

Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

Minutes: Meeting – Tuesday 13 April 2021

President called meeting - conducted via Zoom - to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

- Conducted by Secretary - see attached Meeting Attendance Report.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes from monthly meeting conducted on Tuesday 9 March 2021. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

President Report – John Cioffi

- NED update:
 - Next NED meeting is scheduled on 25 April 2021 via Zoom.
 - Women/Girls Coordinator search ongoing with 5 qualified applicants under consideration.
 - Development camp for 04 & 05 boys is scheduled on 28-30 May 2021 at Attleboro, MA. Players invited last year will be invited again this year.
 - Development camp for 04 – 06 girls is scheduled on 28-31 May 2021 at Nashua, NH. Registration is now open and will close on 30 April 2021.
 - Regional tournament was arranged last minute in NH and CN. Shamrocks 16U T2 took second place and are headed to Nationals in Denver, CO.
 - Two Vermont refs worked at the NED Regionals: Brian Wilkinson – 16U boys T1 and Alex Bergeron 18U boys T1.
- USA Hockey Annual Congress is scheduled on 9-13 June 2021 via Zoom.
- Owen Banks endorsed St. Pats' application for membership as an Allied Member under section 2.03 of VSAHA By-Laws. A motion was made and seconded to approve St. Pats membership. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.
- 2021-2022 Face-Off Meeting has been scheduled tentatively on Sunday 29 August 2021. If anyone has a specific topic they wish to have discussed, please let John know.

Nominating Committee Report – Karen Fortin, Chair

- The following slate of candidates was presented for election:
 - John Cioffi – President
 - Nate Isham – 1st Vice-President
 - Kim Gaines – 2nd Vice-President
 - Christopher Micciche – Secretary
- A motion was made and seconded to vote in favor of the slate as presented. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

State Tournament Committee Report – Kim Gaines, Chair

- New committee members are encouraged to apply.

Treasurer Report – Pat Phillips

- The VSAHA annual budget, presented and reviewed in detail at the last meeting, was submitted for approval. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget as presented. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.
- Pat reported that Growth Grants have been approved with information sent to successful applicants.

Policy Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair

- The revised Outstanding Debt List, presented and reviewed in detail at the last meeting, was submitted for approval. A motion was made and seconded to accept the revised ODL as presented. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.
- Nate reminded all that the ODL opens May 1st and closes June 1st.
- The revised Transfer and Release Policy, presented and reviewed in detail at the last meeting, was submitted for approval. A motion was made and seconded to accept the revised T&R Policy as presented. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.
- The revised Tier 1 Selection Criteria and Process, presented and reviewed in detail at the last meeting, was submitted for approval. A motion was made and seconded to accept the revised Tier 1 SC&P as presented. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

Rules Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair

- Certain roster violations currently under review.

Player Safety Coordinator Report – Jody LaVanway

- Jodi offered kudos for all the hard work everyone has done to carry out the Covid protocols.
- Jodi indicated that a Player Safety component will be added to the next Face-Off meeting.

Girls/Women Director – Becky Street

- Nothing new to report.
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CIC Report – Craig Weston

- Stay tuned for notice re future clinics to be determined at USAH Annual Congress.

Referee-in-Chief Report – Mike Hickey

- Nothing new to report.

Registrar Report – Bob Greemore

- Several reports circulated and reviewed.

SafeSport Coordinator Report – Ray St. Pierre

- Nothing new to report.

Goalie Coordinator Report – Leon Lifschutz

- Leon has prepared a draft report he expects to submit soon to the Executive Committee for approval.

8U Hockey & Grow the Game Coordinator Report – Mike Smith

- Mike has six sets of goalie gear ready to go for anyone who needs one.
- Mike will investigate Bruins Learn to Play program for next year.

Disabled Hockey Coordinator Report – David Santamore

- Dave was absent.

Local Association Business

- SASA (Dan Merchant) reported the passing of Dennis “Red” Gendron, former history teacher and head men’s ice hockey coach at Bellows Free Academy (1981-1989) where he led the Bobwhites to four state championships (1982, 1983, 1987, and 1988) and was twice named Vermont Coach of the Year. Dan reported that donations in Red’s name could be made through the University of Maine.
- Lumberjacks reported two teams won North Division titles.
- Shamrocks reported their upcoming trip to Nationals in Denver, CO.
- LAYHA (Andrew McGregor) reported optimism that his organization will soon “rise from the ashes.” Andrew requested and received assurance that all returning players would be regarded as exempt transfers.

Adjournment

- At 8:10 p.m. President called for adjournment. Motion duly-made and seconded. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.