



UTAH AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes



Meeting Date:	9 Sept 2024; 7:00 PM
Meeting Location:	Maverik Center Ice Arena Conference Room
Chaired By:	Geoff Fisher
Minutes By:	Don McFarland
Minutes Status:	V3 – Approved in Oct Board Meeting (with amendment)

Agenda Item:	1	Topic:	Roll Call / Quorum Confirmation		
Name	Representing	Present	Name	Representing	Present
Executive Board Members					
<i>Geoff Fisher</i>	<i>UAHA President</i>	Present	<i>Chuck Dorval</i>	<i>Vice President</i>	Present
<i>Adam Bailey</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	Zoom	<i>Don McFarland</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	Zoom
<i>Cody Madsen</i>	<i>VP Adult / Sled</i>	Zoom	<i>Anna Erickson</i>	<i>VP High School</i>	Present
<i>Jacob Hickman</i>	<i>VP Youth</i>	Present	<i>Bryce Mannek</i>	<i>VP Discipline</i>	Present
<i>Courtney Miller</i>	<i>Resigned</i>	--	<i>Tim Odell</i>	<i>VP Tier</i>	Absent
<i>Steve Picano</i>	<i>VP Growth</i>	Present	Quorum Achieved (Requires X)?		Yes
Board Appointed Staff					
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>Webmaster</i>	Zoom	<i>Alex Velez</i>	<i>Safety Coordinator</i>	Absent
<i>Wendy Radke</i>	<i>SafeSport Coordinator</i>	Absent	<i>Robyn Eyre-Long</i>	<i>Utah Registrar</i>	Present
<i>Michael Strahan</i>	<i>CEP Rep / ADM Coord.</i>	Absent	<i>Reid Jacobson</i>	<i>Goaltending Dev.</i>	Zoom
<i>Tim Tate</i>	<i>Utah Referee in Chief</i>	Absent	<i>Andy Van Wagoner</i>	<i>President WIHOA</i>	Absent
Other Attendees:					
<i>Erin Drecksell</i>	<i>Jr Grizzlies</i>	Present	<i>Jeff Kite</i>	<i>Jr Grizzlies</i>	Zoom
<i>Nikki Jones</i>	<i>Wasatch Wild</i>	Present	<i>Josh Anderson</i>	<i>Oval</i>	Present
<i>Brogan Houston</i>	<i>Observer</i>	Present	<i>Sara Smith</i>	<i>Oval</i>	Present
<i>Angela Steinbach</i>	<i>Utah Lady Grizz</i>	Zoom	<i>Tamara Terrill</i>	<i>Oval</i>	Zoom
<i>Frank Monestere</i>	<i>Utah Lady Grizz</i>	Zoom	<i>Kristi Davis</i>	<i>OJM</i>	Zoom
<i>Scott Grant</i>	<i>Wasatch Renegades</i>	Zoom	<i>Dave Nicholls</i>	<i>Utah Sled</i>	Present
<i>Dan Bell</i>	<i>Utah Sled</i>	Present	<i>Casey Lenhart</i>	<i>Utah Sled</i>	Present
<i>Morgan Richardson</i>	<i>AVAHA</i>	Zoom	<i>Mariko Rollins</i>	<i>OJM</i>	Zoom

Agenda Item:	2	Topic:	Review of August 2024 meeting minutes		
Presented by:	Don				
Discussion(s):	Minutes were presented to the board on 25 August by email and included in the agenda distribution. There are a couple of minor housekeeping items (deleting a rogue section with no data, removing a few “carriage returns”, but the content was unchanged. A motion was made to approve, with a second and all were in favor.				
Approval:	Motion By:	Chuck	Second By:	Jacob	
	For:	All	Against:	0	Abstain: --

Agenda Item:	3	Topic:	New Business – Adult league digital game sheets		
Presented By:	Cody				
Initial Discussion:	Cody wanted to mention that there would be an interest in pursuing the digital scoresheets for use by adult leagues and wondered about the opinions of others. It was clarified that this was not a mandate for an adult league, nor is action being taken now, but this was more of a discussion for the purpose of				



