



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 Annual Meeting/March Board Meeting

Remote only via Google Meet

Wednesday, March 19 · 5:30 – 7:30pm

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

Will Meyer began the meeting by thanking everyone for coming. He recapped the season for all age groups. We had 180 players registered with us this season, up 20 players from last year and numbers are strong from top to bottom. We ran a Try Hockey Free event earlier in the season this year, which allowed us to pick-up 7-8 new players and create 10u Silver, a “house” team, in November.

Our 8u players had a great season playing outside of the GSL this year and that was successful overall. They attended the Ike Lee Tournament and BAHA. One team won the Ike Lee tournament in the minor division.

Our 10u age group showed great development this season with both teams qualifying for the GSL playoffs. 10u Black won the Tier 5 State Tournament. 10u Blue had a tough schedule at the GSL tournament and ultimately came up short. The 10u Silver team played 5-6 games and it was exciting to be able to put some games together for that group.

At 12u, the Blue team had a tough start to the season, but rallied from 10th in points to finish in 1st place for the regular season. They then won the Tier 3 GSL tournament and went to Regionals last weekend in Maine where they faced some tough competition. Their season came to an end in the Semi’s at Regionals losing to a very good CT team. The 12u Black finished in 4th place for the regular season in Tier 4. They had a great run at the state tournament and made it to the semis. In the semis, they went to OT and ultimately lost in a shootout which is a tough way to go out but they had a great season with a very short bench.

The 14u collaboration with Woodstock continues to be positive and fruitful. The 14u Green team finished first in the regular season, and won their state tournament. They went to Regionals last weekend and like 12u Blue their season came to an end in the semis to a very good CT team. 14u Blue had a great season as they finished in 6th place during the regular season, advancing to the state tournament. They lost in the semis to Keene in a hard-fought game. Blue also won the St Albans MLK weekend tournament. Overall, it was a very successful second year with the collaboration of Swarm. Many positive reviews about making new friends from new towns that you might not have hung out by choice – exactly what sports should be.

The Concession stand brought in \$2,035 running from January through March. The 2024 Skate-a-thon was a big success and grossed \$18,800.00. This event alone

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allows us to keep our registration costs down. We also ran the Slapshot Challenge Golf Tournament for the first time this year and that was successful raising just under \$5,000. Mom Skills Night was another new fundraiser that got rave reviews and we hope to continue in the future!

This season could not have been possible without the parents and volunteers. Will thanked everyone for being a part of our organization and most importantly the board for all their support in his second year of being the president.

Board Elections for the 25-26 hockey season took place.

The candidates introduced themselves and shared their why's about joining the board.

The candidates were...

President: Will Meyer

Secretary: Jen Callahan

At-Large: Dana Wright, Cassie Johns, Josh Flanders, Dan Hall and Bethany McLeman.

Treasurer Brock Barton administered and counted the online vote via Google Forms.

Both Will Meyer, Jen Callahan, and Dana Wright were re-elected to their positions.

There was a three way tie for the two at-large spots: Dan Hall, Cassie Johns, and Bethany McLeman.

Dan chose to respectfully drop out to let Cassie and Bethany take the two board spots.

If there is a board position added, Dan would be willing to take that position.

The group discussed the possibility of expanding the board due to an increase in workload and Brock is going to reach out to the lawyers about this and updating our by-laws.

Will wrapped up the meeting by talking about the next few weeks. Tryouts are finishing up tomorrow and teams will be announced over the weekend. We are looking at naming three teams at each age group. We wrap things up with the Skate-a-thon this weekend and then we're on to spring!!

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm