

UVHA Annual Meeting Minutes



March 15, 2017 ~ 6:00 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Sarah Morlock, Kylie Curtis, Mindy Dube, Matt Maher, Justin Barwood, Ryan Ray, Alex DeFelice, Nate Dube, Josh Obar, Jason Spaulding, Trevyr Young, Bill Mason, Jason Gramling, Roger Gillies, Nate McNaughton, Bill Mann
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:21 PM
3. **Order of Business:**
 - a. **Approval of Articles of Incorporation-**In preparation for an official name change to Upper Valley Hockey Association, Matt revised a draft of the UVHA Articles of Incorporation document, merging language and policy from the Hartford Youth Hockey, Greater Lebanon Youth Hockey and other local associations (including both Woodstock and New Hampshire Amateur Hockey Associations). Bill Mason made a motion to accept the proposed Upper Valley Hockey Association Articles of Incorporation. Jason seconded his motion. All voted in favor for a unanimous decision (16/16).
 - b. **Election of Officers-**While the newly adopted Articles of Incorporation define the terms for office, the transition of office was discussed at some length. Based on his considerable experience on a number of other Boards, Ethan made suggestions to be considered for future practice.
 - i. **President-**The floor was opened for nominations for the office of President. Alex nominated Jason Spaulding. No other nominations were made, nor did any other candidates come forward. All voted in favor of Jason for President for a unanimous decision (16/16).
 - ii. **Secretary-**The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Secretary. Ryan nominated Sarah Morlock. No other nominations were

made, nor did any other candidates come forward. All voted in favor of Sarah for Secretary for a unanimous decision (16/16).

- c. **Election of Directors-at-Large**-Matt Maher, Alex DeFelice, Bill Mann, Roger Gillies, Kylie Curtis, Jason Gramling, and Trevyr Young all expressed interest in holding Board positions. Sarah made a motion to approve these candidates as a slate of nominees for the five available Directors-at-Large positions. Jason Spaulding seconded her motion. The membership voted by ballot, selecting two candidates for a one-year term and three candidates for a two-year term.
 - i. **Three Openings for Two-Year Term Positions**-Kylie, Roger and Bill Mann received a majority of votes to serve two-year terms as Directors-at-Large.
 - ii. **Two Openings for One-Year Term Positions**-Matt and Alex received a majority of votes to serve one-year terms as Directors-at-Large.
 - d. **Floor Open for Comment**-Jason Spaulding shared a letter, written by his wife, Rebecca, addressing her concerns regarding recurring parent misconduct. The letter served as a plea to the Board to better uphold USA Hockey's Zero Tolerance Policy in order to safeguard our players, coaches and other participants. Bill Mann expressed appreciation for the dedication of the UVHA membership, especially thanking those in attendance who took an active interest in the governance of the Association. Jason Spaulding furthered Bill's sentiment, adding that the Association has inarguably made tremendous progress in recent years, thanks to a growing group of invested parents. And, finally, Sarah commended those willing to take on dual-roles as both Board members and coaches, devoting an extraordinary amount of time and energy to the UVHA.
4. **NH State Meeting Report:**
 - a. The Annual Meeting will be May 20th at the Holiday Inn in Concord.
 5. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:39 PM