



Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
Monday February 3, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7 pm.

On the phone during the meeting were TC Lewis, Chris Kenney, and Steve Stapleton.

Approval of January minutes. Motion made by Chris Lilley to table approval of the minutes until March, Steve Metcalf second. All were in favor, January minutes tabled to March meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Winter meeting expenses. Two bills were submitted for the winter meetings, \$301 car rental reimbursement to Fred (\$60 gas constitutes change), \$405 for meals on state credit card. Chris Lilley makes a motion to approve the above expenses, seconded by Derrick Radke. Discussion ensued regarding the charges. Vote, 8 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion approved. Kathleen expenses were submitted, \$984.87 for airfare and hotel, \$222.24 meals for her and the Referee in Chief and Patrick Ballou. Mike Holmes makes a motion to approve Kathleen's expenses. Chris Lilley seconds the motion. Vote 8 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. WMAHA Tier I U18 appeal - discussion was had about the WMAHA appeal submitted to USA Hockey and what the complaint was, USA Hockey made the determination that WMAHA U18 team were eligible to participate in the Tier I playoffs. USA Hockey stated they spoke with Jennifer Lilley and Mike Holmes in regards to this. TC and Chris explained that USA Hockey investigated this matter extensively and made their decision based on the information they obtained. Questions were answered via phone call by TC. Question as to whether WMAHA U18 was registered as Tier I or Tier II prior to December 31st, TC says they were not given the opportunity to register as Tier I previously as UAHA had made the decision to not allow them to play at the Tier I level and that it was clear from the UAHA minutes that WMAHA had requested to go Tier I numerous times previously and that they had been turned down in October. The Tier 1 play down is scheduled for Feb 4, 2014, at 9 pm and Feb 11, 2014, at 9 pm at the Peaks Ice Arena in Provo. The third game is TBD. USA Hockey, via phone call, asked if the games were tied at the end of regulation if there was a plan for how the tiebreaker would be broken, this is in the UAHA Tier Playoff rules. Tier II will played this weekend. Discussion was had if Tier I wanted to utilize a 4 man system for these play down games? Chris Smith made this suggestion as per USA Hockey new rules. The extra cost would be around \$56 per game. Kathleen makes a motion to utilize a 4 man official system for Tier I play downs and that UAHA cover the additional expense of that fourth referee, second by Derrick Radke. Matt Brickley talks about how, in his opinion, a 4 man official system is a better system because there are more people, the downside is that you could have 2 different officiating

styles out there, tighter vs less tight in the calls. Chris Smith agrees but guarantees that Jim McKenna will put like minded referees out there and that should not be an issue and how there needs to be people who have worked games together so they are used to working with each other. Jennifer Lilley makes a motion to change policy in section 1.5 of the State Tier Playoffs Rules and Regulation to - The three-person officiating system shall be used for the Tier II games, a four person officiating system may be used for Tier I. This is to be utilized for all Tier I games this season. Vote for both motions above, 9 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion approved.

2. USA Hockey investigation - everyone received a letter from USA Hockey about their decision/suggestions about UAHA board. Steve Stapleton spoke about the decision, wants board to read the decision and wants UAHA to try to resolve some of its own issues. USA Hockey would rather some board members willingly resign before USAH dictates what will happen. Steve Stapleton does not believe the UAHA board functions well and that the UAHA board needs more definitive action. Steve Stapleton states USAH wants them to work with the UAHA board to improve its functionality. Matt Brickley speaks about revising the bylaws of if UAHA should work on personnel first, USAH wants UAHA to work on the efficiency of the board first before working on bylaws, they want something to happen before the March meeting then USAH can work with UAHA on bylaws changes after personnel issues are resolved. USAH and UAHA can be partners in re-writing the UAHA bylaw. Time table for getting these things accomplished will be the next couple of weeks as to what will happen with the UAHA board.

3. Update on UAHA special meeting from January 23, 2014 - Jennifer has minutes and will send out a copy to everyone. The issue was trying to get the state camp up and running. She cannot order plane tickets or hotels or anything yet. Jennifer was given the okay to get a state credit card during this meeting. Scott Hinerman talked to the bank, in order to make Jennifer a signor on the account all 3 people, Fred, Jennifer, and Scott would have to go into the bank branch. The question was asked to USAH what their stance was on this and they do not believe this is an acceptable way to go and that another board member should not be a signor on the account. Scott Hinerman has a credit card and Jennifer can utilize his card to get the necessary items for state camp, she can also contact Fred to use his card. Mike Holmes wants to know if the decision for Jennifer to be a signor should be overturned, USAH says this is highly unusual behavior and they would recommend not doing this and that only the treasurer and president should have a credit card and that Jennifer can make arrangements through Scott to use the card and Jennifer is fine with this. Chrissy made the suggestion that UAHA use a travel agent and that the agent could directly contact the board for payment. Does UAHA have a travel agent? If not maybe UAHA can find a travel agent to utilize for these situations. Are there other expenses for state camp? Food, accommodations, rental car, jerseys, etc. Sometimes evaluators pay their own way and then asked to be reimbursed which could happen. During the meeting a discussion was also had in regards to the UAHA bylaws. It was determined to utilize the UAHA bylaws on the state website. Everyone was in favor of utilizing those UAHA bylaws, none were opposed. Motion approved. Special meeting minutes can be approved at the March meeting.

