

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



September 20, 2017 ~ 6:30 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Sarah Morlock, Kylie Curtis, Mindy Dube, Matt Maher, Jason Spaulding, Justin Barwood, Ryan Ray, Roger Gillies, Josh Obar, Bill Mann, Alex DeFelice
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:31 PM
 - a. The August 16th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Roger, seconded by Matt).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Webmaster**-No report.
 - b. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex held the pre-season coaches meeting this month. There were 16 attendees, but 25 applicants. Many were unable to make the meeting due to previous commitments. Alex made clear the requirements for coaching, including completing background checks, age specific modules and clinics, and SafeSport certifications. Alex clearly communicated that all credentials should be updated by September 30th, prior to the start of the season. Alex prepared a list of coaching declarations for the Board to review and approve. He noted that coaches/volunteers will be required to pay the nominal fee up front for background checks. However, the UVHA will reimburse coaches for this cost.
 - c. **Equipment Manager**-John shared his report with Jason. The replacement game jerseys are in. The BE Fit League Mite jerseys have been ordered, as well as the tryout jerseys. Jersey replacement fee letters have been emailed.
 - d. **SafeSport Coordinator**-Mindy will keep record and hold copies of SafeSport certifications.
 - e. **Treasurer**-Ryan has a number of registration checks to deposit. He received the invoice for NHAHA dues and will promptly remit payment. Ryan acquired a

debit card for the UVHA checking account, but he has concerns for its use and accounting ramifications.

- f. **Fundraising**-The UVHA received a generous contribution from the Jack and Dorothy Byrne Foundation. Sarah presented the Board with two photographers' bids for hockey photos. Young's Photography was again approved. Roni is working on the apparel sale. Sarah hopes to have both the apparel order and hockey sock order ready to roll out prior to the start of the season.
- g. **Registrar**-Kylie reported that numbers are healthy. There are currently 18 Bantams, 30 Peewees (including a very recently registered returning player), 28 Squirts, 23 Travel, 23 House Mites, and already nine Termites. The fall Try Hockey for Free is scheduled for November 4th. Kylie hopes to have promotional materials to get into schools soon.
- h. **Scheduler**-
 - i. Game Scheduling: Bill has been busy scheduling games. There has already been a tier change that shuffled the schedule. As of today, the Bantams have 29 games scheduled, Peewee I has 28, Peewee II has 25, Squirt I has 22, Squirt II has 29, Travel Mites have 22 games, the House Mites have 14 weekend sheets, Termites have 17 sheets assigned, and two sheets have been designated for Try Hockey for Day.
 - ii. Proposed Practice Schedule:
 - 1. **Monday**-
 - a. 5:35-6:35 Termites/Goalies & Girls
 - b. 6:45-7:45 Skills
 - c. 7:55-8:55 Skills
 - 2. **Tuesday**-
 - a. 5:35-6:35 Travel/House Mites
 - b. 6:45-7:45 Peewee 1 & 2
 - c. 7:55-8:55 Bantams
 - 3. **Thursday**-
 - a. 5:35-6:35 Travel/House Mites
 - b. 6:45-7:45 Squirt 1 & 2
 - c. 7:55-8:55 Bantams
 - 4. **Friday**-
 - a. 5:35-6:35 Squirt 1 & 2
 - b. 6:45-7:45 Peewee 1 & 2
 - 5. **Saturday**-
 - a. 8:15-9:15 Termites

4. New Business:

- a. **City of Lebanon Budget Request**-Ryan filed our application for grant funding with the City of Lebanon. Ryan is unable to attend the required budget request meeting with the Town Manager. Kylie volunteered to attend the Wednesday, September 27th, 11:00 AM meeting to represent the UVHA and accept funding.
- b. **Bantam Update**-Efforts to recruit players to fill out two teams at the Bantam level were not fruitful. With less than ideal numbers, the Board Officers made the executive decision to close registration and focus on adjusting numbers to instead field one Bantam team this season. To date, there are 16 skaters and two goalies registered, with one returning player yet to register. A subcommittee of Board members and Bantam coaches have been discussing options for managing the varying skill level of players and the issue of playing time. The Board was reminded of a similar numbers situation the UVHA faced at the Bantam level in the not so distant past. The group agreed to follow that season's coaches' approach as a model for this season. Jason will draft an email informing parents of the details of this plan.
- c. **Name Tryout Committee**-The role of the Tryout Committee is to organize and oversee the tryout process. Justin proposed that the Tryout Committees be comprised thus: Squirts-Kelly Park, Ryan Ray, Jason Spaulding; Peewees-Alex DeFelice, Dan McGee, Jim Mooney. Bill made a motion to approve the proposed Tryout Committees. Roni seconded his motion. Eight voted in favor, one abstained (KC).
- d. **Coaching Approvals**-Alex shared the list of coaching declarations. Ryan made a motion to accept the slate of declared coaches, Justin seconded his motion. All voted in favor. The list of approved coaches is as follows: Brock Barton, Ben Percy, Scott Christian, Matt Marrasso, John Morlock, Tom Daniels, Nate Dube, Matt Maher, Jason Gaudette, Jason Gramling, Ethan McNaughton, Scott Nichols, Josh Obar, Mark Bean, Kelly Park, Ryan Ray, Jay Zanleoni, Les Drent, Justin Montibianchi, Alex DeFelice, Dan McGee, Jim Mooney, Justin Barwood, Jason Spaulding.
- e. **Policies and Procedures Vote**-Roni made a motion to accept the proposed changes and additions to the Policies and Procedures document. Bill seconded his motion. All voted in favor.
- f. **Ice Contract**-Justin confirmed that the ice contract is in and signed to be returned to the Town.
- g. **Girls Development Update**-Kylie, Jason and Justin met with HHS's Jeff Moreno and Coach Goldsworthy to further plan for the Girls Development Program. The ice has been secured for this pilot program. There are logistics of the program's operation that need to be carefully addressed, in particular insurance/liability. As HHS organizers were hoping to keep the program open to all interested girls in

the area, not exclusively the Storm body, the Board discussed releasing the girls' designated ice to the Town so that the program could operate under their umbrella.

- h. **Midgets**-Kearsarge is fielding a Midget team. They're looking to acquire players and schedule games. Kearsarge's midget program organizers would appreciate our Board helping to spread the word.
5. **NH State Meeting Report:**
- a. Roni attended this month's meeting. The NHAHA ADM Grant application is on the website. Bantams can play 15 minute periods, if both teams agree. Roni also learned that Mite programs are allowed five, full-ice games in the regular season. Interested associations should request further information.
6. **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:37 PM