



Mission: The “Upper Valley Hockey Association” mission is to introduce the youth of our area to and promote the game of hockey, so that every child in the program can enjoy a positive experience through encouragement, skill development and character building while creating a passion for the game.

UVHA MEETING MINUTES August 23 2023 King Arthur Flour

Meeting started at 7pm (attendance: Brock, Josh, Will, Dana, Tom)

1. Approval of Minutes from July

- a. Minutes approved Brock motioned, Will seconded

2. 14U Update

It was discussed among the group that we need to finalize the 14u ice between UVHA and WYS. Josh and Dana will work through this to make sure we meet all GSL deadlines and everything is entered into the Aviro system.

We are still looking for coaches on both teams. Josh will be HC of 14u Green, will be still searching for a few assistants (Moseley, Ferland). 14u Blue is HC coachless, but working on getting Gary LaPerle to be HC, and also needs to get him some assistants as well. Josh will talk to WYS and all others will keep thinking of others to ask.

We are two players short of creating a waitlist, we want no more than 30 skates and 4 goalies between the two teams.

HHA has consolidated to one team.

3. Monthly Reports

- a. Coaching Coordinator/Registrar - Allison was absent and Will updated. Allison has emailed all coaches as for them to register and get started with the process.
- b. Safesport Coordinator - No Update.
- c. NH State Representative - Will provided a big update from the NH Annual meeting he attended. The biggest take away was getting our ice schedule into the Avairo system so schedules could be made in early September. There will most likely be a lot of tier movement due to the number in each division especially T5 10u.
- d. Girls Development - Amanda and Tom collaborate to run Girls skates this year.
- e. Fundraising - No update, we need to work on finalizing plans for BBQ and Will waiting to hear back from Scott about using the lobby and rink parking lot.
- f. Scheduler - Dana and Josh are working on the hand off completely. Josh has been helping Dana with everything and will make sure we are all set for Avairo scheduling in early September. Lots of work to do still.
- g. Equipment Manager - Will was able to get the stores built out for both Storm and Swarm, we will start pushing them on social media and also email blast to all. We will also bring all equipment for the BBQ equipment swap, we are not going to inventory like last year.
- h. Treasurer - Presentation of Cost Analysis summarized below.
- i. Marketing/Social Media Manager - Tom and Denise Hunter will push TM/SA registration as well as both stores for sales.
- j. Safety/Concussion -No update.

4. New Business

Fall BBQ planning-mission and vision of Storm-all in attendance were going to look and advise on the mission and vision for the BBQ. Discuss about getting the RSVP's out along with making sure we are all set with using WABA for our event.

Will attended the NH hockey meeting, the major takeaways were that we need rosters finalized and ice buy into Avario so game schedules can be built out for GSL play.

Tryout committee for 12u/14 players need eval- those in attendance agreed it needed to be a neutral party and thinking we need at least one outside source, for the goalies Erin Stevens is willing to evaluate. For players we are still searching but going to ask around to some other high school coaches in the area.

The board discussed Alternate policy/consequences, we decided will come up with something similar to NHAHA as we are ok with players playing for alternate teams but as an association we don't want to be the alternate team. We want our players to be committed and attend all practices and games. Will is going to draft something up for the September meeting.

We are very close to having a head coach for each team we are fielding this year. The one team we don't have a head coach for is the 14u Blue team but we are confident we will have one named by our September meeting. See below for a list of coaches.

SA- Will Meyer

HM- Allison Mancuso, Pierce Mayhew

8U- Nick Hall and Marc Gattie

10u Blue- Will Meyer

10u Black-Dave Holmes

10u Silver-Dana Wright

12u Blue- Brock Barton

12u Black-Amanda Nelson

14u Green- Josh Obar

14u Blue-Gary Laperle?

We need to put our 8u declarations in for NHAHA, Will is going to poll families at the TM level to see what kind of commitment level they want. Do they want 2 GSL games a weekend, one GSL game a weekend and the other VT or just all local games with HHA, WYS, RAHA, Lyndon etc.

Player Releases with NHAHA, we discussed the process and Will asked to make sure we didn't have any players with outstanding balances.

The UVHA program is going to offer some "kick the rust off" skates on 10/12-10/13 for 10u and above since the rink will potentially be opening early. Will is going to follow up with all coaches to remind them that Storm will cover one other tournament besides the GSL tournament with a limit of \$1250. Teams can go to more expensive tournaments but they will need to cover the difference.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm