

Vermont State Amateur Hockey Association

Minutes: Meeting – Tuesday 11 April 2023

President John Cioffi attended via Zoom. Meeting conducted by 1st VP Nate Isham who called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call

- Conducted by Secretary - see attached Meeting Attendance Report.

Approval of Minutes

- A motion was duly made and seconded to approve minutes from monthly meeting conducted on Tuesday 14 March 2023. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.

President Report – Nate Isham for John Cioffi

- The results of the survey regarding referee compensation throughout Vermont were previously published.
- NED update.
 - Next meeting scheduled 5 May 2023 in Rhode Island.
 - Futures Camp (Girls & Youth 12s (2011) and 13s (2010) was held on 24-26 March in Portland, Maine. The camp was reported to be a big success, in large part because Maine adopted the successful format developed by VSAHA in 2021 and 2022.
- USA Hockey update.
 - The Annual Congress is scheduled on 7-10 June 2023 in Denver, CO. VSAHA's executive officers will be attending.
 - John Cioffi is a member of the committee regarding the improvement of the culture in ice hockey. John would appreciate any input anyone might have about how that can be accomplished.
- Adam Hammond has joined the USA Hockey Coach Developer Academy, a program designed to develop mentor coaches who will be going out into the field and training the grassroots coaches throughout the country.

VSAHA Tournament Committee Report – Kim Gaines, Chair

- NED Regionals hosted by Vermont were very well managed by all concerned and received heaps of praise and positive feedback.
 - Girls 14U Tier 1 hosted by Woodstock held on 10-12 March.
 - Youth 10U Tier 3 hosted by CVYH held on 17-19 March in Waterbury.
- Vermont teams advancing to Nationals.
 - SASA Youth 14U Tier 2 held in Denver, CO on 30 March - 3 April.
 - Saint Pats 16U Tier 2 held in Amherst, NY on 30 March - 3 April.

Treasurer Report – Pat Phillips

- Checks for Growth Grant have already been issued and reports and documentation are now due.

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

- CSB is hosting two more Try Hockey for Free Days; Saturday 15 April and Saturday 29 April.
- As previously requested, advance reservations are currently being made for use of the equipment trailer.

Registrar Report – Bob Greemore

- Teams registering now for spring season play will remain registered for 2023- 2024 season.
- Reminder. Existing and incoming association board members must complete annual SafeSport certification.
- Number of teams registered in 2022-2023 equal those registered in 2018-2019 pre-pandemic.
- With a big sigh and vague complaints about his advanced age and declining golf game, Bob reports he is ready to retire after he has trained his replacement.

Policy Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair

- On 31 March 2023 Nate published notice of three (3) proposals the committee decided to submit to the membership for evaluation and possible approval. Addressed in order, these include:
 - Elimination of the existing Transfer & Release Policy. Approval of this proposal was moved and duly seconded. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken: fifteen (15) votes for approval, one (1) vote against, and zero (0) abstentions. With a simple majority obtained, the motion was approved.
 - Amendment to Article IV Eligibility for State Tournament § 4.01 Residency Requirements of the VSAHA By-Laws to instate the limit of four (4) out-of-state players drawn from the now eliminated Transfer & Release Policy. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken: fourteen (14) votes for approval, one (1) vote against, and one (1) abstention. With a two-thirds majority obtained (threshold of twelve (12)), the motion was approved.
 - Revision of the Outstanding Debt List to eliminate the existing deadline for submissions. Approval of this proposal was moved and duly seconded. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken: sixteen (16) votes for approval, zero (0) votes against, and zero (0) abstentions. With a simple majority obtained, the motion was approved.

Rules Committee Report – Nate Isham, Chair

- Nothing new to report.

Referee-in-Chief Report – Mike Hickey

- USA Hockey is in the process of determining certain revisions to seminars. Final decisions will be made at the Annual Congress scheduled on 7-10 June 2023 in Denver, CO. Stay tuned.

SafeSport Coordinator Report – Ray St. Pierre not available.

- Nate Isham reports the vast majority of incidents involve violations of locker room monitoring rules. SafeSport is considering imposition of penalties on associations for violations of those rules.

Goalie Coordinator Report – Leon Lifschutz not available, John Cioffi subs.

- Leon is hoping to have additional assistance coordinating future goalie development clinics.

Girls/Women Director Report – Becky Street

- NED Tryouts for Girls 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009 are scheduled on 14-16 April in Northford, CT.
- Looking for more female coaches for USA Hockey Coach Developers.

Disabled Hockey Coordinator Report – David Santamore not available.

Player Safety Coordinator Report – Jody LaVanway

- Associations with spring teams must continue to report injuries, including concussions.
- Parro’s Gun Shop in Waterbury, VT is holding *Stop the Bleed* classes on Tuesday 16 June 2023 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm and again on Saturday 20 June 2023 from 12:00 – 1:30 pm. *Stop the Bleed* is a grassroots national awareness campaign and call-to-action. *Stop the Bleed* encourages bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

Annual Elections

- The election was conducted by Secretary Christopher Micciche with a roll call vote for each candidate. The results are as follows:
 - President: Candidates, John Cioffi and Justin Martin. Fifteen (15) votes for Cioffi, three (3) votes for Martin, and no abstentions. John Cioffi was re-elected as President for the successive one-year term.
 - 1st Vice President: Candidates, Nate Isham and Justin Martin. Twelve (12) votes for Isham, three (3) votes for Martin, and one (1) abstention. Nate Isham was re-elected as 1st President for the successive one-year term.
 - 2nd vice President: Candidates, Kim Gaines and Kate Salvatore. Fifteen (15) votes for Gaines, zero (0) votes for Salvatore, and one (1) abstention. Kim Gaines was re-elected as 2nd President for the successive one-year term.
 - Secretary: Candidate, Christopher Micciche: Sixteen (16) votes for Micciche. Micciche was re-elected as Secretary for the successive two-year term.

Association Business

- None submitted.

Adjournment

- At 8:08 p.m. Nate Isham called for adjournment. A motion was duly made and seconded for adjournment. Voice vote taken; unanimous approval w/no abstentions. Motion carried.