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	<p>entertaining the idea in the future once we understand where the various rinks are at.</p> <p>Discussed the need to liaise with Kristi Taylor on the UHOO position on Gamesheets / iPad use (chuck reminded all that he did “boo” the ipad piece of this 😊). Anna is going to send Geoff the contact info so he can have a conversation with her on this. It was reiterated that they are currently using this for Grizz cup and various other tournaments already. ULG also clarified that WGHL league is shifted to Gamesheets, so the scorekeepers are familiar with it. The vocalized issues are largely tied to keeping the ipad and physical scoreboard updated through the game.</p> <p>There was some further discussion on perceived system limitations (e.g., tracking game players, league suspensions, etc.) Jacob was going to continue to investigate this further with his youth committee, so they can make a decision.</p> <p>Sara wondered if there was incentive for an adult league to use it. Geoff indicated that this is an optional thing for this, since the cost will be minimal and there is far less concern about the league info being updated.</p> <p>Cody committed to check with the various adult leagues, to seek input on the proposal. There was no further discussion, and the topic is informally tabled for discussion later.</p>					
Motion:	Motion By:	N/A		Second By:	N/A	
	Motion:	--				
Discussion(s):	N/A					
Approval:	For:	--	Against:	--	Abstain:	--

Agenda Item:	4	Topic:	New Business – State Camp Coach Invites			
Presented By:	Steve					
Initial Discussion:	<p>For the purpose of objectivity against kids that have been coached by evaluators, Steve would like to go back to inviting some out of state evaluators for the Girls and Boys state camps in the spring. Gordie is already on the docket and Steve would like to also invite Andy Potter from Washington and Cody Proctor from Boise, for these evaluations.</p> <p>There was a fair amount of discussion on how many spots were available and how we go about getting more looks as a state. Ultimately, the number of slots are determined and there is some ability to ask for additional, if there are some kids who are very close. On the flip side, if there is a large disparity between kids that could take allocated spot, we may surrender the spot (e.g., 2 spots allocated and 1 has 17 points, but the 2nd place only has 1 point), since this does not help Utah to show well. If more players continue to make it through the district camps, then the number of allocated spots can increase. (AMENDED through Oct Boad Meeting) in the October meeting, Kathleen Smith mentioned that this is an urban legend and is not true. The number of spots available is based on a % of the number of registered girls for each birth year. The district does permit spot swapping, when there is a strong forward and a defensive slot is available,</p>					



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	<p>but the talent of Utah's players is not a factor in the number of players invited to district camp.</p> <p>For the developmental camps (Ogden and Vegas) that are not eligible to move on, the focus is on moving as many players on as we can, so they can get a taste of what it is like.</p> <p>With that, the cost of inviting these will be fairly minimal, since one is driving and they usually share a hotel room.</p> <p>The board agreed with the idea of objective observers and a motion was made.</p>					
Motion:	Motion By:	Bryce		Second By:	Chuck	
	Motion:	"Approve these two out of state evaluators and covering their reasonable costs."				
Discussion(s):	<p>Ried mentioned that there have been issues in the past with evaluators passing on kids that were then drafted, so we need to ensure the invited evaluators are competent in what they are looking for. Not specifically speaking about these two invitees, but in general. There was some discussion about previous year evaluators that "missed" on some goalies too, but that was the overall goal for each evaluator.</p> <p>It was mentioned that any elected UAHA board member is invited to sit in on the discussions and evaluations, although participation would be limited to observation if there is a conflict of interest (e.g., your child, kids you have coached, etc.).</p>					
Approval:	For:	All	Against:	None	Abstain:	--

Agenda Item:	5	Topic:	New Business – Financial Assistance Discussion			
Presented By:	Anna					
Initial Discussion:	<p>Largely, Anna was looking for clarity on the process for fee assistance application and for the amounts that are available. Adam confirmed there is ~\$4500 available within the budget. He confirmed that last year, he did the initial review of the applications and submitted those to the board for final approval, with most being approved.</p> <p>The process outlined is that applications can be submitted through the organization's treasurer by the current deadline (31 October). The form is available on the UAHA website. These are currently coming to Geoff alone, but will be routed to Adam and Geoff for the initial review, before they are presented to the board in November's closed session.</p> <p>There is some confusion on the amount, given the application form does say both \$250 and \$300. Robyn will correct the application form and the instruction for the routing, so it reads an amount of up to \$300 per player, with the org matching that amount (why it comes through the Org's treasurer).</p> <p>The individual may complete the form, but it must be submitted through the</p>					



