



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
June 22nd, 2022 – 8:00 PM
via Zoom**

Attendance: Brock Barton, Josh Obar, Will Meyer, Dean Cashman, Tom Daniels, Jen Callahan, Kylie Young, Megan O’Neil.

1. **Meeting called to order:** 8:05pm
2. **Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes-** Motion to approve minutes from Brock Barton. Seconded by Will Meyer. Meeting minutes approved.
3. **Bantam Attendance Policy**
 - a. Coach Cashman was in attendance to contribute to this topic. In the interest of respecting Coach Cashman’s time, the board began the meeting by discussing the Bantam attendance policy. Brock laid out three potential options; a flexible attendance policy, a zero flexibility policy, and a third option which would allow players to primary with Storm but still attend high school practices if they wanted to. Hanover High School’s policy this year is that the high school team is priority and athletes can not play club. We don’t know what Woodstocks policy is but Will M. is going to try and find out because we have 6-7 Woodstock athletes. Coach Cashman felt that asking athletes to choose one team will allow for a higher level of hockey to be played this season and ultimately benefit the kids. After a lengthy discussion, the board decided to go with a Storm Priority policy with zero flexibility. The board decided that this policy will need to be revisited each year because high school players' situations will differ from year to year based on roster numbers.
4. **Monthly Reports**
 - a. **Coaching Coordinator** (Will Meyer)- Will wants to ask NAHA for coaching courses earlier this year. Coaching registration will open soon.
 - b. **Safesport Coordinator** (Vacant)- No Update
 - c. **NH State Representative** (Vacant)- No Update
 - d. **Girls Development** (Vacant) - No Update
 - e. **Fundraising** (Jen Callahan)- No Update
 - f. **Registrar** (Kylie Young)- See Midgets below
 - g. **Scheduler** (Josh Obar)- See Ice Planning below
 - h. **Equipment Manager** (Vacant)- See Jersey Return below
 - i. **Treasurer** (Brock Barton/Will Meyer)-
 - j. **Marketing/Social Media Manager** (Tom Daniels)- No Update.

5. New Business

- a. Official Fee Proposal- The official fee has increased for the coming season. Rates haven't increased for awhile so this increase is overdue. The rate increase is the same across the board for Hanover and Woodstock as well. Josh Obar motioned to approve followed by a Will Meyer second. There were no objections and the motion passed.
- b. Midgets- Brock reported that Midget sign up has been removed from the website. There was only one registration so far. Kelly says that a lot of kids are going to other teams like the Avalanche. Brock asked if there was still a possibility of having a team. Tom Daniels said that he will talk to potential Midget kids to see if there is interest in having a team at all and if people would be interested in intramural versus competitive games. The board will come back to this topic at the next meeting.
- c. Ice Planning- Josh went over what he has been working on for scheduling with the new extended time slots. It's looking like we will have two teams at every level, with possibly only one travel mite team. He still needs to know how many weekend slots we will need and is also worried about having enough goalkeepers for each team. Tom Daniels and Kylie Young both said that they were in support of Friday night games at the Bantam level should that be necessary to get all the games in every weekend.
- d. Jersey Return- Brock will email Josh Obar and John Morelock the jersey numbers that still need to be returned.
- e. Body Contact Clinics- Brock and Josh O reported that we are waiting to hear back from Dartmouth about the hiring of their volunteer. There is hope that we will be able to work with this individual to offer body contact clinics.
- f. NHAHA Annual Meeting- Brock will be attending the annual meeting this coming weekend. There were several changes being proposed so a discussion was had about each topic to come to a general Storm consensus.
 - i. OT Rule- How will this rule be implemented in curfew rinks? Would this result in a forfeit for the home team? The board felt this needs to be clarified and worked out before being put into effect. The board also felt that there was really no need for an overtime rule and there were no situations where it would have been necessary for our organization this year.
 - ii. Fair Play Points- The board felt this would be very hard to implement fairly. Who would be in charge of this at each rink? Most felt that everyone would end up getting a point and it wouldn't make much of a difference in the standings. Josh O proposed a Sportsmanship Award instead where the organization with the best sportsmanship would get a banner to hang for the next year. Kylie thought that the fair play points would put officials in an even tougher position than they already are. Overall, the Storm board is against the OT Rule change and the Fair Play Points system.
 - iii. The Board unanimously agreed that we would be willing to host a Bantam or PeeWee State Tournament.
- h. Volunteers- President Barton put out another call for volunteers in the positions listed below. Tom Daniels said that he would do another post to encourage registrations and a Facebook post asking for volunteers.
 - NHAHA State Representative
 - Girls Development
 - Fundraising
 - Scheduler - Josh Obar and someone to support (preferably 8U or 10U)
 - Equipment Manager
 - Marketing/Social Media Manager - Coordinate with Team Parents.

i. Review of Policies and Procedures: Brock emailed the current policies and procedure document to the board for input from the group. Collaboration was done via email and minor changes were made to the playing up policy and the refund policy. The board agreed to keep policies broad in order to allow for situation by situation decisions to be made.

6. Meeting adjourned- 9:27pm.