.
 - SafeSport changes
 - Changing/Adding SafeSport Affiliate and Association Agreements
 - Making Annual Training mandatory
 - 18+ Year old players will be required to do the SafeSport modules (not background screening)
 - USAH is going to require ALL Affiliates use a single Screening Company. Cost will be a standard \$30 for all. Still going to be every two years. Not clear if it includes an automatic annual re-check.
 - Recommending that Rink Contracts include required background screening of employees.
 - New SafeSport Handbook should go out in 45 to 90 days
 - Screening changes will go into effect for the 2020-2021 Season

- Girls/Women
 - Section had working meeting on Growth of Girls/Women (hope they share)
 - Working with NHL/NWHL to build relationships for development. Encouraged working with area ACHA teams when not in an NHL/NWHL market
 - Discussed obstacles such as cost, Ice, and girl’s population/ concentrations. Suggested creating higher visibility for girls programs through social media. Also discussed the importance of getting local female coaches involved in programs.
- Discussion on new Transgender policies and procedures (details from Kathleen)
- National Tournament Dates announced
 - 2020 HS 3/26-30
Youth/Girls 4/1-5
 - 2021 HS 3/18-22
Youth 3/24-29 (Frozen Four conflict/Scouts)
Girls 4/8-12
 - 2022 HS 3/24-28
Youth/Girls 3/30 – 4/4
 - 2023 HS 3/23-27
Youth/Girls 3/29-4/3
- Next Meeting, March 4th, 2019
- No additional discussion
- Motion to Adjourn at 9:30 pm by Jill Day, Seconded by Dewey Reagan.

Secretary
[Organization Name]

Date of Approval