



Mission: The Upper Valley Hockey Association is a volunteer run association whose mission is to introduce the youth of the greater Upper Valley to the game of hockey, so that every child in the program can enjoy a positive experience through sportsmanship, teamwork, integrity, and respect for all individuals, while developing a love for the game.

**UVHA November BOARD MEETING
Minutes (REMOTE ONLY)
November 20th, 2024
6:00 – 7:00 pm**

Attendees: Will, Brock, Allison, Jen, Josh, Megan, Dana, Cherry

Approval of Minutes from the October Meeting: The minutes will be approved via email when Jen sends them.

Age Group Updates:

- a. 14u - Brock reports that everything is going smoothly at 14U. He is still finalizing if we can get into Pot of Gold. The Green team is going to the CanAm tournament. The Blue team is going to St. Albans and somewhere else that he can't remember.
- b. 12u - Will doesn't have much to report. He is almost through the GK issue for 12U Blue. Both teams are attending the Holy Name tournament this coming weekend. Will is working through the paperwork to be able to play Cardigan.
- c. 10u - Jen reports that both teams have had a great start to the season and everyone seems really happy with their success thus far. The older House kids are moving to Monday/Tuesday training with 10u and will skate either Saturday with House Mites or on an open ice slot on their own. Will is trying to create a third team (Silver) that is not in the GSL to try and get this group of kids some ice time. The families are grateful and appreciative. This is the best solution to get these kids where they need to be and helps to catch them up. We do have a qualified coach for them and they also have a player who is interested in playing goalie.
- d. 8u - Allison says that everything is going well. Allison has started to see behaviors and addressing that is going well. Kids have been compliant. Jay has officially taken over running Storm Academy. He appreciates having the practice plans and modifying from there.

Monthly Reports

- a. Coaching Coordinator/Registrar: Allison reports there are two red lined coaches and she is working with them to resolve this. She is also chasing house mite programs for games for the HM's but she needs them to create USA hockey rosters.
- b. Safesport Coordinator - No Update
- c. NH State Representative: Monthly NHAHA meeting update provided by Will Meyer. The NHAHA grant is open until 11/30. There is roughly about \$12,000 open to all NHAHA clubs. Roster deadlines are 12/31. Concussion forms need to be emailed to Autumn. Brock asked a clarifying question about concussions and the board agreed the form was only for on-ice concussions. Will reminded coaches at each age level to make sure they are recording penalties correctly.
- d. Girls Development: Allison reports that girl development is going really well. With

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- regards to high school athletes coming to help, Will did some research and said that it's cheaper to just pay for their USA Hockey memberships. The board discussed paying for some of the high school boys and girls to be able to come on the ice and help. Brock suggested we ask Gramling and see how many would be interested in helping and then we need to cap it at 5-8 players. Will thinks most of the Lebanon kids who would be interested in helping with Storm Academy already have USA Hockey numbers.
- e. Fundraising: Cherry spoke about the concession stand and getting that started. Bethany has agreed to be the lead organizer for the concession stand volunteers. She is going to do the schedule and get people to sign up. We want to provide this without having to chase people down. Cherry and Bethany wondered if we can add this as an expectation for in-game volunteer roles? If each family takes one go at it during the season then we can cover it. We need to communicate our why to parents and understand the cost. Asked for a safe goal number from Brock. Cherry and Jen will draft a why but Tournaments could be a thing to motivate people. We are still going to ask to cover the game before. Dana will try email changes to Bethany as they happen and will give her access to his spreadsheet. The board also discussed doing a weekend 50/50. If you're a non-profit you don't need a license to do this. Another fundraising idea that came up was doing a Mom's Skills Night. The board liked the idea and will try to coordinate for January.
 - f. Scheduler- Dan reports there have been some tier changes for 12u and 10u. This means more games for 12u Black Tier 4. 10u Black went back to having 11 teams in Tier 5.
 - g. Equipment Manager - Will placed the sock order this week and it will take a week to get here. Coaches have to keep going in the concession room for practice jerseys. Will asked if we could purchase a storage locker and would need to talk to WABA about putting one in there. Brock is going to look into cost. Josh is going to look into one's through his employer.
 - h. Treasurer: Brock is going to send out a budget for 25-26 via email with commentary and will present it in December. The Lebanon Grant is due November 30th. Brock is going to put in for quick change pads and Storm Academy. We need to charge the Mite families moving up. Brock is going to draft up communications for those families and figure out the cost based on ice time and that they are not expecting games.
 - i. Marketing/Social Media Manager: No Update
 - j. Safety/Concussion: No Update

Other Comments:

Dana asked about players that might want to move down to Silver from Black to have more of a house experience. Will said it would be fine if someone was interested in making it work.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm