



Mission: The “Upper Valley Hockey Association” mission is to introduce the youth of our area to and promote the game of hockey, so that every child in the program can enjoy a positive experience through encouragement, skill development and character building while creating a passion for the game

UVHA MEETING MINUTES
October 26th, 2022 – 8:00 PM
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7105893331>
Meeting ID: 710 589 3331

Call to Order- 8:02 pm

1. **Approval of Minutes-** Monthly minutes will be approved via email because they were not completed in time for review by the board.
2. **Monthly Reports**
 - a. Coaching Coordinator - Will has communicated with everyone who needed to finish coaching qualifications. He is working through who is taking care of House mites and Travel mites. Alison Mancuso and Pierce Mayhew are going to lead Storm Academy. Pierce is also leading House mites. We might need to help out with Saturdays and can ask high school athletes to help for community service hours.
 - b. Safesport Coordinator - No Update
 - c. NH State Representative - No meeting. It was postponed.
 - d. Girls Development - Girls development skate will take place Friday nights from 6:45-7:45pm and will split the ice with the goalkeepers. There are about 10-12 sessions total throughout the season. Tom Daniels is going to run it focusing on skating and shooting. Tom may ask Kylie to get some girls from the high school team to come down and help as well. The board is hopeful that the Friday night time change will encourage more skaters. Josh would like us to compile a goalkeeper list to email about gk skates and to let Evan know how many goalies he will have for practice planning purposes.
 - e. Fundraising - The board is considering doing a wreath sale as a winter fundraiser. Brock is going to reach out to the farm he knows about (Windy Ridge?) and find out if that is an option for this year. We can also make a lot of money in concessions for the 12U Tier 3 tournament we are hosting in March. Hillary Gillies also proposed a calendar fundraiser like Lebanon baseball does with daily cash prizes for a month.
 - f. Registrar - Kylie reported that we still need 10U rosters but Hillary will have those tomorrow after she distributes jerseys. She is putting together a google sheet to help manage the rosters throughout the season for add/drop etc. Brock and Kylie discussed how to finalize payment for the new 10U players and will be sending those families an invoice. Kylie is waiting on Travel mite rosters as well and Hillary will have those to her Friday evening once jerseys have been handed out. Game Sheet is all set. Kylie asked that we remind coaches that you can't just add/drop on Game Sheet.
 - g. Scheduler - Josh reports that there is a lot of Tier moving already (Squirt and PeeWee). We don't have a lot of ice time to make adjustments but there is some towards the end of the season in February. We still need to schedule tournaments for 10U2 and 14U2. The Travel Mites tournaments have been selected and we just need to officially register.
 - h. Equipment Manager - Hillary reported that all PeeWee and Bantams have their jerseys. Squirt jerseys will be distributed on Thursday night. Travelmites will be distributed on Friday. Hillary will be putting together goalie bags for travel mites (2), house mites (2) and squirt (1). There were 68 orders for socks and that order was placed. The CCM order has 10-12 orders so far and that will be placed this weekend. The other online store will be ready to launch soon.
 - i. Treasurer - Brock reported that the credit card was canceled for fraud and we were issued a new one. Our cash balances are healthy. Will will be filing tax returns in the next few weeks for the last tax year. Brock and Will are going to meet to switch over the treasurer ownership ASAP.
 - j. Marketing/Social Media Manager - Will reported that Storm professional pictures will be November 7th

- and 8th. Order forms will be paper and electronic but we do not have those yet.
- k. Safety/Concussion - No Update

3. New Business

- a. Outstanding items
 - i. Storm Academy - The board discussed Storm Academy at length to prepare for the start of that program on Saturday. Jen and Brock are going to put together an email to those families and get that out ASAP. The lead coaches for the program are going to be Pierce Mayhew and Alison Mancuso. Dana Wright will also be there and possibly one other family. Meredith Martin-Mayhew will do jersey distribution on Saturday. Brock and Jen will get her the roster and the equipment sign-out list from Hillary.
 - ii. Try Hockey for Free- Our UVHA Try It for Free day will be Saturday 11/5 at 9am. We will need volunteers for registration and check-in. Kylie and Brock are available but will need other help. We will include information about it in the SA email to tell their friends. We will also post on our Facebook page. Kylie will email the information she has to Jen and she will print out waivers. This event will be our fall marketing for Storm Academy. We need to think about advertising after Thanksgiving to get kids for the second session.
- b. Subcommittees - Brock talked about forming subcommittees for an Upper Valley Hockey partnership and starting a local tournament. He talked to WYHA the other day and they are very interested in talking with us about partnering. Brock and Will are happy to be part of that sub committee and if others are interested, they should reach out to Brock. The local tournaments would be based on towns, not clubs, and less formal. Josh posed the idea of a 3v3 tournament to get the kids into together in a less formal way and see if they get along. He also suggested a 6U/8U "league" idea where local teams would come together all at one rink for 3 hours on a weekend to play each other.
- c. Refund Policy - The board discussed at length the refund policy and how to move forward with several refunds this year. There was no resolution and everyone agreed we needed to re-write our refund policy to be more clear moving forward.
- d. Slate of board appointed positions - Brock will send out official ballots via email for approving positions next week.
- e. Slate of coaches - Brock will also send out an official slate of coaches to be voted on via email.
- f. Tryout timing and process - Tryouts will be discussed at the next meeting in November. Brock, Will and Josh are going to do some recon about local rink ice time and how that might affect spring tryouts. This is especially pertinent for the U14 team because they have the potential to make Nationals. The board wondered if WABA would consider extending the ice time in the spring.

Meeting Adjournment: 9:43pm