

# Minutes for UAHA State Board – Monthly Meeting

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A Board meeting of UAHA was held on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, at the Maverik Center. It began at 6:30 pm.

## Closed Session

- Appellant did not show up. Confused as to the day of appeal. Jason Empey made a motion to continue the item to the May 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Patty Bigelow seconded the motion. Majority approved. Carole Strong abstained.

## Attendees

See Attached Attendance Sheet. Guests introduced themselves.

## Approval of Minutes

- Minute for March were reviewed. Corrections to the minutes were noted under the report from Jill Day, Treasurer. Added Reviewed outstanding Team Fees for the 2018-2019 season above the table showing the fees. Jason Empey made a motion to approve December minutes. Motion was seconded by Jill Day. Motion was approved unanimously.

## Regular Session

- Slate Nominees for the 2019 General Election. Derrick Radke presented the list of nominees:
  - Jason Empey, Executive VP
  - Jill Day, Treasurer
  - Dewey Regan, Travel VP
  - Brian Clements, Disabled VP
  - Doug Anne, Girls/Women VP
  - Mylisa Graham, High School VP
  - Damon Kuemmel, High School VP

There were no nominations for the vacant Adult VP position. The Board needs to seek volunteers and decide how to fill the position. Each nominee accepted their nomination. Carole Strong made a motion to slate the nominees as read on the ballot. Matt Holloway seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Review and possibly approve a proposal to combine Girls Travel and Tier Teams under one organization. Doug Anne presented the proposal attached to the agenda. Members of the BOD spoke in favor of the proposal. There were no negative comments. A few questions were asked about how the rule would impact organizations beyond 75 miles of the SLC Sports Complex. Shannon Schmidt of Salt Lake County Youth Hockey was asked for his opinion. He stated that he was fully in support of the proposal. Dewey Regan made a motion to approve the Policy and Procedure change. Jason Empey seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanoumously.
- Review and approval of Travel Team Applications (Patty Bigelow)
  - Patty brought up that the Travel Applications accounted for about 30% of the total players. She commented that she thought this was too many. We explained that Tier I was set at about 8% (though USAH allowed 15%+/-), Tier II was at about 15% so the 30% was about right from the “Triangle perspective. Michael Strahan noted that ADM also recommended the 30% number.

- Kathleen pointed out that the 18U level would be difficult to field a team. There just are not enough 17/18-year old's that are not playing Juniors, or not already on a Tier II team, as evidenced by last season's folding of one of the approved 18U teams.
- Patty recommended UAHA change P&P to disallow playing up age classifications. It was pointed out the P&P strongly discourages playing up except in the most extreme case where a player is clearly ahead of their peers. Each organization should scrutinize any such request and avoid doing so just to fill rosters.
- Patty had started off recommending that CVAHA not be given Travel Level Teams. There was discussion that some of the teams from CVAHA and Golden Spike would combine to form teams. Dewey requested that Patty confirm this with CVAHA. She then checked in with the new President of the organization and reversed her recommendation after some discussion amongst the BOD.
- Discussion ensued about UAHA BOD enforcing the P&P's and not letting issues slide. All agreed, but also pointed out that sometimes the BOD is not made aware of issues, and sometimes the BOD needs to be reminded to take action given that everyone has normal life and work issues to deal with as well.
- All Applications were approved as submitted, with the condition that each organization become current with fees due and according to the following table which shows the age classification, the person making the motion, second, and the result of the vote:

Age Classification	Motion	Second	Vote Result
12U	Patty	Dewey	Unanimous
14U	Patty	Dewey	Unanimous
16U	Patty	Dewey	Unanimous
18U	Dewey. Added condition that Teams must form by August 1 <sup>st</sup> or be disbanded.	Matt	All were in favor, but for Carole who abstained
Girls (12U, 16U, 19U)	Doug to approve new UGHA and deny PC per new P&P.	Jason	Unanimous

- Review and approval of D1/D2 House Applications (Patty Bigelow)
  - Discussion centered around fees charged per team. To be discussed and decided as part of the Budget discussion in May. BOD needs to work on application process to clarify the process and needs. Dewey made a motion to approve all applications as submitted, with no limits on the number of D1/D2 teams that can be formed. Jason seconded the motion. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Discussion - Requiring High School Season to end by the last Sunday in February.
  - Dewey discussed the issues the Tier Section has encountered scheduling the playoff the last two seasons as a result of the length of the High School Season. Feedback from the BOD was heard. Shannon Woodhall noted how High School works hard not to schedule during key events and some of the hardship this season was due to weather related cancelation of playoff games. Each section needs to work together to figure out solutions before BOD takes any kind of action.

- Discussion - Tier 1 players participating in High School Hockey. (Dewey Reagan)
  - Discussion about positive/negatives ensued
    - Allowing Tier I possible disruptions to Tier I, and to HS Teams
    - Allowing Tier I may provide a positive influence on the lower level players
    - Allowing Tier I may take puck touches away from other players
    - Not allowing Tier I players has a negative impact on teams going to HS Nationals
    - Allowing Tier I allows for the social aspect of playing for their High School and with their friends
    - Allowing Tier would add around 50 players to the HS rosters
  - Dewey made the comment that UAHA may be discriminating against a class of players. If UAHA is not going to allow Tier I, then they should not allow Tier II to play either.
  - Issue will be on the May agenda for a decision.

#### Section Reports

- High School VP, Matt Holloway – Nothing more to add.
- Girls/Women VP, Doug Anne – Nothing more to add.
- Adult VP- Vacant - No Report
- Youth VP (House/Rec), Patty Bigelow – Nothing more to add.
- Travel VP (Tier), Dewey Reagan – Nothing more to add.
- Disabled VP, Brian Clements – Absent. No report.
- CEP, Wayne Woodhall (by Shannon Woodhall) – Working on Clinic Dates. Information will be out soon.
- ADM, Michael Strahan
  - Cannot go to National Hockey Coaches Symposium due to work conflicts. Would like to spend the budgeted money on ADM supplies/gear. Needs to bring back a specific proposal.
- SafeSport, Wendy Radke – No Report
- Web Master, Brian Murray
  - Working on CVAHA website. Found a new product that is not Sports Engine that UAHA and others may want to consider. Fresh platform. New look. Less expensive. Also, still able to use Sports Engine Registration platform. Note that USAH is rolling out a new Registration platform that everyone can use.

#### Executive Reports

- Registrar, Catherine Anderson – No Report
- Discipline, Carole Strong
  - 3 match penalties (2-adults)
  - Disciplinary issue with Vernal. Disciplinary Committee is working to accommodate the large number of players, coaches, and management. Committee may travel to Vernal if the organization pays the expenses.
- Treasurer, Jill Day
  - A handful of organizations are still not current on fees.
  - Some issues with organizations still not wanting to pay for duplicates.

Discussed Derrick and Wendy getting with Jill to reconcile.
- Secretary, Linlee Jones (Absent) – No Report
- Exec. VP, Jason Empey – Nothing more to add.

- Past President, Kathleen Smith
  - Noted 5 girls were sent to the St. Louis Showcase to play for the Mid-Am Team. Need to work on this issue much earlier in the season and get the girls involved early. May want to look at how this team is organized and rostered.
- President, Derrick Radke – Nothing more to add.
- Next Meeting, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Open Discussion - No additional discussion
- Motion to Adjourn at ~9:30 pm – Motion by Jason Empy, Seconded by Dewey Reagan.

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Secretary (President acting as)  
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Date of Approval