



Mission: The Upper Valley Hockey Association is a volunteer run association whose mission is to introduce the youth of the greater Upper Valley to the game of hockey, so that every child in the program can enjoy a positive experience through sportsmanship, teamwork, integrity, and respect for all individuals, while developing a love for the game.

**UVHA August Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 20
8:30 – 10:00 pm
via Google Meet**

Meeting was called to order at 8:35 pm

Attendees: Brock Barton, Will Meyer, Allison Mancuso, Dan Hall, Bethany McLeman, Dana Wright, Jen Callahan, Megan O’Neil, and Cherry Sullivan.

The meeting began with the approval of minutes from the July meeting. Brock Barton motioned to approve the minutes. Bethany McLeman seconded. The minutes were approved.

Age Group Updates

14u - Brock reported that the blue team lost several players so they will be light for parity. Coach Barton explained the process we have used in the past for kids who needed a fall evaluation. The board discussed rosters for parity skates and how to incorporate the fall evaluation kids. They came up with a plan for supporting both the blue team and the unrostered players. Brock shared that the coach for the 14u white team withdrew his name from coaching due to a family member's health emergency. Brock is going to talk to a potential coach from Woodstock and hopes to have him to help Amanda Nelson. The board is going to continue to reach out to the community to search for additional support for the white team.

12u - Coach Meyer reported that we still have three teams. Dana Wright has stepped up to be the 12u silver coach. Will reminded everyone about the parity skates coming up on Saturday.

10u - Jen reviewed that we condensed down to two teams using the same strategy we have used in the past at 14u. An email has gone out to families to communicate this. There's parity skates coming up this weekend.

8u - Allison reported she has sent out team rosters for 8U for the white and blue division and those teams have named head coaches. She also reported that most of the players are attending parity and there are a few more kids who still want to join for the fall as well. Allison has asked Jay Z to lead Storm Academy but that has not been confirmed yet. The board discussed planning a Try Hockey Free Day for November. Dan Hall looked into using VSAHA's gear trailer for the event and this is the information he found: "VSAHA has created an equipment trailer in the continued effort of "Growing the Game". To utilize the trailer, your association will be responsible for pick up and return of the trailer but a loan agreement form will need to be signed. The trailer requires a 2" ball and has a 4 wire flat light adapter for towing."

Source: <http://www.vermonthockey.org/tryhockeytrailer>

Monthly Reports

Coaching Coordinator - Allison stated that we already discussed all the coaching updates above. Will reported that student coaches don't actually have to take the CEP and it will be "encouraged but not required". We have two student coaches we know of so far.

Registrar - Dana reported he is working through roster issues but they are almost ready to go.

Safesport Coordinator - Will is going to communicate to Terence the details of the fall NHAHA Safesport meeting.

NH State Representative - Will reported on the monthly meeting from this past Saturday. The 8u kick-off is 9/7 in Exeter and the 8u Jamboree is March 7-8th; also in Exeter. Will also let board members know they need to register with USA Hockey as a volunteer and do a background check and the SafeSport certification.

Treasurer's Report - No update

Fundraising - Bethany gave an overview of the fundraising events for the year, starting with the Slapshot Scramble. She reported that we made just about \$4,000.00 from the event and got lots of great feedback. We need to figure out what course to go with for next year to lock down dates and Bethany is going to create a survey to poll past participants and the general association to help inform our plan for next year. We are hoping to launch the concession stand in November this year but are going to meet about that after the BBQ. She also reviewed the VT Enforcers Game and how that would work. Brock and Will are going to work with WABA to find an evening ice slot for an hour and fifteen minutes. Finally, we discussed doing a Mom Skills Night earlier in the year (Nov-Jan time frame) to promote bonding earlier on and to spread fundraising events out throughout the season.

Girls Development - Amanda has agreed to take the lead with this and is excited for the Wednesday earlier practice!

Scheduler - Brock reports that he submitted our ice buy to WABA a couple weeks ago and expects answers back later this month. Schedules are due to NHAHA around the same time. The ice buy is also in with Union and things are falling into place. Brock is trying to give teams consistent home ice game slots as we have done in the past.

Equipment Manager - Will reported the jerseys are here and he is going to get them to coaches for parity. Dan talked to Stateline about a sock order and there's a 15 day lead time so we will do the order closer to season aimed at 8u because they use the old jerseys. Will has extra socks from the game jersey manufacturer that we can sell to those who need to replace their socks. Jen will try to push a jersey drive again for the BBQ. The board mentioned purchasing a new set of pink jerseys for girls skate this year.

Marketing/Social Media Manager - No update

Safety/Concussion - Will believes there may be a meeting with Autumn (NHAHA) this fall. He has given her Megan's email and she will email Megan directly.

The September meeting will take place on Tuesday 9/16 at 8:30p via Google Meet.

General meeting adjourned at 9:50p

Executive session