

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



August 16, 2017 ~ 6:00 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Sarah Morlock, Kylie Curtis, Mindy Dube, Nate Dube, Jason Spaulding, Justin Barwood, Ryan Ray, Roger Gillies, Tom Daniels, Mark Bean, Bill Mann
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:09 PM
 - a. The July 19th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Justin, seconded by Ryan).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Webmaster-**There is old content on the website that needs to be taken down. Jason will work with Kelly to bring it up to date prior to the start of the new season.
 - b. **Coaching Coordinator-**Alex wasn't able to be present. But Jason informed the Board that coaches will need to have their SafeSport certification and age appropriate modules completed before they hit the ice. Justin suggested that the coaches' meeting take place very soon to be sure coaches are aware of these requirements and deadlines. In light of the upcoming September 18th changes to the SafeSport platform, Jason will ask Alex to schedule the coaches' meeting just after Labor Day, giving coaches a chance to get to these action items prior to the system changeover.
 - c. **Equipment Manager-**John and Bill worked together to finalize the replacement jersey order, which is in process. John would like to place the order for the Mite jerseys this week. He also wanted to check to see if the Board was interested in purchasing jerseys to be utilized for tryouts. The Board agreed that tryout jerseys would be a worthwhile investment, easing logistical preparations and helping to ensure anonymity. Ryan made a motion to approve the purchase of Mite jerseys, up to \$1,000. Jason seconded his motion. All voted in favor. Jason made a motion

to approve up to \$1,000 for the purchase of tryout jerseys. Kylie seconded his motion. All voted in favor.

- d. **SafeSport Coordinator**-Mindy reiterated that SafeSport needs to be completed and certificates printed prior to September 18th in order to avoid the expected system change complications.
 - e. **Treasurer**-Ryan submitted the UVHA's application for grant funding from the City of Lebanon. With Lebanon/New Hampshire player numbers growing, he anticipates their continued support. Ryan will make the first ice payment to the Town once the contract is finalized. He'll also be working on taxes since the association's fiscal year recently came to a close.
 - f. **Fundraising**-Sarah will need to reorder Storm car magnets prior to the start of the season. Roni has expressed a willingness to organize the apparel fundraising sale for the Storm, working with the same company contracted to make both our Skate-a-thon and NHAHA's tournament tees. The Board agreed to consider their proposal. Sarah will once again organize a hockey sock sale. Given the influx of new families, she'll be sure apparel, socks and magnets are ready for request/order at the start of the season so that everyone has the opportunity to be outfitted as desired. Regrettably, Sarah has yet to finish the Byrne thank you letter. She will make that a priority and send it with a thank you gift to Mrs. Byrne, post haste.
 - g. **Registrar**-Current registration numbers as follows: 21 Bantams, 29 Peewees, 28 Squirts, 21 Travel Mites, 17 House Mites, and five Termites. Kylie reported that there are families who have yet to have made any payment. Kylie has sent reminders and will continue to inform these families of their risk for removal from rosters if payment is not made in full by October 1st. USA Hockey sponsored "Try Hockey for Free" days will be held November 4th and March 3rd. Associations are required to commit to both dates, rather than hosting just one. The Board agreed to opt in. Kylie will share dates with Bill to be sure it's built into the schedule.
 - h. **Scheduler**-Bill is waiting for the final ice schedule but shared that he already has teams interested in scheduling, including a team from New York who recently contacted him. As soon as the ice schedule is confirmed, he'll begin scheduling and, as always, will be open to coaches' input.
4. **New Business:**
- a. **Rosters**-To-date, there are two Squirts and two Peewees on the waitlist. Tom communicated that he was aware of a number of Hanover families who may be interested in transferring to a new association following Hanover's recent team announcement. Despite this, the Board will have to maintain our waitlist status.

Justin confirmed that there are four Squirts interested in playing goalie, but only part-time. Without committed goalies at this level, the Board would consider opening the roster to full time goalies. The group discussed the distressing Bantam situation. With only 19 players registered at the Bantam level, the need for more players at this level still remains. Justin proposed actively recruiting to ensure healthy numbers for the two Bantam teams.

- b. **Tryout Committee**-Justin distributed a draft of the available early season ice. Kylie suggested changing the assigned team times from the first week of tryouts to the second to give families a better shot at making tryouts during fall sports. Jason hoped to see the tryouts conclude in time to have at least one split practice prior to the first weekend of games. Justin will take this feedback into consideration and rework the schedule. Tryout committee members will need to be appointed at the September meeting. With Travel Mite numbers being so strong (enough to field three teams), Mite coaches need to soon confer and decide how they'd like to operate during the season. Mite coaches will be encouraged to collaborate with neighboring and/or local associations.
 - c. **Tier Declarations**-Jason officially declared the UVHA teams as follows:
 - i. Squirts: Tiers III and IV
 - ii. Peewees: Tiers II and IV
 - iii. Bantams: Tiers III and IV
 - d. **Policies and Procedures**-Sarah read suggested changes to the Policies and Procedures document (last revised in March of this year). The Board had the opportunity to prior to and at the meeting to make comments and suggestions, as well as pose questions for clarification. Sarah will draft revisions, share as a pdf with the Board and request the advisement of UVHA member, Ethan McNaughton, attorney. Jason would like to see this document approved and uploaded to the website prior to the start of the season.
 - e. **Girls Committee**-Jason, Ryan and Kelly Ray, Kylie, and Justin will act as the Girls Program Committee to help define and organize this pilot program. Jason will reach out to the Hartford girls' team to coordinate planning for the season.
 - f. **Rule Changes**-Per USA Hockey, icing will no longer be waived for the team down a player during "penalty kills" at 14U.
5. **NH State Meeting Report**:
- a. The next meeting is to be determined.
6. **Meeting Adjourned**: 8:08 PM