



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 May 17th, 2023- 7:30 PM @ King Arthur Flour

Attendees- Gregg White, Jen Callahan, Dana Wright, Josh Obar, Brock Barton, Will Meyer, Allison Mancuso, Tom Daniels

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm.

1. 14u Update

- a. Brock Barton began the meeting with a 14U update. He welcomed Gregg White from Woodstock Youth Hockey Association to the meeting. Brock reported that registration is still not at 3 teams but we do have plenty for two teams. We need 5-7 more kids for us to have another team. There is still potential for kids to come over. Woodstock has purchased ice this summer from 2-6 pm and they said we can take advantage of that ice time for tryouts. The ice time runs from July through the first two weeks of August. Will is working on jersey design and sizing. Brock asked Gregg for the high quality logos to work with. Gregg asked about ice time at WABA and how paying will work. Registration has been through the UVHA so Brock said that he could talk with Jeremy but UVHA could pay the WABA bills and then each organization would square up at the end of each month. Woodstock has the first pick of ice at Union and has flexibility now, but if they don't take the time, it gets scooped up by other associations. Woodstock's typical days and times for ice are M/T/TH/F 4:20-6:40pm. Woodstock gets \$15 off per hour so ask for the WYH price. Brock said that UVHA will start figuring out ice time. Woodstock in the past only got home ice on Saturdays but said that they could take Sunday sheets or Saturday afternoon slots for teams that need double headers or travel from far away. Josh is going to talk to Nate to see if we can get a checking clinic right out of the gate for our 14U skaters.

2. Approval of Minutes from April- Minutes approved

3. Monthly Reports

- a. Coaching Coordinator/Registrar- Allison can access her email. She read the manual and already got three coaches registered. She also started a spreadsheet to keep track of coaches. Brock is going to update the scholarship form and send it to Allison. Those scholarship applications get sent to the registrar when people fill them out.
- b. Safesport Coordinator - No Update
- c. NH State Representative - No Update. The annual meeting takes place next month.
- d. Girls Development - No Update.
- e. Fundraising - Will has secured volunteers for the CBHM. He is going to send an email asking for help for CBHM one more time. Jen gave an update about Skate-a-thon thank you's which have all been sent out now.
- f. Scheduler - Josh is going to clean the scheduler email account out and Will will transfer it to Dana. Josh is also going to email the scheduler the documents with all the contacts for NH and VT organizations.
- g. Equipment Manager - Will is still interim equipment manager. He has been communicating with Hockey Monkey. Josh forgot the sample jersey but the executive committee will meet up next week to look at the sample jerseys once Will gets the other ones. Will is working with someone to get mockups for 14U. He is thinking Whalers or Canucks colors with a simple front and each logo on the sides. Brock or Josh is going to ask Jess if she can get the Swarm logo in Adobe. Will asked the rep to send us the two sample jerseys. July 1st deadline for ordering to have jerseys in time. We will host a jersey fitting day before school ends for people to make sure they are sized correctly. The board scheduled this for June 11th and 12th. Will is

- going to send in the reminder email.
- h. Treasurer - Brock reported that we finished fundraising for the 2022-2023 season. We received money from the Byrne foundation which helped us finish net positive for the season! We got all the ice bills from Hartford. Brock will need help with applications for the Lebanon and NHAHA grants we always apply for towards the fall.
 - i. Marketing/Social Media Manager - No Update
 - j. Safety/Concussion - No Update

4. New Business-

1. **Update on registrations** - We have 62 overall registrations; twenty-eight 14U registrations. Will is going to send the reminder email about registrations to everyone who tried out in the spring to remind everyone to register by June 1st.
1. **Ice Buy**- The board spent a significant amount of time discussing the ice buy for the 2023-24 season. For 10U, the board still believes we will have 3 teams. There was discussion about how we can fit an extra sheet of ice into the schedule to accommodate for 3 teams. One important point that was raised by Josh Obar was that we need to make sure we have GK RSVP's each week, specifically for the 8U group, for planning purposes. The 8U RSVP could be initiated by Jen as the group lead. Josh Obar is going to reach out to WABA and find out if it is possible to get an early 5-6pm goalie spot on Wednesday's The Girls Development program may go to Woodstock because they were combining last year and they could potentially do this from the start of the season this year. This move could hinder the 8U participation. The group considered a Thursday 14U slot. 10U will each get 2 skates per week (Teams: Mon- $\frac{1}{3}$, Thurs- $\frac{1}{2}$ Fri- $\frac{2}{3}$).
2. **End of season Survey results** - The group deferred this discussion to the next meeting.
3. **Goalie Coach for Next Season** - Josh is going to work on this.
4. **Fall BBQ planning**- The board set the date for the Kick-off BBQ for September 24th from 11:30-1:30pm. We will do a gear exchange like last year. This was a big hit for families.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 pm.