

# UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



October 11, 2017 ~ 6:30 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Sarah Morlock, Mindy Dube, Nate Dube, Matt Maher, Jason Spaulding, Justin Barwood, Roger Gillies, Josh Obar, Bill Mann, Alex DeFelice
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:34 PM
  - a. The September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Justin, seconded by Alex).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
  - a. **Webmaster-**Given the delayed opening of WABA, Jason will contact Kelly to update the countdown on the website. Bill advised that all SportsEngine generated emails should read that they are “from the UVHA Board” rather than “from Kelly Park.” The SportsEngine email list needs to be updated as well; emails of players who registered with but no longer play with the Storm need to be removed. Bill also suggested looking into whether or not one can unsubscribe from that registration generated email list. Old content still remains on the website and should be taken down prior to the start of the new season.
  - b. **Coaching Coordinator-**Alex reported that most travel coaches are in good standing with their coaching credentials. He’ll send out another email reminder to be sure that everyone is prepared to step onto the ice for the first practice. Sarah will print hard copies of the Parent Packet for Alex to distribute to each head coach. These documents are referenced during early season parent meetings.
  - c. **Equipment Manager-**John ordered the Mite and tryout jerseys. Those have arrived, along with the game jerseys which were previously delivered. He’s preparing for jersey assignments and distribution.
  - d. **SafeSport Coordinator-**Mindy reported that, thus far, she has only eight SafeSport certificates. She’s concerned that not all copies of certificates are being directed to her account. Mindy will work with Kylie to get any certificates that may have been funneled to her. Alex reminded the Board that all travel coaches should print a hard copy of their certificates for Mindy’s files and for the books.

- e. **Treasurer**-Ryan was not able to attend.
  - f. **Fundraising**-The Board determined dates for hockey photos, the Christmas tree sale and Skate-a-thon. These will be communicated in the Welcome Letter which will go out in the virtual Parent Packet next week. Sarah has ordered both Storm logo magnets and decals, which are due to arrive prior to the start of the season. Hockey Monkey and Rogue Wear are developing UVHA dedicated sites for Bauer team jackets/pants and custom Storm hockey bags, respectively. Sarah will soon organize a hockey sock sale. She'll ask Kelly to communicate both when they are ready.
  - g. **Registrar**-Kylie wasn't able to attend but Jason shared her report. There are currently 18 Bantams (16 skaters & two goalies), 29 Peewees (27 skaters & two goalies), 27 Squirts, 22 Travel Mites, 28 House Mite, and 13 Termites. The Executive team has Kylie's list of families with outstanding balances and will address payment collection in closed session.
  - h. **Scheduler**-As the UVHA's NHAHA delegate, Roni recently learned and shared with Bill a new GSL compliance rule. Teams are required to have played six GSL games prior to the second Sunday in December. Bill is working to schedule these games, but, given the late notice, is having some difficulty. Bill asked for clarification regarding the level of travel for the House Mites. Josh reminded the group that given the strong HM numbers, there would be little to no need for any travel. HM coaches were open to inviting teams to WABA for cross-ice scrimmages and local travel play. But any travel outside of the Upper Valley should be limited to the Lyndon jamboree and BAHA.
4. **New Business:**
- a. **WABA Update**-The Town informed Justin this week that mechanical issues would delay WABA's opening. Scott Hausler has vowed to keep the UVHA well-informed of its progress. Parts are currently on order from outside of the country. But the Town is confident that we will have ice starting on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Justin was assured that, at worst, the rink would open Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Justin reconfigured the early season ice/tryout schedule. This new schedule leaves teams with one less sheet of ice than the original schedule. However, the Board will compensate families by building in an additional sheet for each team later in the season. Sarah will craft an email to inform the Association of the situation. Jason will ask Kelly to push it out to members with the updated schedule right away. On the topic of additional skates, Bill brought up for Board discussion the idea of toying with the practice schedule to allow for the Peewees and Squirts to have full sheets of ice, like the Bantams. The Board will circle back to this discussion and look to accommodate occasional full ice practices for all upper level teams.
  - b. **Apparel**-Roni is working to roll out this season's fundraising apparel sale. He distributed to the group a proposed product list with base pricing. Sarah will work

with Roni to set reasonable margins for profit. Families will order directly from the UVHA dedicated website. Roni will receive the bundled-by-order gear and distribute goods to members. The company expects a three to four week turn-around after the closing of the order site. Roni's goal is to launch the website next week which would allow for delivery before the holidays.

- c. **Certificate of Insurance**-Although Jason had some cause for concern, he's been assured that the UVHA's COI will arrive expeditiously.
  - d. **Tryout Committee Update**-Each Tryout Committee is planning for the upcoming player evaluations. The Policies and Procedures provide guidance for coaches and independent evaluators. Some coaches have voiced that they'd like to incorporate more competition-based scenarios. Each Committee will report back to the Board with the final plans for their level.
  - e. **Girls Development Update**-The GDP Committee continued discussions with Jeff Moreno and Coach Goldsworthy of HHS. The first three skates will be sponsored by the school, making use of the varsity girls' Wednesday afternoon ice. Following those few initial skates, the UVHA has secured bi-weekly half sheets for GDP practices on Monday nights, splitting ice with the Termites. The HHS girls' team is taking the lead, working on practice plans and promotional materials. Jeff asked if the UVHA could give them at least a rough number of possible Storm participants; this preliminary information would help with their planning. Sarah offered to create a google survey to gauge player interest/intent.
5. **NH State Meeting Report:**
- a. The next meeting is October 14<sup>th</sup>. Roni may have a conflict and will likely not be able to attend the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Jason will check his schedule and plan to attend in his place.
6. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:37 PM