

# UPPER VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

**Mission:** The Upper Valley Hockey Association is a volunteer run association whose mission is to introduce the youth of the greater Upper Valley to the game of hockey, so that every child in the program can enjoy a positive experience through sportsmanship, teamwork, integrity, and respect for all individuals, while developing a love for the game.

## UVHA Monthly Board Meeting Wednesday, January 21 6:00 – 7:30 pm via Google Meet

**Attendees:** Allison Mancuso, Brock Barton, Cherry Sullivan, Dana Wright, Will Meyer, Jen Callahan, Bethany McLeman

The meeting began with approval of the meeting minutes from December. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dana and seconded by Will. The motion passes and the minutes for December will be posted to the UVHA website.

### Age Group Updates

**14u Update** - Brock said he had no major things to note. He's still dealing with some last minute scheduling but there's only a few weeks left with the state tournament just on the horizon. All three teams are doing well within their respective tiers and will qualify for their tournaments.

**12u Update** - Will gave an update for 12u. 12u Blue and Black just went to CT for the Can/Am tournament. 12u Silver is attending their tournament the second week in February which will be the Frozen Frenzy. We will be hosting the 12U Tier IV State Tournament.

**10u Update** - 10u Black attended their tournament after the holidays and had a lot of fun off the ice. 10u Blue is attending their tournament this coming weekend in North Conway.

**8u Update** - 8U Black went to the same tournament as 10U Black and had a lot of fun off the ice. 8U Blue is attending the Ike Lee tournament this coming weekend. They also went to one over MLK weekend. Both teams are registered for BAHA as well as two House mite teams.

### Monthly Reports

**Coaching Coordinator** - Allison is sending out the feedback results to coaches soon. She will report out the coaching survey summary next month.

**Registrar** - Dana needs to build tournament teams for 8u.

**Safesport Coordinator** - No Update

**NH State Representative** - 8u will not be attending the GSL jamboree. Allison has taken care of redline coaches and Brock is finishing up scheduling. Will goes in person next month and will pick up banners for the state tournament.

**Treasurer's Report** - Brock is working through some issues with the NHAHA grant.

**Fundraising** - Bethany shared that she is going to assess if the gift card needs replenishment after her next order and will communicate that with Brock for a refill. She is trying to get a sense for what we have made so far this year. She also brought up that the 12u Tier IV state tournament concessions will need to be discussed and is going to connect the 12u Black team with the organizing group. Cherry gave a Skate-a-thon report. We are starting to plan for the Thon and we have a small group willing to help. She is going to reach out to a few more individuals. Will shared that he is still trying to finalize dates for the golf tournament and is working with Crown Point and Lake Morey. Bethany might need to look into Newport because we are trying to get into an 18 hole course.

**Girls Development** - Going to Dartmouth women's game Saturday for the anthem skate out. They are really excited for the pink jerseys and have been having a great time. Allison is encouraging the older girls to join in.

**Scheduler** - Brock reports that there are still a couple missing games to schedule. He is going to reach

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out to 14u White to see if they want any games post the state tournament before March tournament weekend.

**Equipment Manager** - Will thanked Dan for the shooter tutor idea and for making that happen. They have been used a ton! We could use two more mite goals for when we do cross ice x3. Will noted that we need new netting for the M nets for next year. The board also discussed the future of the trophy case. Someone is going to order some more storage containers for the storage unit because we need a few more and some have broken in the cold.

**Marketing/Social Media Manager** - Denise continues to crush it with generating content and posting.

**Safety/Concussion** - No update

The board spent more time discussing the hosting of the 12u State Tournament. Will is going to double check who can help with game management - off ice officials (time keeper score keeper and penalty box can not be parents of someone participating in the game). We have done signs for the lobby in the past that were donated by Tom Daniels, as well as a screen to reflect the standings, and a program. Brock printed the programs at work to save money. Will shared that Keene printed a banner with a bracket to put the scores to track the tournament and then for teams to take at the end. Bethany wants to set up a meeting with the black team to help guide them with what they can do. We can do what we can with a limited budget to make the kids feel special.

Brock and Will met with Jeremy to follow up with a continued commitment from both organizations for Swarm. WYH has agreed to continue for another three years after it was run by their board. Tryouts will be March 16, 17 and 19th.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, February 18th at 6:15 pm.

The meeting concluded around 7:30 pm.