

# UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



July 18, 2018 ~ 5:30 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kylie Young, Sarah Morlock, Jason Spaulding, Justin Barwood, Brock Barton, Roger Gillies, Alex DeFelice, Josh Obar
2. **Meeting called to order:** 5:36 PM
  - a. The June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Alex, seconded by Justin).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
  - a. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex reported that many coaches have registered online to coach this upcoming 2018-2019 season. He's feeling fairly confident that there will be a sufficient number of coaches at each level. However, there is some concern that there may not be a qualified or willing head coach for a couple of teams, depending on the results of tryouts. Josh also pointed out that with former Learn-to-Skate coaches taking on coaching responsibility at the Learn-to-Play level, there may be a need for a head coach and additional coaches at the Learn-to-Skate level.
  - b. **Equipment Manager**-John shared a written report with the Board. Only one set of jerseys remains to be returned, but the family has been in contact with John and just needs to connect to plan for a drop off. Six sets of jerseys need to be replaced as a result of normal wear-and-tear. Looking at the number of players currently registered at each level and the number of jerseys in inventory, John suggests purchasing an additional five sets to fill out the expected demand of small sizes at the Travel and Squirt levels. Jason Gaudette is working on a design and estimate for this year's BE Fit jerseys. John has requested that BE Fit increase their contribution from \$300 to \$500 to cover the increase in the screening costs of 50 jerseys. He also advised that the Board buy a blood spill kit to keep permanently behind the benches and replace the cold packs that were ruined at the rink. Roni made a motion to approve the purchase of the replacement game jerseys, BE Fit jerseys, and first aid supplies, to total an estimated \$2,123.99. Justin seconded his motion. All voted in favor.
  - c. **SafeSport Coordinator**-No report.

- d. **Treasurer**-Brock was able to meet with Ryan for a financial overview. He still needs to be added to the UVHA's bank accounts, however. Brock distributed a financial update, detailing the projected versus collected registration revenue by level. There were marked discrepancies at all levels but Learn-to-Skate. Kylie explained that the difference could likely be attributed to the lack of an account of payment plans and scholarship awards. Brock also highlighted the number of registered players versus the number of budgeted players. The number of Squirts exceeds the budgeted amount, but this does not pose any financial hardship as the number of teams at this level and the ice needs do not change. Brock and Kylie will work together to complete the City of Lebanon funding application, due August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - e. **Fundraising**-Sarah needs more financial information to complete the 2017-2018 grant report. Brock and Kylie will assist her in gathering the necessary scholarship award data. She asked that an additional game jersey be ordered to present to the UVHA's most generous donor. Sarah also asked that the Board consider awarding a registration discount as an incentive for fundraising committee members: individuals making significant contributions to fundraising event organization and operation would be entered into a drawing. Sarah will make an official proposal to go to vote at a future meeting.
  - f. **Registrar**-Kylie reported that there were only a few new registrations since June's meeting. The 128 registrations are distributed by level as follows: 26 Bantams, 35 Peewees, 33 Squirts, 19 Travel Mites, 12 Learn-to-Play, and three Learn-to-Skate.
  - g. **Scheduler**-Justin submitted the UVHA's ice schedule request to the Town. He asked for an additional hour of ice on Wednesday afternoons and earlier ice on Saturday and Sunday mornings to add to the weekend schedule. This extra time would accommodate the ice needs of the extra team and allow for girls' skates.
4. **New Business:**
- a. **Girls Summit June 28<sup>th</sup> with HHS Women's Hockey**-Jason and Coach Goldsworthy hosted a forum to discuss women's hockey. They hoped to better understand the reasons for the deteriorating health of girls' hockey and to elicit ideas for the immediate acquisition and attrition of female players, as well as consider more long-term efforts to implement in order to grow girls' programming. The affordability of play was voiced as an inherent issue, specifically registration fees and equipment costs. The group present examined the feasibility of providing loaner equipment, ultimately favoring equipment purchase assistance. It was agreed that pre and post season girls-only tournament play could be relatively easily facilitated, if there was a coach and/or committee willing to organize. Jason will reach out to Jay Zanleoni to see if he has any interest in championing this cause. And the UVHA has already planned to again carve out ice to offer girls' clinics this season. Justin and Jason will meet with

Hanover in hopes of collaborating to eventually form a collective Upper Valley girls' hockey program.

- b. **Next Season Planning Topics**-There's one Peewee currently wait-listed and five Squirt players wait-listed. While there is currently room at the Peewee level to accept new players, Squirt numbers are heavy and there will be little or no room to accept more players. Not knowing the skill level of some of the newly registered players and concerns for skating ability for some of the returning players, the group agreed that the Board should communicate expectations for tryouts and placement sooner than later. If a child's skill/skating level is not commensurate to travel hockey, per USA Hockey, the only option we have is Learn-to-Play.
  - c. **Tier Declarations**-Tier declarations are due before the August meeting; but tier changes may be made into early December, if needed. Based on last season's teams' tiers and team expectations for the upcoming season, the Board followed coaches' recommendations to tier teams for the 2018-2019 season as follows: Bantams: tiers II and IV; Peewees: tiers II, III, and V; Squirts: tiers III and V.
  - d. **Equipment Swap/Sale/Donation**-Jason asked that the Board again organize an equipment swap/sale. Sarah reminded the group of the successes and failures of equipment sales and swaps in years past. Kylie recommended that the Board organize an equipment "yard sale" as an alternative to collecting, sorting, storing, and later selling or disposing of donated equipment. \* Sarah will look at some dates late summer/early fall to host an open equipment yard sale, welcoming families to price and sell their own equipment at WABA. Sarah will communicate the event via email, Facebook, Parks and Recreation departments and the Valley News.
5. **NH State Meeting Report:**
- a. NHAHA's season kick-off meeting will take place August 25<sup>th</sup>.
6. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:44 PM

*\*7/26/18 Addendum: Bill was unable to attend the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. He reviewed the notes and emailed to remind Sarah that the Board could establish an equipment sale/swap forum using the website's software. He shared examples of other associations' sites where members were able to log in and list their own available items, eliminating the need for Board involvement. Sarah forwarded these links to Kelly and Jason, suggesting the UVHA use these forums as a model, including their disclaimer language.*

