

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



February 25, 2020 ~ 6:30 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kylie Young, Sarah Morlock, Sherry Dube, Kristy Driver, Jason Spaulding, Justin Barwood, Brock Barton, Ethan McNaughton

2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:38 PM
 - a. The December 19th and January 23rd meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Justin, seconded by Ethan).

3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Coaching Coordinator**-No report.

 - b. **Equipment Manager**-Jason Gramling would like the Board to approve additional storage for the UVHA's excess equipment currently stored at multiple individuals' houses. Scott Hausler explained to Jason Spaulding that the bleacher design is not yet finalized and could potentially be designed to include storage underneath. The UVHA would need to be involved in the planning process. JS will ask JG to connect with Scott. The Board discussed the return of the Storm Academy loaner equipment. The group agreed that the jersey return night might be the best option for collecting the gear from these families or, if they'd like to keep the gear, the UVHA would need a down-payment toward next season. JS will speak with JG about how he'd like this to work. Finally, many of the barriers are in poor shape. JG wanted to the Board to consider replacing those. Brock

suggested taller barriers, like what he's seen in Woodstock. He'll look into this style and report back to the Board.

c. **SafeSport Coordinator**-No report.

d. **Girls Development**-Jay wasn't able to attend but suggested that the Girls' Development skates be opened up to both male and female players in need of development. He reported that the Saturday morning ice has been underutilized, and he felt it would be better to extend an invitation to additional players based on coaches' recommendations. Jay would also like to formalize the Girls' Development program, entering the group into various tournaments throughout the season. Justin advised against registering a Storm girls' team with GSL since the co-ed 12U GSL and all GSL league girls' tournaments fall on the same weekend. That would present a conflict for players who would dual-roster and should be taken into consideration when planning tournaments. The Board supported Jay's proposal. Jason will ask him to proceed with making more solid plans and get back to the Board with further details to deliberate for Board vote.

e. **Treasurer**-Brock distributed the updated 2020 Financial Projection. A balanced budget is hinged on the success of the upcoming Skate-a-thon.

f. **Fundraising**-As previously communicated via email, there was an unexpected issue with the Storm Nation 47 Brand trucker hats Sarah had ordered. The company learned that there wasn't enough inventory to complete the order. Sarah presented two options to be considered as an alternate participation prize. She distributed a Hockey Monkey mock-up of a Pacific Headwear trucker hat and a Custom Ink tee. The Board had previously voted to approve the hat expenditure and once again decided to support the purchase of the hat. Sarah will place the order and continue to work with the Fundraising Committee and Team Parents to organize the event.

g. **Registrar**-Kylie reported that for the 2020-2021 season, there are 39 potential Squirts. There are only 11 returning Squirts in that count, and 12 would be coming up from Storm Academy. There are an expected 15 returning Peewees, with a total of 31 possible. Assuming everyone comes back at the Bantam level, there will be five goalies for two teams. Kylie will have 8U and 14U numbers at the next meeting, but current numbers would support seven travel teams.

h. **Scheduler**-Josh is working to fill out the last couple weekends of ice. This has been difficult; teams are participating in their GSL State Tournaments, and there are fewer non-league options due to the conclusion of Vermont teams' seasons.

4. **New Business:**

a. **Next Year Planning**-Sarah will reach out to Thompson to inquire about the possibility of reserving ice in September and October for checking clinics, the 16U team, and possibly tryouts. She'll also ask about the possibility of securing consistent weekend afternoon ice to accommodate an additional travel team, if an eighth team is deemed necessary and viable.

b. **Vote for Interim President**-Jason plans to resign from his position as President. The Board wasn't prepared to appoint a replacement but will be ready to hold a vote for interim President at the next meeting.

c. **Ben Lovejoy Camp**-A generous individual donated funds to cover ten Ben Lovejoy summer hockey camp registration fees. The Board agreed to purchase spots for four Mites, three Squirts, and three Peewees (the camp is for 8U-12U players). The Board will then later decide how to award the camp credits.

d. **Annual Meeting**-The Board needs to determine the date for this year's Annual Meeting. Sarah will look back at last year's Annual Meeting notes to learn which positions are open for election and communicate those openings to the Board.

e. **Mid-year Transfer and Return**-Ethan asked the Board to consider adding a policy for dealing with families who transfer mid-season for questionable voluntary reasons, such as being displeased with coaching, philosophy, team placement, and so on. Ethan suggested the following language: Any player who does not complete the previous season with the UVHA for reasons other than injury or extenuating circumstances must be approved by a majority vote of the Board to be accepted for return the subsequent season. Ethan will draft policy language for proposal at the next meeting.

5. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:45 PM