

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



April 20, 2016 ~ 6:30 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Amy Aher, Kathy Roberts, Linda Trombley, Sarah Morlock, Matt Maher, Ryan Ray, Justin Barwood, Alex DeFelice, Jason Spaulding, Roger Gillies, Bill Mann, Bill Mason, Mark Cromwell

2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:31 PM
 - a. March 16th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Jason, seconded by Ryan).

3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Webmaster**-Kelly was not able to attend. He recently worked with SportNgin to ensure that 2016-2017 registration opened April 1st. Following the March 16th Annual Meeting, Matt updated the website to reflect the current Board members and their respective positions.
 - b. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex is now accepting coaching applications for the 2016-2017 season. Anyone interested in coaching will need to follow the same process instituted last year, first giving a written declaration of intent to the Coaching Coordinator, followed by the submission of the application.
 - c. **Equipment Manager**-After careful examination of game jersey inventory and the state of those jerseys returned, Kristen identified families who neglected to return jerseys and those who returned jerseys in questionable condition. Linda informed the Board that five jerseys were flagged for replacement due to an unreasonable amount of wear-and-tear, while eleven sets of jerseys weren't returned at all. These families will be billed and expected to remit payment immediately. As of May 1st, any 2016-2017 registered player with outstanding debt incurred in the 2015-2016 season will be wait-listed and at risk of losing their spot with the Storm.
 - d. **Treasurer**-Ryan reported that a \$250 deposit has been paid to the Town of Hartford to secure the UVHA's ice rental at WABA. Ryan is meeting with the

UVHA's CPA this week to finish preparing the association's 2015 taxes. A year-to-date budget report was distributed. The association's 2015-2016 season bills have been paid in full. Profit from this past season totaled \$38,778.91.

- e. **Fundraising**-Sarah shared that both the VSAHA and NHAHA grant funding was utilized to purchase supplies and equipment requested in the grant applications. Spending reports and receipts have been submitted to both state associations for review. A letter of thanks and the 2015-2016 Fundraising Report was mailed to Mrs. Dorothy Byrne. Sarah is hoping to have news of a matched-contribution by the May meeting.
- f. **Registrar**-Kylie was unable to attend but had previously informed Matt that registrations were slowly trickling in as of April 1st. Registration opens to new members on May 1st. Early registration discounts apply only until June 1st. Sarah will send out an association-wide email, urging returning families to secure their players' positions prior to new registrations being accepted May 1st.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **State of GLYHA/HYHA**-Matt met with Stephen Girdwood, PLLC. He looked into the status of HYHA and GLYHA's state recognition as 501c3 entities. Neither association has current state nonprofit status due to a failure to file the required reports. Mr. Girdwood has outlined the steps necessary for reinstatement and the Board should expect an approximate total cost of \$1,000 to do so. Mr. Girdwood has offered the UVHA a nonprofit rate of \$125 per hour to further assist with this matter or to further investigate the feasibility of the merger of the two associations. Matt will email the Board Mr. Girdwood's detailed notes for more thorough review.*
- b. **TVYHA Girls Update**-The Board scheduled an additional meeting last week to discuss Twin Valley's proposal for merging with the Storm. Our Board agreed to accommodate TV's request to furnish them with an hour of Storm ice at WABA. However, as the time slot the UVHA was able to offer did not meet their current needs, the TV Board opted to continue to operate independently of the UVHA in 2016-2017. A future merger is still possible, but tabled until further notice.
- c. **Player Recruitment Update**-Justin shared that there are an anticipated 31 Peewees. Player recruitment at this level is necessary to adequately field three teams. Justin is actively seeking players. He has reached out to five or six families, including a couple of goalies. Matt had reached out to one goalie's family new to the Upper Valley. He recently learned that they decided to register with Hanover. If Peewee numbers are not adequate to field three teams, players registering beyond the to-be-determined optimal two-team number will be wait-listed until numbers are healthy enough for a third team. The Board agreed

that no preferential treatment would be bestowed on the upper-level team(s). All teams will be weighted as evenly as possible, given the parity of player skill.

5. VT State Meeting Report:

- a. Roni attended his first VSAHA meeting as UVHA's Vermont delegate. Roni said that rumors of the Storm's absorption of Twin Valley players was a side-topic of discussion. He informed the Board that the State meeting format will be changed, beginning in small groups lead by individual VSAHA Board members.
- b. Roni has reached out to VSAHA's President to learn of the next meeting date.

6. NH State Meeting Report:

- a. The next meeting is May 14th at the Holiday Inn in Concord.

7. Meeting Adjourned: 7:34 PM

**4/21/16 Addendum: Following the review of Mr. Girdwood's notes, Bill Mann made an email motion to approve the \$800 needed to reinstate HYHA and GLYHA. Matt seconded his motion. Bill's motion was approved on April 22nd following an email vote of eight in favor, none opposed.*