

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



September 19, 2018 ~ 6:00 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kylie Young, Sarah Morlock, Jason Spaulding, Justin Barwood, Brock Barton, Roger Gillies, Bill Mann, Alex DeFelice, Josh Obar, Jay Zanleoni, Trevyr Young
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:01 PM
 - a. The August 15th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Justin, seconded by Alex).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex held the coaches meeting earlier this week. It was well-attended: twenty-one coaches were present. Alex reviewed the requirements for volunteering. Many coaches had already begun to fulfill these requirements. Not all coaches who professed interest have completed the online registration. Alex has advised them to do so. Kylie made a motion to approve the following slate of coaches: Brock Barton, Mark Bean, Scott Christian, Tom Daniels, Nick Davies, Alex DeFelice, Les Drent, Nathan Dube, Jason Gramling, Dan McGee, Jason Spaulding, Justin Montebianchi, John Morlock, Matt Maher, Scott Nichols, Ethan McNaughton, Kylie Young, Trevyr Young, John Grout, Josh Obar, Justin Barwood, Jason Gaudette, Felipe Calderon, Kelly Park, Jacki Smith, Eric Smith, Jay Zanleoni, Chris Gogan, Whittlesey, Max Wunderlich, and Ed Walsh. Justin seconded her motion. All voted in favor. Following player placement after tryouts, the Board will approve head and assistant coaches for each team.
 - b. **SafeSport Coordinator**-Mindy Dube resigned from her role as SafeSport Coordinator. The position responsibilities were described. Jay Zanleoni accepted the appointment. Jason will arrange for the uvha.org email to be transferred to Jay. He'll also name him on the website and make his appointment known to the state.
 - c. **Treasurer**-Brock reported that he'll soon have access to UVHA accounts and have the ability to remit payments. He noticed that the Mite program numbers are not commensurate with projections. But the group discussed the typical influx of LTS players closer to the season start. The City of Lebanon funding meeting is

this coming Tuesday. Brock will attend to make a case for their continued support.

- d. **Fundraising**-The UVHA received the \$500 contribution from the CBHM. Roger is working on selecting gear for this year's apparel sale. He's hoping to have the sale open before the start of the season. Sarah will take preorders for the hockey sock sale. The Board needs to set dates for photos, the tree sale and skate-a-thon. She'll order additional car magnets to distribute to the membership.
 - e. **Registrar**-Kylie reported that there are currently a total of 137 players registered. There are 28 Bantams, 34 Peewees, 32 Squirts (including four wait-list players), 21 Travel Mites, 17 LTP and four LTS. Kylie shared that she and Coach Goldsworthy are organizing a girls' off-ice event to be held at noon on October 6th. They are planning activities to introduce the girls to hockey, making use of sticks and street hockey balls. They also plan to include team building activities and an ice cream social. Kylie asked the Board to consider allotting funds for the purchase of a participation prize and goods needed for serving ice cream. Roger made a motion to approve a budget of \$250 to support this event. Sarah seconded his motion. All voted in favor.
 - f. **Scheduler**-Bill has been busy scheduling games and populating the website calendar. He distributed a spreadsheet listing the current number of games, by team. Learn-to-Play has a devoted BE Fit sheet each Sunday. Learn-to-Skate has their Saturday morning practice sheet. Bill weighed the Board's opinion of having the LTS and LTP teams share that Saturday morning sheet if LTP coaches have advance knowledge that their Sunday sheet will be underutilized. The group agreed if such circumstances arose and a travel team was in need of ice for a GSL game, it would be reasonable to have the two LT programs share Saturday morning ice and reassign the Sunday sheet to another team. Bill also communicated that the Tier II Peewees are light on games as there are currently only five teams in that tier. Bill will work to fill in their schedule with competitive, non-league games with associations such as the Dynamo and Essex. The fall "Try Hockey for Free" event is November 10th. Kylie asked that the 1:00 PM sheet be reassigned for Try Hockey for Free, versus the 8:00 AM slot. She argued that the early time slot detracts participation. Bill will make changes to the schedule to accommodate this.
4. **New Business:**
- a. **Tryout Committees Proposal**-Justin made a motion that Squirt Committee members include Brock, Matt and Jay; Peewee Tryout Committee members include Jason, Dan and Kylie; and Bantam Tryout Committee members include Justin, Alex and Jim. Bill seconded his motion. All voted in favor. Jason will contact committee members to inform them of their appointment. Committee members are responsible for organizing their level's on-ice evaluation and communicating with families. More coaches and independent evaluators will

participate in the process, but committee members act as necessary point-persons for planning purposes.

- b. **October 13th Skate and Food Drive**-Following the approval of the Executive team, Sarah reserved three sheets of ice at Thompson on Saturday, October 13th. The UVHA will offer a complimentary warm-up skate for players of all ages in advance of tryouts. Sarah also suggested that the UVHA pay forward the generous support they've received from the greater community by utilizing this event as an opportunity to collect food for the Haven. Given WABA's October 13th opening, Justin made the case that the October 13th skates be held at our home rink instead. The group agreed to the venue change.
 - c. **Squirt/Peewee Numbers and Waitlist**-The Board discussed, at length, the numbers at both the Squirt and Peewee levels. While there's still some room to round out Peewee numbers, there's a wait list at the Squirt level. The consensus was, as a general rule, to make reasonable accommodations to include interested players. Taking into consideration that four additional players at the Squirt level will not weight teams too heavily or have a negative impact, Kylie made a motion to accept the four wait-listed Squirt players. Roger seconded her motion. All voted in favor. Jason will inform wait-list families of their acceptance.
 - d. **Referee Scheduling Software**-Mark Goodwin has asked that the UVHA and Hanover split the cost of the purchase of scheduling software that would allow his job to be more efficient. Justin made a motion to appropriate \$200 for the scheduling software. Bill seconded his motion. All voted in favor.
 - e. **Chief Referee Update**-Jason has been in communication with Mark Goodwin. He wanted the Board to be aware that a physical issue may cause him to resign from the position.
 - f. **Girls Development Coordinator Appointment**-Jason spoke with Jay Zanleoni in advance of the meeting. With the UVHA taking steps to develop its girls' programming, the association needs an individual willing to initiate, coordinate and oversee its girl-specific offerings. Jay agreed to take on this role. In addition to assisting with facilitating the girls' clinics already scheduled, Jay will look into planning tournaments and games. Bill cautioned that Jay avoid scheduling conflicts that would impact player attendance at GSL games.
5. **NH State Meeting Report**: Roger attended NHAHA's season kick-off meeting. He'll share his notes with Sarah to later include as an addendum.*
6. **Meeting Adjourned**: 8:14 PM

**10/6/18 Addendum-Roger shared with Sarah the notes from NHAHA's September 15th meeting. ADM grants will be awarded up to \$2,000 this year. Applications are on the website and due November 1st. Coaches and contractors are required to wear helmets on the ice. Anyone*

reported to be on the ice without a helmet will be suspended for 30 days. And it was noted that 50% of players must be from NH in order for border associations to register with NHAHA.