



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 BOARD MEETING MINUTES **Wednesday, February 21 · 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

Meeting began at 6:05pm, attended by Will Meyer, Josh Obar, Jen Callahan, Brock Barton, Dana Wright, Megan O'Neill, Cherry Sullivan, and Allison Mancuso.

1. Approval of Minutes from January
 - a. Motion to approve by Josh. Seconded by Brock. Minutes approved.
2. Age Group Reports
 - a. 14u - Josh: 14U Green finished 1st in GSL T3 regular season play. They compete this weekend in the GSL T3 tournament in Back Bay. 14U Blue struggled in GSL T4 play and did not make the GSL tournament. Both teams will be playing the 2024 Pot O'Gold tournament hosted by our partner WYH over the March 15-17 weekend.
 - b. 12u - Brock: Brock Barton gave an update of the on-ice performance of both teams. Both teams are going to the state tournament. Blue will finish seeded 2-4 and Black could be anywhere from 2-5th depending on the last weekend of games. Brock felt that next season we may need renewed focus on locker room policies and monitors and should address that in the off season.
 - c. 10u - Will: Will Meyer reported that 10u Black was seeded 3rd for their GSL State Tournament and that the location possibly got moved. The 10u Blue team was seeded 6th for their GSL tournament and that will take place in Hanover. The 10u Silver team is playing in a tournament at Dover on 3/9-3/10. These are all teams that didn't make the state tournament and it was free. They are also going to play before the Bruins game on 3/21.
 - d. 8u - Jen: Jen reported that cross ice games for 8u were wrapping up with the BAHA tournament this coming weekend and the GSL Jamboree the following weekend. The rising 10U players (2015's) will have an opportunity for two full ice practices with Woodstock the weekend after the GSL tournament. The 8U coaches have been focusing on improving on-ice behavior. Jen and Allison are acting as off-ice monitors to help process behavior incidents. The coaches and Allison also spent two practices teaching players about penalties in ice hockey. Storm Academy is done this coming weekend. We need to look at the list again and make sure that we have communicated to the right kids about step-up skates. The board discussed naming practices by birth year in March.
3. Spring Tryouts will take place March 18th-20th. Will Meyre confirmed that ice times are set and have communicated. The executive board is currently working to finalize the Tryout Committees.
4. Board Membership Structure Discussion - The board discussed expanding the board by two members from 9 to 11 for the 2024-25 season to help distribute the workload a little more. Most members in attendance were in favor. Bylaws indicate we would need 2/3rds majority at the Annual Meeting to change the board size.
5. Upper Valley Beanpot Update - This event will take place Monday 3/11 and Wednesday 3/13 at Woodstock. Will has helped organize Hartford and they will be coached by Jay Zanleoni. Lebanon will be coached by Nate Duby.
6. 12u T3 Tournament Update - Will provided an update about hosting the 12u tournament. He reports he got all the hardware and stuff at the NHAHA meeting this week. We will sell T-shirts this year instead of sweatshirts and the concession stand will run as it has been. Tom Daniels will do banners for us. We decided against doing a raffle this year as no one besides Will will be there consistently to take charge of that. Will is making a welcome guide to send out to teams and Brock will make programs.

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Monthly Reports

- a. Coaching Coordinator/Registrar: Allison reports that she has done birth date verification for the GSL tournaments - 14U Green, 12U Black, 12U Blue, 10U Blue, 10U Black are all complete.
- b. Safesport Coordinator: No Update
- c. NH State Representative: Will attended the monthly NHAHA Meeting. The neck guard legislation will be passed and most of the meeting was spent talking about state tournaments. Brock will get checks to coaches to bring to the state tournaments. Will reminded us that in regards to the NHAHA grant, we need to order the barriers in the next month and get the receipts into NHAHA or the money will be allocated elsewhere.
- d. Girls Development: Tom reported that Girls Skate has had an awesome turn out. HHS girls came out this past week to skate with them and 12-20 girls have been staying at each skate!
- e. Fundraising: Jen gave a concession stand update. We are very close to hitting our goal of \$2,000 in concessions with a few more weekends to go. Jen has ramped up communications asking for help to try and target the specific teams that have games this weekend. Jen also gave a Skate-a-thon update. Prize donations are starting to come in. Almost everyone from last year has donated and Michelle has approached 40+ new businesses.
- f. Scheduler: No Update
- g. Equipment Manager: Will ordered beanies for the Skate-a-thon. We need to collect practice jerseys back from everyone. Allison reports that we are getting low on pinnies and they are moldy so we may need to look into ordering more. Will is going to order more practice pinnies when he orders tryout pinnies.
- h. Treasurer: Brock Barton gave a budget update. We are all paid up with ice through January. He needs to square up with Jeremy and WYH about ice. Brock says he will get the barriers that will be purchased through the NHAHA Grant soon. He will also draft a letter to Dorothy Byrne and get that out soon.
- i. Marketing/Social Media Manager: No Update
- j. Safety/Concussion: We have one 14U player who is out for the season due to a concussion. They tried skating at practices, but the risk with pucks was felt to be too great by the player & family ultimately decided to be done. They are still engaged and coming to games when they can.

The Annual Meeting will take place next month on March 27th. There are four board positions coming available for re-election this year: Vice President, Treasurer, and Board Member At-Large (2).

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm