

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



May 20, 2015 ~ 6:45 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kylie Ammel, Sandy Bailey, Shane Murray, Becky Dexter, Kathy Roberts, Sarah Morlock, Matt Maher, Bill Mann, Alex DeFelice, Ryan Ray, Justin Barwood, Jason Spaulding
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:47 PM
 - a. April 15th Annual Meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Ryan, seconded by Justin).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Registration-Preregistration** is up and running after a delay due to a change in payment processing. The system seems to be in good working order thus far. Kylie reported that 22 players have registered. Over \$6,000 in fees has already been collected. Kylie will need to pay close attention to who is registering, as there is a waiting list for non-UVHA players for some teams. She will reach out and remind these players on an individual basis.
 - b. **Fundraising**-Sarah has drafted the 2015 request letter for the Byrne Foundation. This will be revised and mailed within the next month. Last year's letter was sent in June and word of award received within two weeks. Becky is again organizing volunteers for a Covered Bridges water stop. This will grant the UVHA \$500. Volunteers are needed on June 7th, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Those interested in helping should contact Becky as soon as possible.
 - c. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex again reminded the group of this summer's Level 4 coaching clinics. He will be organizing a mandatory beginning of season meeting for all coaches. Notification will be sent out in August for this September meeting.
 - d. **Equipment Manager**-Kristen finished laundering jerseys that came back in questionable condition. Thanks to her efforts, she deemed these few jerseys to now be acceptable. Bill suggested that this decision be confirmed by a second party so that there's no cause for doubt. A letter will go out to the half dozen or so families, reminding them of their responsibility to keep uniforms cared for and informing them that such great lengths will not be taken to remedy issues in the future. Bill added that the Board will need to reorder jerseys by early July.

- e. **SafeSport**-Kathy agreed to continue on as the SafeSport coordinator. She was adamant that SafeSport rules be adhered to more strictly this season. Ryan said that the Board needed to be sure that coaches, kids and parents be better briefed. Matt stated that our biggest concern at this time is determining locker room monitors. It would be ideal to have two SafeSport certified monitors per team. These monitors would need to be on duty for both practices and games.
- f. **Treasurer**-Ryan reported that GLYA and HYHA's taxes have been filed. He also shared that he has to soon file the application for funding from the Town of Lebanon. This lengthy application is due in August.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Midgets**-Matt provided Todd with the UVHA's proposal for the Midget program. Todd understood the UVHA's requests to have a parent champion the program and the need for payment up front for the ice. Given the limited time frame, Todd was not confident that either of those requirements could be fulfilled. A decision was made to table the formation of a Midget program. It will be reconsidered in the near future.
- b. **Ice Planning**-Justin and Matt met with Scott to discuss the purchase of this season's ice. It was their understanding that, after the High School, the UVHA has first pick of the available ice. Ice purchase requests will need to be made in June. Justin will work to fine-tune the schedule and an ice-purchase meeting will be held prior to the next monthly meeting.
- c. **Skating and Skills Sessions**-Justin discussed the purchase of additional ice to account for a skills skate each week. Monday looks ideal for this as it wouldn't cut into practice times. As Coaching Coordinator, Alex agreed to act as the point person for the skills skates, ensuring that coaches are lined up and skates are scheduled. Justin and Matt will communicate with Alex, sharing the ice schedule for the skills nights, as well as the budget.
- d. **Open Coaching Positions**-We have a definite need for coaches at the Termite and Squirt 2 level. An ad will be placed in the Valley News asking for interested individuals and all Board members are urged to aid with recruiting qualified help. There was lengthy discussion as to keeping high standards for coaches for both A and B level teams. In addition to coaches, four additional Squirt players need to be recruited to field two teams.
- e. **Girls Hockey**-Twin Valley had approached the UVHA proposing that their girls' program skate under the Storm as an avenue to play girls' hockey in Vermont. Matt reported that Twin Valley is agreeable to purchasing and paying up front for one sheet of WABA ice per week. These Twin Valley girls would register as Storm players, practice at WABA and schedule and play their own games at KUA. The Board generally agreed that this team should also be expected to wear Storm jerseys and be monitored by our Board. Matt will continue discussions with them.

5. **NH State Representative**-Matt learned that Registrars and Presidents are going to meet August 29th. New Hampshire is offering a Level 2 and Level 3 clinic in the fall. Tournament sanction fees are \$50. Ref scheduling is going to change. New Hampshire is going to be transitioning to a centralized system for referee pay. This will require us to deposit money into a designated account. Ryan will reach out to Dick. NH is going to try to do another ADM event. If we want to do cross-ice Mites in NH (Red, White and Blue), declarations need to be made by September 1st.

6. **Meeting adjourned**: 8:56 PM