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	affiliate treasurer, to show their fee and subsidy being matched. Once approved, the payment is issued directly to the affiliate, on behalf of the player.					
	There was no further discussion or vote needed for this.					
Motion:	Motion By:	N/A		Second By:	N/A	
	Motion:	--				
Discussion(s):	No further discussion					
Approval:	For:	--	Against:	--	Abstain:	--

Agenda Item:	6	Topic:	New Business – Travel Permit Discussion			
Presented By:	Robyn					
Initial Discussion:	<p>This discussion came about because the previous Presidents had taken on the review of travel permits for teams, but Robyn has recently taken this over. Among other things, she is looking for the level of play for the team / event, to ensure alignment, along with the proper sanctioning to ensure the teams are protected (or parents are aware that insurance is not enacted for the event). As a specific example, Robyn has the permit for a Park City team who has purchased entry and airfare for a tournament in Vegas and is waiting for the sanction to approve, although this tournament is in September. Robyn is not certain that this tournament applied for a sanction, but is being told that it is coming soon.</p> <p>Robyn was asking for board input on what we want to permit for teams that do not have (will not have) a USA Hockey sanction for the attended event. This may come when tournament sanctions are requested later and only come weeks before the event OR when the event is not going to sanction with USA Hockey (e.g., myhockey).</p> <p>Robyn indicated that there is a special event sanction that can be applied for, and costs \$50, to cover an event. An example was a high school team in Colorado that participated in a town parade. Since this wasn't on the ice, it wasn't covered without the special event sanction. This is not something that we have heavily pursued in Utah, but probably should use more. The discussion about this led to the point of the board wanting Robyn to further investigate if a USA Hockey "special event sanction" enacted / protected the USA Hockey insurance for the team when they participate in a non-sanctioned event (e.g., friendly with non-USAH teams, unsanctioned tourney, etc.). Robyn agreed to further investigate this and report back. Geoff believes that we should allow teams to play hockey, but the families need to understand that if insurance is not in play and the games don't apply for nationally bound teams.</p> <p>Robyn mentioned that we have a waiver form, and she has some other examples that have been given from neighboring states. There was discussion on if the waiver needs to be done for each player or at the team level, with the consensus being that orgs can do the waiver as long as they have provided notification to parents of the risks for USAH insurance coverage.</p>					



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	<p>It was discussed that Idaho does require travel permits for teams coming to play in Idaho that are not in their league. Robyn is completing a few of these.</p> <p>There was some brief discussion about insurance concerns for league play for tier teams. This would really apply to leagues that are not operating in the USA Hockey umbrella and / or unsanctioned hosted friendlies with 3 or more teams (declare a “champ” or have 3+ associations involved) - need \$300 tournament sanction through Robyn and district - Darla.</p> <p>There was also some further discussion on the level of play, since certain games are not counted toward nationally bound eligibility and / or permitted under P&P (e.g., tier II can only play Tier I or tier II). Geoff reiterated that he believes the team / org needs to police itself on this matter. If a tier II team wants to beat teams in an A tournament 12-1, or they want to get beat 1-12 by a tier I team, then it is on them. This won’t count for eligibility, so the team will need to pay for more games to hit their minimums. For the state, this will manifest as the team’s books are reviewed on the back end, to ensure eligibility for the nationally bound groups.</p> <p>Some discussion was centered around the use of “myhockey rankings” as a tool to confirm games. The teams involved can delete game if not eligible, so teams are kept honest.</p> <p>A motion was made and seconded on this.</p>				
Motion:	Motion By:	Chuck	Second By:	Don	
	Motion:	<p><i>“Until the October 2024 board meeting, permit registrar (Robyn) to approve UAHA teams for unsanctioned events, so long as they:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Execute a team waiver</i> - <i>Obtain a special event sanction and pay the associated fee</i> <p><i>Robyn will report back at the next meeting and this will be adjusted, as needed, based on the insurance coverage afforded by the special event sanction.”</i></p>			
Discussion(s):	No further discussion and a vote was called.				
Approval:	For:	8 + Geoff	Against:	1 (Anna)	Abstain: --

Agenda Item:	7a	Topic:	President’s Agenda – VP Girls Resignation
Presented By:	Geoff		
Initial Discussion:	<p>Courtney has submitted resignation from the UAHA board and leaves the position vacant. We will need nominations sent and then the board may choose to have these folks present in the October board meeting, although it is not believed to be needed. Robyn will get an announcement posted to the UAHA site, along with our social media accounts soon. Those wanting to nominate / be nominated will need to email their intent to Geoff, Chuck and</p>		



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	Don. The posting will close on 27 September and then the board will take action to fill the vacancy, depending on the number of applicants / nominations.					
Motion:	Motion By:	N/A		Second By:	N/A	
	Motion:	--				
Discussion(s):	--					
Approval:	For:	--	Against:	--	Abstain:	--

Agenda Item:	7b	Topic:	President’s Agenda – IIHF and USA Hockey Girl’s Ice Hockey Weekend Support (11-13 Oct 2024)
Presented By:	Geoff		
Initial Discussion:	<p>With the departure of Courtney, Kristi Davis (Ogden) requested that the board support allocate support for the events coming for the IIHF and USA Hockey Girls Ice Hockey Weekend, since this will require significant planning prior to the appointment of a replacement VP.</p> <p>Geoff mentioned that there has been significant effort put into supporting the event, with two things planned at Steiner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 Oct (Friday) with a team player “meet and greet” and attendance at the U of U Womens team game. - 5 Oct (Sat) with a skills session scheduled and additional information slated for release <p>Steve indicated that the U19 lady grizz tier I was asked to help with the events, but Geoff reiterated that he strongly believes all orgs should be represented to provide the path for the developmental players, since few of them would sign under the lady grizz banner (they only have a 10U and 12U short season product and no house teams formed).</p> <p>Kristi indicated that she was talking about skills clinics and such that were earmarked for the following weekend, since the state has already budgeted for this, as a part of Courtney’s submitted budget. Adam clarified that there was \$2000 earmarked for this particular event (Oct 11-13 World Girl’s Ice Hockey Weekend)</p> <p>Don volunteered to take over and work through event planning, until we get a new VP. There was some concern that this needed to be done so that all orgs benefit from this. Don clarified that although aligned to coach with Ogden, the effort tied to this project will be at the state level. He suggested using the girls committee contacts and hosting a session for discussion, but the vision is free skill sessions, from outside entities (e.g., PEP, skating, etc.) rather than a specific affiliate doing the clinics.</p> <p>Geoff indicated that he would like to see a meeting of the girls committee, through an in-person event, before the end of September. Steve offered the use of a room upstairs at Steiner for this meeting. Don will try to convene this. Morgan (AVAHA) confirmed in the chat that they do not have a girls program.</p>		



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	Motion:	--		
Discussion(s):	--			
Approval:	For:	--	Against:	--
			Abstain:	--

Agenda Item:	7c	Topic:	President's Agenda – Oval Girls / Rostering questions		
Presented By:	Geoff				
Initial Discussion:	<p>Josh and Sara presented that they are wanting to align with ULG and serve as a developmental pathway for the ULG. Their concern was that wildcats players were formerly allowed to roster with the Oval and then participate in the ULG short season / developmental teams (including tournaments). Under the changes enacted at last month's meeting (DC, Oval and Ogden being granted travel B approval for 19U), they are no longer able to roster under Oval girls and ULG developmental teams. There was some confusion about how this was permitted in the past, although it seems the roster designation of D2 was the main reason why this was permissible. Since that is no longer an option, how could this work? The group came to an agreement, after some lively discussion that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Utah youth orgs are approved for girls house / rec - Oval can engage with the ULG for coaching and support as they choose, so long as the coaches are on an oval roster (Robyn suggested a volunteer roster to encompass all of them). <p>There was some discussion about the use of a tournament team, form within an org or multiple orgs, since this is permissible and not permitted (both) within the current P & P document. Ultimately, the desire is to not do tournament rosters and to use a travel B designation for these teams.</p> <p>Geoff reiterated that we need to confirm developmental programs, since growth is expected with the Utah Hockey Club.</p> <p>As a summary of the discussion, Don read off a few points to ensure alignment in understanding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For girls hockey, house / rec rosters are to be of the "flex roster" type and are permitted for all current youth orgs. - Travel B girls rosters are approved for four (4) organizations within the state (DCYHA, Ogden, Oval, Utah Lady Grizz). - As permitted with coed house / rec players, players on a girls house / rec roster can also be on a girls travel B roster. - Girls travel B roster is subject to the state imposed travel B roster freeze (currently 15 Dec). <p>There was no contention vocalized from those in the meeting. It was not believed that a vote was needed for this, since there is nothing to change. This served as a clarification "for the record" to ensure holistic alignment.</p>				
Motion:	Motion By:	N/A	Second By:	N/A	



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	Motion:	--				
Discussion(s):	--					
Approval:	For:	--	Against:	--	Abstain:	--

UAHA Committee Section Reports		
Section	Owner	Discussions
VP High School	Anna Erickson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ~ 1000 participants (~820 players, 180 coaches) Games have started HS P and P are being updated Addressing trustee and HC issues as they arise Expecting scholarship requests from players and will be submitted for board consideration Gamesheets is expected Girls update – 3 teams formed and trustees are appointed. North has the most traction, with Central getting things going now. Expect 6 games, but no schedule available for games yet. Expect state tournament for girls at KJs in Jan. Dates are TBD.
VP Girls	Courtney Miller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resigned and no update
VP Adult / Sled	Cody Madsen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left earlier, with nothing else to add
VP Youth	Jacob Hickman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Left earlier, with nothing else to add
VP Tier	Tim Odell	<p>Absent, but provided proxy report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Tier Committee Meeting is September 24th. Signed Membership Agreements that I have received> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ashley Valley Youth Hockey Utah HS Hockey Utah Jr. Grizzlies Utah Lady Grizzlies Wasatch Renegades Wasatch Wild anticipate Ogden's this week Tier Committee is working on black-out dates for 2024-2025 season and should have dates by the next Board Meeting.
VP Growth	Steve Picano	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Robyn – THFF in Nov. Waiting on a flyer then will begin promoting.
VP Discipline	Bryce Mannek	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing new
Registrar	Robyn Eyre-Long	<p>All registrars have been trained in the portal and with procedures for the season.</p> <p>Weekly reports for redlines, DOB verification and safe sport training are going out each Monday with CEP expiration going out the last week of the month for all coaches to sign up the first of the month.</p> <p style="background-color: yellow;">(AMENDED through Oct Boad Meeting) These are PPR Numbers:</p> <p>Youth Players 1733 High school Players 818 Adult Players 1110 (3/7 organizations) Disabled Players 19 Youth/Adults unclaimed 803</p>



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		Sanctioned Tournaments 5 Youth Teams 85 High School Teams 60 Adult/Womens/Disabled Teams 32 Fixing the financial agreement and will send
CIC/ADM	Michael Strahan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent – no report offered
Goaltending Development	Reid Jacobsen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left earlier – no report
SafeSport	Wendy Radke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent – no report offered
Safety Director	Alex Velez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Absent – no report offered
Webmaster	Brian Murray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left earlier – no report
Treasurer	Adam Bailey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Left earlier – nothing further to report
Secretary	Don McFarland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing else
Executive VP	Chuck Dorval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good
President	Geoff Fisher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Nichols – Intro for team. Thanks to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Robyn for help ○ Steve for the equipment. ○ Steve and Alan for support with ice ○ Erin for jersey donation • Introduce Dan Bell (park City) – Broke out of a nursing home in CA and current player • Introduce Casey (played with him under the Golden Eagles) – recently got back involved • Tournament in 2.5 weeks and looking forward to seeing the success, thanks to the board and state.

End Of Meeting: Closing				
Next Meeting Date / Location:		7 October 2024 / Maverik		
Adjourn Meeting:	Motion By:	Chuck	Second By:	Bryce
	Discussion:	None	End Time:	9:15P