

Minutes for UAHA State Board – Monthly Meeting

A Board of Directors meeting of UAHA was held on November 5, 2018, at The Oval. It began at 7:00 pm.

Attendees

Present:

Derrick Radke, President
 Jason Empey, Executive Vice President
 Jill Day, Treasurer
 Carole Strong, VP Discipline
 Kathleen Smith, Past President
 Dewey Regan, VP Travel
 Patty Bigelow, VP Youth (Conference Call)
 Douglas Anne, VP Girls/Women
 Matt Holloway, VP High School [welcomed to the table]
 Brian Clements, VP Disabled

Wayne Woodhall, Utah Coach-in-Chief
 Michael Strahan, Utah ADM Coordinator
 Brian Murray, Web Master (Conference Call)

Absent:

Linlee Jones, Secretary
 Jae Worthen, VP Adult
 Cathy Anderson, Utah Registrar
 Wendy Radke, Utah SafeSport Coordinator

Guests: Nikola Lee, Shelly Bricco, Devin Grim, Marcus Pezzolesi, Shelly Strahan, Jason Simmons

Approval of Minutes

- Discussed edits to October Regular meeting minutes. See attached corrected minutes. Motion to approve as corrected by Jason Empey. Seconded by Brian Clements. Board voted unanimously to approve as corrected.
- Discussed edits to October Special meeting minutes. See attached corrected minutes. Motion to approve as corrected by Jason Empey. Seconded by Carole Strong. Board voted unanimously to approve as corrected.

Regular Business

- Discussed process used to fill the vacant VP High School Section position on Board of Directors. UAHA received a recommendation from the Utah High School Hockey Board of Trustees to seat Matt Holloway. Motion to approve by Jason Empey. Seconded by Carole Strong. Board voted unanimously to approve. Matt was asked to join the BOD at the table.
- Discussed re-opening Fee Assistance Applications. Derrick received a couple of requests for reconsideration. One applicant complained there was no due date on the application form itself. It was noted that the application package had the due date, as well as the notices that were sent out by USA Hockey. Members pointed out that organizations have already set their budgets, and the process would have to be re-opened to all members not just the late applicants. Motion to deny re-opening fee assistance applications by Jason Empey. Seconded by Carole Strong. Board voted in majority to deny. Jill Day voted to re-open.
- Discussed proposal from Patty Bigelow, House VP, to amend the Policies and Procedures to regulate practice players, specifically requiring them to be on a team roster. The existing P&P's are silent on the matter. The question was posed to Catherine Anderson, State Registrar, and to Darla Thompson, District Registrar on any possible registration rules/issues. Catherine indicated her preference for a "practice player roster" and would help avoid double rostering issues if "practice Players" were not included on

the same roster as players playing games. Darla indicated there was no requirement that players practicing for a team had to be on a roster, only that they were registered USA Hockey. Board discussed problems created in the past by allowing practice players, and discussed the potential benefits such as added ice time for the “right” players and additional player development. The general consensus of the Board was to refer the issue to both the Youth Section Council, and the Tier Section Council to discuss and bring back the BOD a recommendation. The recommendation should include guidelines/consideration of coaching/team approval, consider using “play-up” rules, allowing practice players only from within an organization, ADM Guidelines, and other ideas and solutions by the Sections. No action taken. Tier and Youth VP’s given direction to discuss with their Sections.

- Discussed proposal by Patty Bigelow, Youth VP to amend the Policies and Procedures to allow D2 teams to travel out of state to up to two tournaments. Discussion centered around the purpose of D2; beginning level players, player development, and learn to love the game. Kids should be taught that they should be proud to be a member of a D2 team. Coaches, Managers, Organizations, and parents should always be positive and encouraging. No action was taken. The matter was referred back to the Youth Section for further discussion and a recommendation.

Section Reports

- High School VP – Shannon Woodhall sent an email to Derrick regarding need for Goalie Clinics at the Youth level. Coordinate with Jared Baxter to organize.
- Girls/Women VP - Doug Anne asked about past efforts to hold “Try Hockey for Free” for just Girls. Derrick reported that past events were held and any effort to do something this year would be welcome. It was suggested that we consider the IIHF Girls Hockey Weekend as the target date. [note it was October 8th, new date needs to be found]
- Adult VP, Jae Worthen – No report
- Youth VP (House/Rec), Patty Bigelow – No Report
- Travel VP (Tier), Dewey Reagan – Tier II playoffs are scheduled at Steiner. Will reach out to Tier II Orgs to declare.
- Disabled VP, Brian Clements – Sled Hockey Playing at Steiner. Pucks for Blind Hockey are coming from USA Hockey. Also, State Camp is scheduled for March 22 – 24, 2019.
- CEP, Wayne Woodhall – Clinics Scheduled: Level III December 1st, and Level I December 29th. See Calendar and USAH Website.
- ADM, Michael Strahan – Looking for ADM Coaching Clinic opportunities.
- SafeSport, Wendy Radke –

At this time we have had 529 background screens submitted (a few duplicates) with 492 that passed. (Some recent ones are pending). Utah Amateur Hockey has historically required a background screen every year for every volunteer. This year we decided to go with a new screening company, and a 2 year renewal. When making this switch, the USA Hockey portal got set up for the 2 year renewal date, however, in doing that, it showed everyone that screened last year as being cleared for this year by mistake. USA Hockey has since fixed that error, but the screening company now has to fix the “Y’s” that are showing up on those that screened last year, but not this year. (Clear as mud!!)

Because of this error in the system, some coaches and managers have been cleared on rosters, when in fact they have not done a screening for this year. As rosters are being created, Cathy is

sending them to me, and I'm cross-checking them with the background screen registration. If they are listed as cleared, but have not been screened for this year, I've contacted them to please do a screening for this year. Most have responded and have done a background screen now. Just a reminder that we do this for the safety of our kids, and I appreciate everyone's patience as we get this all sorted out. Also, thanks to all organizations that have sent me their SafeSport contact and compliance report. If your organization hasn't returned the report to me, please do so as soon as possible. My report is due to USA Hockey.

- Web Master, Brian Murray – No Report

Executive Reports

- Registrar, Catherine Anderson – No Report
- Discipline, Carole Strong – No Report
- Treasurer, Jill Day – No Report
- Secretary, Linlee Jones – No Report
- Exec. VP, Jason Empey – No Report
- Past President, Kathleen Smith – Reported that National High School Girls Tournament reached out to her to see if we were interested in sending a girls team. Unfortunately, Utah is not ready yet to send a team.
- President, Derrick Radke – No Report

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Jill Day 8:30 pm, Jason Empey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Secretary
Utah Amateur Hockey Association

Date of Approval