

# UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



May 18, 2016 ~ 6:30 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Amy Aher, Sarah Morlock, Matt Maher, Justin Barwood, Jason Spaulding, Roger Gillies, Bill Mann, Bill Mason
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:34 PM
  - a. April 20<sup>th</sup> and March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and their addendums were unanimously approved (motioned by Bill, seconded by Justin).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
  - a. **Webmaster**-No report.
  - b. **Coaching Coordinator**-No report.
  - c. **Equipment Manager**-Roni returned a set of jerseys issued to Landon Raney.
  - d. **SafeSport Coordinator**-No report.
  - e. **Treasurer**-No report.
  - f. **Fundraising**-The Covered Bridges Half Marathon is Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 16 Storm volunteers willing to man the UVHA's water stop during the race. Sarah believes that this number should be sufficient based on previous years' events. The CBHM will make a \$500 contribution to the UVHA for our assistance.
  - g. **Registrar**-Justin shared registration numbers, current as of May 10<sup>th</sup>. There are 11 Bantams registered, with 13 expected (including a newly recruited goalie). At the Pee wee level, 21 players have registered and ten more are expected. There are 28 Squirts currently registered, with 35 expected. Justin and Matt both voiced that open communication with Hanover and Woodstock would be in the best interest of our players and the players of those associations. They pointed out that our associations should work together to ensure that all players have a place to play, especially given that numbers at the Squirt and Pee wee level are teetering between two and three teams.
  - h. **Scheduler**-Bill recently had an impromptu conversation with Mark Goodwin. His understanding was that it is unlikely that Mark will be returning as Referee in

Chief. Roni wondered if the association was in a position to offer Mark a stipend to schedule referees for the UVHA. Bill had discussed a number of ideas with Mark, including the possibility of providing compensation for his efforts. The Board agreed that the Referee in Chief position is highly underappreciated and that not having a Referee in Chief would have a negative impact on the association. This situation will need to be closely followed.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Tournament Committee**-Matt announced that the UVHA won the bid to host the GSL Squirt Tier V State Tournament. A Tournament Committee will be needed to plan for this event. The formation of this committee will be added as an action item on next month's agenda.
- b. **Player Recruitment**-The Planning Committee has continued to work to secure returning and new players at the Squirt and Peewee level. Justin believes that another month of registrations will give the Board a more clear indication of whether the UVHA will have adequate players to field three teams at those levels.
- c. **State of GLYH/HYHA**-Matt has continued to work with legal counsel, Stephen Girdwood. Both HYHA and GLYH nonprofits have been dissolved at the Secretary of State level. There are avenues to having both reinstated. The Upper Valley Hockey Association in and of itself is not a legal entity. HYHA and GLYHA are, legally, two separate associations. There are responsibilities associated with maintaining two nonprofits. Each would need to have separate Boards and meetings, bank accounts, tax filings, etc. Mr. Girdwood advised that we operate as either a Vermont or New Hampshire association and accept the consequent play ramifications. The group discussed continuing affiliation with both States, given the UVHA's unique circumstances. The Board previously approved pursuing the reinstatement of HYHA as a registered Vermont nonprofit, moving to file the necessary paperwork and pay the associated fee to do so. In New Hampshire, however, there is a more difficult path to reinstatement. GLYH will need to file back paperwork, pay a fee, and attend a hearing to plead our case for reinstatement. The Board agreed to attempt to reinstate both associations, and to later declare, if necessary, a single state allegiance.
- d. **Preseason Hockey Camp**-Todd Bebeau is planning to run a pre-season hockey camp at WABA for Squirt, Peewee and Bantam level players. This camp will likely be a Hartford Parks and Recreation offering, directed by Todd and partially staffed by Todd's varsity players. More details to come.

5. **VT State Meeting Report:**

- a. Next meeting to be determined, Comfort Inn, Montpelier.

**6. NH State Meeting Report:**

- a. Matt reported that the New Hampshire tournaments dates were set. The Squirt tournament weekend will be February 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>. The Pee wee tournament will take place March 3<sup>rd</sup> through March 5<sup>th</sup>. And the Bantam contest will be March 10<sup>th</sup> through March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- b. The Officer's Meeting is August 27<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Concord.

**7. Meeting Adjourned: 7:59 PM**