

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



June 21, 2017 ~ 6:00 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Sarah Morlock, Mindy Dube, Nate Dube, Matt Maher, Jason Spaulding, Ryan Ray, Justin Barwood, Roger Gillies, Bill Mann
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:04 PM
 - a. The May 17th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Matt, seconded by Justin).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Webmaster**-No report.
 - b. **Coaching Coordinator**-No report.
 - c. **Equipment Manager**-John and Bill met at WABA last month to look through the game jerseys. John brought the jerseys home and plans to launder and reorganize them prior to the start of the season. Jason asked that he forward the list of missing/damaged jerseys and reorder needs.
 - d. **SafeSport Coordinator**-No report.
 - e. **Treasurer**-Ryan reported that all outstanding bills are paid to date. June 30th will close out the fiscal year. Ryan learned that 501c3 volunteer coaches can write off their mileage, hotel expenses, etc. This will be clarified and communicated with coaches at the preseason coaches' meeting. Matt is working on filing the name-change request. Greater Lebanon Youth Hockey will soon officially be renamed the Upper Valley Hockey Association.
 - f. **Fundraising**-Sarah reported that the UVHA's Covered Bridges Half Marathon water stop was well-manned. Heather Obar and Kylie Curtis were on hand to direct the 19 Storm family volunteers. Sarah wrote a thank you to be posted to the website, including photos from the event shared by Kylie. CBHM will mail a \$500 donation made out to GLYH.
 - g. **Registrar**-Jason shared that there are 104 players registered to date. There was question as to whether or not Kylie had communicated with those expected

returning families who had yet to register. As numbers are quickly closing in on ideal team size (14 players per team), Jason will contact these families again to make them aware of the limited roster spots. Sarah will email Kylie and ask that she give families notification of their wait-list status for anyone registering after teams have reached capacity.

h. **Scheduler**-No report.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Bruins Alumni Game**-Kelly Park had offered to help organize a Bruins Alumni Game at WABA. There's approximately a \$6,000 cost. Given the expense and the fact that the game would compete with WYH's fundraising Bruins Alumni game, the topic was tabled for this season.
- b. **New Hartford Varsity Coach**-Hartford High School hired a new head coach for the Girls Varsity team, Bill Goldsworthy. Coach Goldsworthy has experience coaching high level players and is more than willing to partner with the UVHA to support Storm girls' hockey. Jeff Moreno will also be working to facilitate this cooperative.
- c. **Meeting with the Hanover Wild President**-Jason met with the newly appointed Hanover Youth Hockey President, Adrienne Peraza. He learned that Hanover's numbers remain quite healthy at close to 200 registrants. Jason had a great discussion with Adrienne, touching upon girls' programming, elite teams, tryouts, and even the merger of our two associations. When considering player placement, team numbers, House programs, and more, a future merger could be advantageous. They agreed to maintain contact throughout the season.
- d. **Girls Hockey**-The ball is rolling with Storm Girls Hockey. As before mentioned, both Jeff Moreno and the new HHS Girls Varsity coach are already weighing options for involvement with our development program. Kylie wasn't present, but Jason expects we'll see a program proposal next month.
- e. **Bantam Numbers**-There are currently 20 players registered at the Bantam level. As it stands, the Board agreed that this is not a healthy number. In order to function as two teams, there will need to be an increase of four to six players. Justin will arrange a meeting with Hanover and Woodstock to talk about Bantam numbers to see if there is a surplus or deficit of Bantam players within their associations. As a next step, if proven necessary, Jason will reach out to second year, high school eligible players to make them aware of this situation and allow them to consider alternative options for play.

5. **NH State Meeting Report:**

- a. The next meeting is to be determined.

6. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:34 PM