

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



August 17, 2016 ~ 5:45 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kathy Roberts, Sarah Morlock, Kylie Curtis, Amy Aher, Matt Maher, Trevyr Young, Bill Mason, Justin Barwood, Roger Gillies, Mark Cromwell, Bill Mann, Jason Spaulding, Ryan Ray
2. **Meeting called to order:** 5:50 PM
 - a. July 20th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Justin, seconded by Ryan).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Webmaster**-No report.
 - b. **Coaching Coordinator**-Matt informed the group that Alex will soon be sending an email to the association body to enlist coaches. Those interested in coaching must complete an application and attend the mandatory coaches' meeting, yet to be determined. The Board will review applications, then appoint head, bench and practice coaches. There was brief discussion regarding the inherent conflict resulting from individuals acting as head coach of more than one team. This concern will be taken into consideration during the selection process. Jason shared the schedule of upcoming coaching clinics. Coaching requirements (background checks, SafeSport Certifications, modules and clinics) will be communicated at the coaches' meeting.
 - c. **Equipment Manager**-Linda was not present. But Ryan confirmed that replacement jerseys have been ordered and payment remitted this week. The association will soon purchase Mite goalie equipment and BE Fit jerseys. While the UVHA no longer holds an equipment sale, Kylie suggested that we gather and disseminate information regarding other associations' equipment sales or swaps. The Board agreed that equipment needs and availability may be posted on the Storm Facebook page. Kylie will reach out to Linda to discuss this further.

- d. **SafeSport Coordinator**-Kathy confirmed that SafeSport certifications and background checks are valid for two years. She clarified the requirements for volunteers. In addition to coaches, Kylie explained that any volunteers interacting with players on a regular basis (locker room monitors, team managers, etc.) need to be claimed by the association for insurance purposes. Kathy will determine the best manner in which to communicate these requirements with volunteers. She will also collect and keep record of volunteers' USA Hockey numbers, sharing them with Kylie so that they may be claimed and appropriately rostered.
 - e. **Treasurer**-No report.
 - f. **Fundraising**-No report.
 - g. **Registrar**-No report.
 - h. **Scheduler**-Following feedback from the Board, Matt made the New Hampshire team declarations. The Bantams were declared at tier three. Peewee (1) was declared at tier 2, Peewee (2) at tier four. Squirt (1) was declared at tier three, with both Squirt (2) and (3) declared at tier five. Matt will be making an adjustment to the Peewee (2) declaration. They will be declared as a tier four, rather than tier five, team. The rationale for declarations was questioned, but ultimately agreed to be fitting at this time. As always, there will be an opportunity for tier movement early in the season, if deemed necessary.
4. **New Business:**
- a. **Tournament Planning**-Roni will be attending a break-out session at the upcoming Vermont state meeting pertaining to the operation of a state tournament. With two tier five Squirt teams, the Board is expecting to have adequate volunteers for hosting. A Tournament Director will need to be appointed before December.
 - b. **Player Recruitment**-Justin, Mark and Kathy were successful in their efforts to secure a Bantam goalie. Kylie confirmed this player's registration. The Peewees, however, still only have one goalie registered. The Board will continue to recruit for this position. Sarah will send out an association-wide email expressing the need for Peewee level ('04-'05 birth year) goalies.
 - c. **Ice Planning Update**-Justin again distributed and reviewed the ice schedule for the 2016-2017 season. He pointed out that practice times are nearly identical to last season. Matt and Justin have yet to receive the official contract from the Town, but are confident that the UVHA's ice requests will be granted.
 - d. **Building Storm Lockers at WABA**-The Town has offered the UVHA space at WABA to build permanent lockers for storage. Matt will soon measure the space and design the lockers before organizing volunteers and determining a date for

construction. Sarah will reach out to LaValley's and Home Depot to inquire about material donations.

- e. **Skills Coaches**-Dave Pavlik is not available for Skills Sessions this season due to his commitment to a Flame's team. Justin will reach out to Bryant Harris and also Chaz Hayley of Blazing Speed hockey camps to determine their interest and availability. Chaz was recommended by a number of player parents.
- f. **Skills Camp**-Todd Bebeau will be directing a hockey camp at WABA the week of October 10th. Registration is now open through the Hartford Parks and Recreation website. Kelly will send a SportNgin generated announcement to registered users.

5. **VT State Meeting Report:**

- a. The Vermont meeting is Sunday, August 21st at the Doubletree in Burlington.

6. **NH State Meeting Report:**

- a. The Officer's Meeting is August 27th at the Holiday Inn in Concord.

7. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:23 PM