



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 JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, July 17 · 8:00 – 9:00 pm

Attendees: Cherry Sullivan, Allison Mancuso, Will Meyer, Jen Callahan, Sadie Woods, Megan O’Neil, Brock Barton, and Josh Flanders

Meeting called to order at 8:04 pm.

1. Approval of Minutes from the May and June Meeting
 - a. Motion to approve by Allison Mancuso , seconded by Will Meyer . Minutes from May and June are approved.
2. Age Group Roster Updates
 - a. 14u (Brock/Josh) - The Board is still working to finalize the roster situation at 14U, and had a discussion on steps to move forward. Will Meyer laid out the situation we are in to those in attendance. He stated the options that he feels we have moving forward and the board discussed. It was decided that Will is going to reach out to one more person and if they say no, then we will move forward with two rosters. At a future time, we need to discuss if someone were to leave and what refunds would look like.
 - b. 12u (Will) - No new update
 - c. 10u (Jen) - Jen said that she spoke with Dave about getting coaches together in August. Dave wants to brainstorm about maximizing puck touches every time we hit the ice. Jen didn’t have any other updates.
 - d. 8u (Allison) - Registration is open/current numbers, Travel Mite pilot program discussion
 - i. SA Both sessions: 5 players
 - ii. SA Fall session only: 3 players
 - iii. SA Winter session only: 0 players
 - iv. HM: 12 players (only 1 second year HM)
 - v. TM: 15 players (missing 2 players, 2 players new to Storm, only 5 second (or third) year TM)
 - vi. Allison gave an overview of USA Hockey’s plan to change GSL play for the upcoming season. The board had a discussion about GSL vs. an independent VT schedule. Everyone in attendance felt that going the independent route would be best for our group of travel mites this year, the majority of them being minors. If we go independent, Brock said that we really need to chase games early (by the end of October) and make sure we schedule so that we actually get games. Brock also suggested that we reinvolve ourselves in VHASHA so that we can get on the VT 8U list.
3. Monthly Reports
 - a. Coaching Coordinator/Registrar: USA Hockey portal is still not open to UVHA for the 2024-25 season (and then it opened while on the call). Will shared with Allison and the board that we are Upper Valley Hockey moving forward in the portal. We can no longer be Storm or Swarm when we register for tournaments and in the USA Hockey portal. Allison said it would be great if the Board could set the example by getting their own requirements done before BBQ. Jen is going to send an email to all volunteers about meeting requirements for volunteering this upcoming season in August.
 - b. Safesport Coordinator - Terence is on board and has already done everything he needs to.
 - c. NH State Representative
 - i. Monthly NHAHA Meeting Update - Will said that the biggest discussion from the meeting was the 8U pilot program. The other big takeaway was that we did not get a state tournament this year. All our member contacts have been updated.
 - d. Girls Development - No Update
 - e. Fundraising - Josh Flanders presented about the Golf Tournament fundraiser. We can make at least \$5500 if we fill it with 22 teams. We just need to set a date and if October 5th works, then we can book that. The

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board agreed that October 5th would work. A silent auction can make us another \$5000. Josh would need help getting things for a silent auction and doing green sponsors. Josh is going to send Jen all the details to create a flier to go out.

- f. Scheduler - Need to finalize our ice buy and get that in by August 2nd. The cost per sheet has gone up to \$240 during prime time. Will is going to circle back with Jay Seals about goalie training times so that we can decide if we need the Wednesday ice slot. We have to submit our block for Avareo by August 24th.
- g. Equipment Manager
 - i. Stateline Team Store Update - Online store is up. No bags or gloves for Swarm kids because they are typically one and done. He needs to get the jersey order ASAP. Talked about doing more custom game pucks and are going to hold off until after we go through what's left.
- h. Treasurer
 - i. Brock has to submit the Lebanon grant by Friday 7/19. Cherry is going to get him a thank you note to send to the Byrne Foundation.
- i. Marketing/Social Media Manager - No Update
- j. Safety/Concussion - No Update

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm