

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



December 18, 2018 ~ 7:00 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kylie Young, Sarah Morlock, Alex DeFelice, Brock Barton, Jason Spaulding, Justin Barwood, Roger Gillies, Bill Mann, Josh Obar, Jay Zanleoni

2. **Meeting called to order:** 7:00 PM
 - a. The November 14th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Justin, seconded by Josh).

3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex reported that of the UVHA's 35 coaches, there are only three coaches who have yet to close the loop on their coaching credentials. Alex has reminded them of what they need to complete and urged them to do so before the December 31st deadline.
 - b. **Equipment Manager**-The new practice jerseys have been distributed to the Squirt, Peewee and Bantam teams. John will collect these at the end of the season for spring and fall storage.
 - c. **SafeSport Coordinator**-No report.
 - d. **Treasurer**-Brock learned that ice invoices were being mailed to the former UVHA Treasurer's home address. That's since been corrected and payment remitted. Brock inquired as to the current use of the new Arbiter software; he explained that we should progress to making use of this software to its fullest extent.
 - e. **Fundraising**-Sarah reported that despite the difficulties encountered due to inclement weather, the Christmas Tree Sale was successful, raising \$3,983.58, to date. Another \$25 donation is expected, which will bring the net total to \$4,008.58. The UVHA is still awaiting word regarding the City of Lebanon funding and the NHAHA ADM grant. The Graphic Edge and Young's Photography should soon communicate the apparel and picture sale kick-backs. Planning for the 2019 Storm Skate-a-thon will begin in January. This will be the

last fundraising event of the season. Sarah said that we are currently on track to making our 2018-2019 fundraising goal of \$30,000.

- f. **Registrar**-Kylie reported that all members are in good financial standing with the Association; all registration fees have been paid in full.
- g. **Scheduler**-Bill expressed concern that while coaches request to fill out their schedules with games versus competitive Vermont teams, these games seem to be sometimes regarded as optional by parents and even dispensable by coaches. Bill also brought to the Board's attention that the communication of game cancellations needs to be better executed; he heard that there were instances when opposing teams were given very little notice, and that families traveled to games that were cancelled, unaware of that call having been made.

4. New Business:

- a. **Girls' Development**-Jay recently organized the first Girls' Development scrimmage, hosting Hanover. He shared that this 10U skate was well-received and considered it an overall success. He's arranged for Barre's 10U girls to come down for a scrimmage this Friday. Hanover has some ice available later in the season and is interested in hosting a girls' jamboree; dates are to-be-determined, but Jay will be included in planning and will keep the Board informed. Jason shared that the Girls' Clinics have not been consistently well-attended. The Board attributed this to the girls' having conflicting Saturday games and the early afternoon slot on Wednesday, difficult for working parents. Sarah will reach out to Team Parents and ask that they make a point of including the girls' skate schedules in their weekly emails.
- b. **End-of-Season Tournaments**-Jason learned that the 2019 Pot-of-Gold tournament will be held March 15th-17th. Jason reached out to coaches to make them aware of this season's POG dates. Since a deposit is required, Brock suggested that coaches make their interest known to him so that he can sign their teams up and cover that initial payment, rather than registering individually and having to cover the cost out of pocket until player contributions are collected. Sarah will email coaches and ask them to reach out to Brock with their decision by this Friday, December 21st.
- c. **Training at HHS with Bob Miller**-Jason reported that training with Bob Miller has been going well. The group discussed including the cost of training as part of UVHA upper teams' registration fees, but after considering the possible insurance implications, decided against this, continuing with direct payments from parents to Hartford High School.
- d. **Greg Carter**-Jacki Smith and Greg Carter are both willing to offer skating clinics for the Storm, at no cost to the Association or families. The Board discussed looking into utilizing some ice during the February break for Greg Carter. The

group also discussed the ready-available ice on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday mornings: Jacki would be welcome to a half sheet of ice on Girls' Development days, encompassing the girls' clinic skaters. Sarah will reach out to Jacki to communicate these opportunities.

- e. **Holiday Ice Schedule**-Justin proposed an alternate practice schedule for the upcoming holiday weeks. Christmas and New Year's Eve skates may be poorly attended, but Justin suggested keeping the ice if a coach was willing to run an open-skate. Jay agreed to supervise those evenings' skates. Jason will post these two dates on the website calendar as "open skates" for all Storm players.
- f. **Locker Room Policy**-Kylie suggested that we post locker room policy signage in each locker room to make clear these USA Hockey policies. Jason will reach out to the Town to ask if they'd allow us the liberty to do so.

5. **NH State Meeting Report:**

- a. Roni attended tonight's meeting via phone conference. He told Sarah that someone from NHAHA may contact her in regards to the determination letter submitted as part of the UVHA's ADM grant application. Sarah only had the original determination letter on file. Brock will email Sarah a copy of the more recent March, 2018 determination letter, reflecting the name change from Greater Lebanon Youth Hockey to Upper Valley Hockey Association. Sarah will forward the document to Paul Comeau.
- b. The next NHAHA meeting will be Tuesday, January 8th.

6. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:15 PM