

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



August 15, 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, Bill Mann
2. **Meeting called to order:** 5:34 PM
 - a. The July 18th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Justin, seconded by Roger).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex was unable to attend but communicated that he is looking to hold a coaches' meeting the second week of September and will be prepared to propose a slate of coaches for approval at the September meeting. Head coaches will be determined following tryouts.
 - b. **Equipment Manager**-Game jerseys are on order. Jason Gaudette is placing the order for the 8U Travel and Learn-to-Play BE Fit jerseys. There are enough new, unused jerseys from previous years to outfit the Learn-to-Skate players.
 - c. **SafeSport Coordinator**-Jason and Justin spoke with the Town about locker room accessibility and safety. The UVHA and the Town will clearly communicate and strongly enforce facility-use rules. Outside of designated locker use times and assignment, parents are responsible for the supervision of their children.
 - d. **Treasurer**-The Board authorized that former Board members Michael Cimmis, Amy Hall and Ryan Ray be removed as designated signers from UVHA bank accounts. The Board authorized Executive Officers Jason Spaulding, Brock Barton, Justin Barwood and Sarah Morlock as designated signers for UVHA bank accounts. Brock will present the UVHA's IRS determination letter as proof of legal name change from Greater Lebanon Youth Hockey Association to the Upper Valley Youth Hockey Association so that the account name is officially changed. Brock reported that the City of Lebanon funding application was submitted. He'll attend the September meeting to argue for the City's support.
 - e. **Fundraising**-The 2018-2019 fundraising goal was set for \$30,000. The Fundraising Committee's internal fundraising efforts, including ventures such as

the annual Christmas tree sale and skate-a-thon, are expected to raise \$20,000. Sarah will apply for grants and appeal for external aid to bridge the gap.

- f. **Registrar**-Kylie reported that we had three new registrations since the last meeting. Registration has been open at all levels, except at Squirts which had previously reached capacity; new players at this level have been put on a waiting list. There are six players currently on the Squirt wait-list. With Bantam numbers now at 29, including two goalies, the Board agreed to close Bantam registration. All new players registering at this level will be wait-listed. The Board would like to accommodate as many wait-listed players as possible. Sarah will draft a letter to Squirt parents, informing them of the skill set expected to progress to this level. Players who are not yet ready to transition to Squirts from 8U programming may participate in the Learn-to-Play program or participate as a restricted-play 8U Travel Mite. USA Hockey restricts 10U players from participating in sanctioned game play at the 8U level.
- g. **Scheduler**-No report.

4. **New Business:**

a. **Next Season Planning Topics-**

- i. **Weekly Ice**: The UVHA season begins the week of October 15th. Justin's built into the schedule an additional hour of ice for the Learn-to-Skate program on Wednesdays (4:35-5:35 PM). He also requested an earlier sheet of ice on Sunday mornings. He is still working with the Town to accommodate those requests. He shared a tentative practice schedule, subject to change without these Wednesday and Sunday morning sheets.
- ii. **Skills Coach**: Bryant Harris has committed to again coaching skills sessions. He doesn't yet know what his schedule will be and cautioned Justin that there will likely be sessions he'll miss. The practice schedule will be adjusted, based on Bryant's availability. Jason proposed asking power-skating expert Jackie Smith to fill in for Bryant, if and when she's available.
- iii. **Coaching**: The number of available coaches and their distribution at each level will be discussed at the coaches' meeting in September.
- iv. **Tryouts**: Tryout Committees will be proposed for approval at the September meeting, following the coaches' meeting.

b. **Tier Declarations**-Jason submitted the UVHA's tier declarations.

c. **Equipment Swap**-Kelly opened an online Equipment Swap forum on the website. Sarah emailed the membership to make them aware of this new tool. Families can log in to their SportsEngine account and post requests for equipment or advertise available equipment. All sales and/or swaps are member-to-member; the Board has no involvement.

5. **NH State Meeting Report:**

a. NHAHA's season kick-off meeting will take place August 25th. Jason will attend.

6. **Meeting Adjourned:** 7:02 PM