

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



January 20, 2021 ~ 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

1. **Attendance:** Brock Barton, Kylie Young, Josh Obar, Jay Zanleoni, Justin Barwood, Jason Gramling, Roger Gillies, Aaron Panitz, Will Meyer, Sarah Morlock

2. **Meeting called to order:** 7:00 PM
 - a. The November 18th meeting minutes were approved (motioned by Justin, seconded by Jay).

3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Coaching Coordinator**-No report.

 - b. **Equipment Manager**-Jason reported that the “M” nets have been assembled. He is already considering the best method for collecting jerseys at the close of the season. Jason is going to look into sublimated jerseys. The cost is comparable to the traditional jerseys we currently have, but the sublimated style has its advantages. He’ll share his findings with the Board at the next meeting.

 - c. **SafeSport Coordinator**-No report.

 - d. **Girls Development**-No report.

 - e. **Treasurer**-No report.

 - f. **Fundraising**-There have been many obstacles to fundraising this year. Brock and Jay have yet to reconcile the budget with refunds, but Brock said that a deficit wouldn’t be surprising. Sarah asked the group to brainstorm Skate-a-thon

alternatives, taking into consideration the limitations of gathering and being sensitive to families and businesses who may be struggling. Ethan suggested that coaches organize fun, on-ice activities for players at their last skates (likely the second weekend in March) and that players could still collect donations (without a suggested minimum for participation this season). Without sponsorships and a healthier bottom line, the Board agreed that prizes as usual would unfortunately be out of the question. Sarah will instead make goody bags for each player to be opened and enjoyed after the skate. A grand prize and a top fundraiser prize could still be awarded, likely two UVHA registration discounts.

- g. **Registrar**-No report.
- h. **Scheduler**-No report.
- i. **Marketing/Social Media Manager**-No report.

4. **New Business:**

a. **Return to Skate Check-in**-Brock asked if anyone had heard of any particular concerns or praises pertaining to the last few weeks since returning to the ice after December 26th. Coaches hadn't voiced any concerns or complaints. Everyone has been in good spirits and seems happy to be back on the ice. Coaches have been managing player rotations at the 10U, 12U and 14U levels in order to stay within the limit of 25 persons on the ice. Parents and players haven't taken issue with that either.

b. **Proactive Plans for Phase 3**-Understanding that there's no certainty that we will progress to a phase three, Brock asked for opinions regarding whether we return to a typical travel schedule, playing against teams throughout the state, or play a less rigorous schedule with regional teams, or scrimmage in-house, possibly mixing age-groups to make the numbers work. Those who shared their opinion expressed a preference to get the kids back to playing games, even if just locally. This will be revisited in the event of phase three. Justin shared that the high school schedule was pushed out into the middle of March and wondered if the UVHA could purchase more ice. (WABA typically closes the third weekend in March.) Everyone was in favor of extending the season if WABA would remain open.

c. **Player & Coach Rosters**-Some New Hampshire players are still included on rosters, despite not playing. At this point, there's no realistic hope that New Hampshire players will be allowed to return to play across the border for the UVHA. Roger agreed, but explained that there was no urgent need to make changes to those rosters.

d. **Refunds**-Everyone in the association is owed a refund, minus those who have already been issued a refund. While there isn't yet a detailed budget to scrutinize, Brock asked for opinions on what to do in the event of a surplus. If we do anticipate closing the season in the black, the group agreed to consider buying more ice with those funds, if ice is available. Brock will disperse refunds and reconcile the budget so that we can decide whether we have lost money on the season or will come out ahead.

5. **Meeting Adjourned**: 7:45 PM