

Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

Minutes: Meeting – Tuesday 10 October 2022

John Cioffi, President called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

- Conducted by Secretary - see attached Meeting Attendance Report.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was duly made and seconded to approve minutes from monthly meeting conducted on Tuesday 12 April 2022. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

President Report – John Cioffi

- NED update:
 - Next meeting is scheduled Sat. - Sun. 14-15 October in Nashua, NH.
- VSAHA Committee assignments (detailed in Agenda) were discussed. A motion was duly made and seconded to approve assignments. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.
- Plenty of scoresheets are still available. Contact John if you need any.
- VSAHA CiC position remains open.
- USA Hockey Coach Developers in VT include Becky Street, Denis Vickers (now in TX), Pat Burke, Nate Isham, and John Cioffi.
- Level 1 coaching clinic will be scheduled soon – check website for date and time.
- Any association wishing to participate in the Bruins Mini 1-on-1 in the 12U and 10U brackets should submit prior to October 31st for selection in a lottery. November 7th is deadline for submissions to Bruins for the event on November 20th.

Registrar Report – Bob Greemore

- Reports distributed earlier via email.
 - Fourth report identifies members registered with USAH but remaining unclaimed by any association.
 - Reports sorted by DOB as well as by zip code for filtering.
 - Sixty-eight (68) teams registered so far – more to come.
 - Applications for play-ups must follow procedures. Redlined players will receive notice.
 - Teams traveling to Canada are only permitted to play teams registered with Hockey Canada to qualify for approval.
 - All on-ice personnel must be properly registered with USAH.

Policy Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair

- Outstanding Debt List has proven to be a great success resolving disputes:
 - 12 last year; 11 resolved.
 - 4 this year; 3 resolved.
- Transfer and release process opened June 1st and closes November 1st. Any player who has

changed associations must file. Spreadsheet on website will be updated with further data.

- Players from same association can be added to an age-appropriate roster at any time.

Rules Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair

- No major items reported to date. However, the number of inquiries to VSAHA has increased so every association is encouraged to make sure their dispute resolution procedures are up to date and compliant with USAH Bylaw 10.
- USAH Tryout Policy is under review for presentation to Youth Council. If revised, VSAHA policy review to follow.

Player Development Report – Chris Micciche and Pat Phillips

- The schedule for VSAHA's evaluations for the 2023 NED Development camps was distributed. Any and all volunteer evaluators are welcome.

Goalie Coordinator Report – Leon Lifschutz

- USAH Goalie Coordinator, Steven Thompson is coming to VT on October 21st and 22nd.
- Associations are requested to send Leon the name and email address of their goalie coordinator, so Leon's upcoming newsletters are sent to the right person(s).

State Tournament Committee Report – Kim Gaines, Chair

- Committee meeting will be scheduled within next two weeks Kim needs much more support!!!
- Kim needs schedulers' contact info.
- LA's must properly name teams on LA website. U follows age for schedulers, e.g., 12U.
- Only one (1) LA has offered to host championship weekend.
- Playdown hosts needed.
- LA hosts for Regionals needed,

Play-Up Committee Report – John Cioffi, Chair

- All play-ups must be approved prior to December meeting and certainly prior to December 31st if intending to participate in State Tournament.

Girls/Women Director Report – Becky Street

- IIHF Girls Hockey Weekend just completed.
- Several college teams are hosting girls' nights:
 - UVM (v. BC) on October 29th.
 - Norwich University on November 5th.
 - Middlebury College on December 12th.
 - Saint Michaels College and Castleton University TBA. See VSAHA website for further details.
- Becky is working with USAH CiC to include segments in Coaching Developer clinics devoted to female coaches.

8U Hockey & Grow the Game Coordinator Report – Mike Smith not available, JC subs

- Variety of LAs have used equipment trailer.

- VSAHA equipment trailer is always available.
- Little Bruins events state-wide are ongoing – numbers forthcoming.

Referee-in-Chief Report – Mike Hickey not available, JC subs

- Level 1 clinic scheduled in Rutland November 6th – plenty of seats still available.

Disabled Hockey Coordinator Report – David Santamore

- Pioneers playing in Northeast Sled Hockey League started August 21st.
- Sled Dogs planning to start soon.
- Ice Vets held first practice on October 10th.
- VA in Manchester will begin holding clinics next Wednesday.
- UVM Men’s Club Team just requested a clinic.
- SASA conducting Disabled Hockey events Sunday evenings – see SASA website for details.

Player Safety Coordinator Report – Jody LaVanway

- One (1) concussion report filed to date. All Las reminded to file reports.
- Jodi intends to attend NED meeting next weekend.

Treasurer Report – Pat Phillips

- Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax) for last fiscal year was filed.
- USAH audit forthcoming.

SafeSport Coordinator Report – Ray St. Pierre

- Certification is now annual – renewal must be completed prior to one-year anniversary.
- All volunteers must be on LA roster by November 1st with SafeSport certification.
- No charge if registered with USAH as volunteer.
- Send certification number to Bob Greemore.

Other Business

- Glades’ request for teams to play Tier 2 reviewed and discussed.
- Justin Martin offered his “House to Tier 1 Plan Statewide!” slide presentation (hard copies available) which was reviewed and discussed.

Association Business

- Milton is searching for starter sets.
- Rutland intends to submit play-up request.
- SASA recognized Justin Martin for his thoughtful presentation.
- Shamrocks recognized Sallie Hurd for making Nationals

Adjournment

- At 8:57 p.m. President called for adjournment. A motion was duly made and seconded for adjournment. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.