

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



April 1, 2020 ~ 6:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

1. **Attendance:** Jay Zanleoni, Brock Barton, Justin Barwood, Jason Spaulding, Alex DeFelice, Kylie Young, Trevyr Young, Sarah Morlock

2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:30 PM
 - a. The February 25th meeting minutes were not available for review. Sarah will disseminate them following the meeting for email approval.

3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Coaching Coordinator-**USA Hockey will be changing the background check process. These will now be done through their own processing service with a fee of \$30. They won't require background checks for the 2020-2021 season if you had a background check completed during the 2019-2020 season. Alex's understanding is that they will be asking for background checks along with the registration process. Alex also reported that Level Four Clinics will no longer be a two-day clinic. Instead, it will be similar to the format of Levels 1, 2 or 3. It will be just one day and have a lower fee at \$45.

 - b. **Equipment Manager-**Jason Gramling wasn't able to make the call. Given the stay safe, stay-at-home order, President Spaulding suggested that jersey return be postponed indefinitely. John Morlock had been in contact with a couple of UVHA vendors who informed him that with COVID-19 shutting down

production lines, they have orders in que, just waiting to be processed. This will most certainly cause delays for orders placed in the upcoming months. Sarah will ask John to reach out to Jason G. so that he can consider the UVHA's jersey replacement needs and place an order sooner rather than later.

c. **SafeSport Coordinator**-No report.

d. **Girls Development**-Jay and Justin Montebianchi had been coaching the Saturday morning Girls' Development skates. With attendance typically not topping six skaters, Jay proposed making better use of the ice by opening up that ice to additional players in need of development on coaches' recommendations. The Board agreed with Jay's thoughts and approved the Saturday morning skates' transition to Storm Development.

e. **Treasurer**-No report.

f. **Fundraising**-With the season ending abruptly and the Skate-a-thon being cancelled, families are still holding onto pledge envelopes and donations, many of which are checks in need of deposit. Sarah proposed that Team Parents communicate with their respective teams, asking families to mail the donations in their pledge envelopes to them directly. Sarah has a spreadsheet prepared to share with Team Parents; they can input each player's collected contribution once received. Funds raised would be mailed to the UVHA PO Box and deposited. The Fundraising Committee would then hold a virtual meeting, drawing for prize winners. Team Parents will be included on the call and asked to share the news of the funds raised and prizes won by participating players on their teams. The Board was concerned about the mailing of cash contributions. Parents will instead be asked to write checks for the total amount of cash in their players' envelopes, keeping the cash in trade.

g. **Registrar**-No report.

h. **Scheduler**-No report.

4. **New Business:**

a. **President Spaulding's Resignation**-Jason had previously communicated his intention to resign mid-term. He sent official word of his resignation this evening. The Board needed to appoint an interim President from the existing Board of Directors. Justin nominated Brock Barton for the role of interim President. Alex seconded his motion. All voted in favor. With Brock sitting as

President, the Treasurer role became vacant. Justin made a motion to nominate Jay Zanleoni as the interim Treasurer. Alex seconded his motion. All voted in favor. The Board will appoint an individual to fill Jay's vacant Director-at-Large position as a later date.

b. **16U & 18U Proposal**-Alex proposed that the UVHA again offer a 16U program this upcoming season. The Board received only positive feedback from players and families regarding the inaugural season of the Storm's Midget team. Alex asked that the Board allow him to explore the possibility of adding an additional 18U level program. Just like this year's 16U team, registration fees would be structured to be cost-neutral to the Association. He suggested focusing more on skills' sessions than on games. Teams would be declared at Tiers II and III respectively. Alex would like to seek a corporate sponsor for each group to cover the cost of tournaments. Ethan made a motion to approve Alex's proposal with a registration fee set at \$525 with a reduced early registration fee of \$475. Justin seconded his motion. All voted in favor.

c. **Travel Teams**-Based on expected returning player numbers, Justin projected that we could easily field two Bantam teams, two Pee wee teams, and two Squirt teams. Utilizing the available ice at WABA, the UVHA could support eight travel teams. With a possibility of stronger numbers if the Board accepted outside players, the group discussed adding ice time on Wednesday or at other facilities in order to accommodate an additional travel team. The discussion will be tabled until returning player registration numbers can be examined.

d. **Registration**-The Board agreed to move forward with registration for next season on a regular schedule. Therefore, registration will open to returning Storm families on May 15th. Registration will close on June 1st and numbers considered by the Board before opening registration to new players. Any non-returning players who register in the meantime will be wait-listed. Registration fees will remain fixed from the 2019-2020 season.

e. **Annual Meeting**-The UVHA's Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 29th. The meeting will be conducted remotely and the Board will need to consider between now and then how to invite members and hold elections. Sarah will put notice in the Valley News ten days in advance. She'll also inform the membership of the open Board of Director positions. In that same email, she'll communicate information about 2020-2021 registration, jersey return and Skate-a-thon fundraising results.

5. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:59 PM