

# UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



June 20, 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:** 5:35 PM
  - a. The May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Josh, seconded by Alex).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
  - a. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex reported that a number of coaches have already registered online for the 2018-2019 season. Alex expects that more will trickle in following a recent communication from Jason and an association-wide call for coaches from Sarah. The Board needs to determine whether or not there are sufficient coaches at each level. A slate of coaches will later be approved at the September meeting. Head coaches will be approved after tryouts.
  - b. **Equipment Manager**-John plans to inventory goalie and other UVHA equipment before the start of the season. He's arranged for two squirt-aged goalies to borrow goalie equipment over the summer; these girls will be participating in goalie camps and requested use of gear. John needs the updated registration list now that registration is nearing its close; he'll place the jersey replacement order after considering needs for new players. Jason Gaudette is looking into NHL replica jerseys for the Mite program. He'll communicate product details, including cost, with John who will then share this information with the Board before placing an order for Mite jerseys for the season. BE Fit will again sponsor the 8U programming, paying for the screening of the BE Fit league jerseys.
  - c. **SafeSport Coordinator**-No report.
  - d. **Treasurer**-Brock is still transitioning into the Treasurer role. He and Ryan have not yet been able to connect, but Ryan is back in town and they intend to meet soon. Kylie and Jason will look into getting Brock a SportsEngine account so he can access information regarding paid/unpaid registrations to better track income and expenses in comparison to program budgets. He's made some deposits but

doesn't have the check book to pay bills. Payment is due to the Town for the last ice rentals. Brock will work with Ryan to get that paid before its due date.

- e. **Fundraising**-A number of Storm families volunteered to man the UVHA's water stop at the Covered Bridges Half Marathon on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. A \$500 check will be mailed to the Lebanon PO box. Sarah inquired about the City of Lebanon funding: Ryan was formerly responsible for completing the application and attending meetings regarding this grant. As Kylie had assisted Ryan with this in the past, she offered to help Brock with the application, due August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - f. **Registrar**-Kylie reported that player registrations now total 118. Since the last meeting, new registrations include one Bantam, three Peewees, three Squirts, and two Travel Mites. Not knowing the hockey experience of some of the players new to the association, the Board agreed that we will need to be clear when communicating about the tryout process that players are not guaranteed a spot on a travel team if their skill level is not commensurate. Players not demonstrating age-appropriate skill for travel teams will have the option of participating in the Learn-to-Play program or receive a refund based on the refund policy schedule.
  - g. **Scheduler**-No report.
4. **New Business:**
- a. **Girls Summit June 28<sup>th</sup> with HHS Women's Hockey**-Jason met with Hartford High School Girls Hockey coach, Bill Goldsworthy, to discuss the state of girls' hockey in the region. Numbers are declining across the state of Vermont. HHS and UVHA will be hosting a summit next week to discuss the challenges to the sport and ideas to combat those challenges. Sarah emailed a notice of the meeting, Kelly posted it on Facebook. This forum will be open to the public. The UVHA is again willing to donate ice to hold girls' skates this coming season and Coach Goldsworthy confirmed that HHS is willing to organize and coach a number of the first girls' skates, then assist with those others held later in the season. Jason suggested that the Board consider looking into pre-season and/or post-season girls' tournaments to give UVHA girls an opportunity to participate in game play.
  - b. **Next Season Planning Topics**-Josh wanted to understand the budget for Mites, particularly the budget for 8U tournaments. Sarah shared the "8U Financial Summary" Matt prepared for the 2017-2018 season which detailed team expenses, including tournament fees and registration revenue. Josh will refer to this when exploring tournament options for the upcoming season.
  - c. **Official and Coach Advertising**-Sarah and Kelly put out a call for coaches via email, Facebook and the website. Jason reached out to Mark Goodwin to confirm his return as Head Referee and to ask his permission to share his contact information with individuals interested in refereeing.

5. **NH State Meeting Report:**

- a. NHAHA's season "kick-off" will take place August 25<sup>th</sup>. Frank Cushing volunteered to act as an alternate NHAHA Delegate. The Board was unable to secure a second volunteer. Since a UVHA representative needs to be present at all meetings to avoid fines, the group discussed and agreed to having Board members cover the meetings. Roger will check his schedule to first determine those meeting dates he's able to attend, then share the dates to be filled by other members of the Board. Sarah will inform Frank of this decision.
6. **Meeting Adjourned:** 6:46 PM