4. Cedar City Update - Cedar City is excited to be able to use RAP tax funds to build floor next season. Wayne Woodhall, ADM coordinator, would like to drive to Cedar City to do an ADM clinic, just wants money for gas, \$80 to \$100, Motion by Mike Holmes to give \$150 for gas and food to Wayne to do ADM clinic, second by second by Kathleen Smith, vote for 10. Motion approved.

5. State Camp Budget - Jennifer Lilley - budget was attached on email sent. UAHA does have some leftover jerseys from last year. It is expected that attendance will be equivalent to last years. Fred has 4 bids for jerseys, Harrow is cheapest bid for about \$5 a piece for 100 to 150 jerseys, which is

approximately how many were ordered last year. These are to be direct shipped to Point of the Mountain Storage, Jennifer will get sizes and colors to Fred tomorrow for ordering. No expenditure for the Union team was submitted so it was requested to adjust the budget for the Union team. Referees are additional expense this past year. This year would want to have officials for these games to keep more order this year. Update on evaluators, has a goalie evaluator (McCloud) , female evaluator (out of Wisconsin), teams are going to Nationals. Brad Bayer out of Phoenix has cancelled. What is the criteria to be an evaluator? At least outside of Rocky Mountain District and Jennifer needs a resume for contacts of evaluators interested.

6. Try Hockey for Free - Youth Council - Oval has mite tournament that weekend. SDRC does not have ice for the event, they have some other Learn to Play Hockey program. What is SDRC retention rate, they state it is very high. Do not have gear for the bigger players to do Try Hockey for Free. Kathleen will look into First Goal for adults.

7. Registrar business- Cathy Anderson - Cathy would like it put on website that all teams need to be registered by December 20th of each season. Bruce K. told her that he wanted her to go to June meeting to Colorado Springs. Cost is unknown at this time, USAH pays for president, SafeSport Coordinator's room is paid for by USAH. Probably rent a car and drive there instead of flying. Last year paid approximately \$850 for car for 5 people and the hotel of \$169 a night. Once more definite idea of costs Cathy's attendance can be discussed.

Jae Worthen left the meeting at 8:39 pm.

8. Winter meeting report - Fred and Kathleen - Jennifer Lilley asked about update on 80/20 rule change, now it is not 80/20 but majority of players. Looking at more rules for house/recreation teams and them not traveling to tournaments, etc. USA Hockey may be looking at house/rec being more geography based. This will be discussed further at District Meeting. There is a USAH \$2000 matching grant, state has to match this grant, it can be decided later what to spend money on. This \$2000 comes from district and we can match it but we do not have to. This is separate money received from USA Hockey to be focused on growing the game and that there is a followup report due of what the money was spent on and what worked and what did not work. AAU and USA Hockey must be separate everything, ice contracts, websites, banking. They cannot be intertwined. This was part of the Legal Council meeting. USA Hockey has policy on non-sanctioned play that discusses all the above. The players and parents need to be aware of what organization they are playing under. Steve Stapleton will go over these questions with Kathleen. Steve Bohin asked what kinds of trends they seeing across the country with organizations going away from USA Hockey, numbers are not going down dramatically. In some instances, there are some teams registering as both AAU and USA Hockey so USA Hockey is not losing out. Some programs are losing some players but in general the change is not that dramatic. Some mite programs and some HS programs out East are registered as AAU. Arizona rinks should be coming back to USA Hockey this upcoming season.

9. Reporting system, next season will be looking at all major penalties, this will be following the player? They have not made a decision yet. They should have an answer by June. Right now they are just getting everyone used to the system. Progressive game misconducts, this will be happening next season. Has to be 3 major penalties, this will be hard to monitor. They are still working out how this will be monitored and following the player not the teams/organizations.

10. Total Hockey update - Fred had conference call with Total Hockey, they want to joint market with Sport Ngin. We pay less than \$1000 a year for web hosting right now. They want to test market a program with us but this is all unclear. UAHA and 20 affiliated pages would get webpages paid for by Total Hockey under this test market. Adult One Goal Gear, we had been set up to do adult gear, they ran about \$230 without the skates, no one in Utah bought these. We need to look at getting gear deals for the older player/adult, larger sizes to grow that age group.

11. Disciplinary Committee for Tier I and Tier II playoffs - Pre-approve the disciplinary committee, Wayne Woodhall, Gene Anderson, and Luke Mead off ice official for Grizzlies. Mike Holmes motions to approve the above people, second by Steve Bohin. Vote, 7 yes, 0 opposed, 1 abstention. Motion approved.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Derrick Radke, second by Mike Hassler. Vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm.