

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



July 16, 2014 ~ 6:30 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kylie Ammel, Jen Libuda, Sarah Morlock, Becky Dexter, Justin Barwood, Bill Mann, Alex DeFelice, Matt Maher
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:35 PM
 - a. June 25th meeting minutes were accepted (motioned by Jen, seconded by Ryan).
3. **New Business:**
 - a. **Golf Tournament**-There are currently 6 teams and 15 hole sponsors for the upcoming golf tournament this Sunday. As of now, the tourney is estimated to raise just over \$2,000. While Jessica was hoping to have a greater showing of teams, it will still prove to be a successful fundraiser, and the Board would like to continue to grow this event in the future.
 - b. **Coaches**-Bill expressed the importance of keeping the website up-to-date and professional. It was agreed that when coaches are finalized, a list should be posted on the site. Sarah will contact Kelly and ask him to add this information, once confirmed.

Bantams: Alex DeFelice and Jason Spaulding

Peewees: Mike Allen and Ryan Ray

Squirts: Justin Barwood, James Tierney, Kelly Park and Scott Christian

Mites: Rick Desharais, Kylie Ammel, John Morlock, Nate Dubie and Frank Cushing
 - c. **Ice Purchase**-Mark met with the town to purchase ice for the upcoming season. Solid time slots should be determined by the next Board meeting. Hockey “camps” will no longer impede upon practice times, but instead have slotted ice at the beginning and end of the season. Justin has approached Todd Bebeau and he is considering running camp for \$150 a night, for a total of \$1,200. This “in-house” partnership would not only be more affordable than the Pavlik camp, it would help to create cohesion between the UVHA and Hartford programs.

- d. **Jerseys**-Bill brought sample sizes to be compared to the association's current jerseys. Board members will take these samples home to try on their kids in order to better determine size correlation. Justin will speak with Matt Potter to get the newer, higher-resolution Storm logo for Bill. Although the group did unanimously decide upon the "Buffalo Sabre" style jersey, there was concern as to the durability of the sub-laminated jersey type. Bill will, again, gather information on the cut-and-sew option to share with the group.

Jersey Action Plan

1. Sizing feedback should be reported to Bill by **Sunday, July 20th**.
2. A jersey specific meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 30th** to determine final sizing and quantities based upon the registrar's numbers.
3. Jerseys should be ordered by **Friday, August 8th** to ensure their pre-season arrival.

4. Monthly Reports:

- a. **Coaching Coordinator's Report**-Alex would like to hold a coaches' meeting in September to go over pertinent information. He is compiling various materials for this gathering. While there may have been some question in previous years, any coach without his/her background check completed and his/her module at least scheduled will be kept off the ice. He reported that Safesport certification should be completed by October 1st, and that a refresher course is required for those previously certified. It was the general consensus of the group that the association should cover the Safesport cost so that its expense is not a deterrent from coaching. Alex also shared his concern for a coaches' emergency preparedness. While each team should have first aid kits on hand for all games and practices, there was discussion as to whether or not it was or should be a coach's responsibility to complete a First Aid/CPR class. Alex will check with USA Hockey to see what their position is on this topic. Ryan shared that other associations have hired EMTs to be present at their games. His understanding was that the team arranges and pays for their service, similar to securing a referee. This possibility will be discussed further at the August meeting.
- b. **Registrar's Report**-Kylie gave a numbers update. As of this morning, there are 8 Bantams, 15 Peewees, 18 Squirts, 12 Travel Mites, 6 House Mites and 6 Termites registered. There will likely be a change in these team numbers due to expected player shifting. The Board recognized a shortage of Bantams, but as players "shake out" of other associations, there is a hope that many will ultimately register with the UVHA. Kylie has been dealing with yet another system issue. She has had no access to Payfuse and, therefore, has been unable to determine any specific payment information. She has been in contact with Payfuse and hopes to have some resolution soon. In the meantime, she is attempting to cope with

registrant issues (including problems with auto-pay and declined cards) on a case-by-case basis.

- c. **State Meeting Reports**-There will be meetings in August for both Vermont and New Hampshire representatives. Kylie will be attending the NH Registrars' meeting on August 9th and will need to know the Bantam tiers by then. Matt volunteered to attend the August 23rd NH Coaching Coordinator and Presidents' meetings. Justin may also be able to attend. Bill will get the Vermont dates and forward them to the Board. He stated that there is a need for multiple members to be present for the various meetings. Attendees should be committed by the next meeting so that the association does not incur a fine.
- d. **Fundraising Report**-The Byrne Foundation made a generous contribution to the UVHA this past week. This donation will support both the general and scholarship funds. Sarah will craft a thoughtful thank you letter in response. Bill suggested giving Mrs. Byrne a personalized Storm jersey or a like gift to show the association's appreciation. A decision will be made at the next Board meeting.

5. **Meeting adjourned**: 8:33 PM