

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



October 8, 2014 ~ 6:00 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kylie Ammel, Becky Dexter, Sarah Morlock, Justin Barwood, Kelly Park, Matt Maher, Bill Mann, Alex DeFelice, Bill Mason
2. **Meeting called to order:** 6:07 PM
 - a. September 17th meeting minutes were approved (motioned by Justin, seconded by Matt).
3. **New Business:**
 - a. **Coaching-**Alex is keeping track of the coaches' standings in regards to completing USA Hockey's requirements. Most of the travel coaches are ready to begin practices this weekend. Only four coaches are not yet "ice ready." Alex also brought up the need for each coach to have a med kit and pucks for travel. He will work on acquiring these. Alex suggested that a coaches' evaluation form be uploaded to the website in the event that a parent would like to complete one.
 - b. **Jerseys-**Bill reported that the new jerseys will be shipping in two days.
 - c. **Website-**Kelly has been doing troubleshooting with the website's calendar. There's also been some confusion as how to add scheduled games to the site. Worst case scenario, Kelly will utilize the google calendar.
 - d. **Ice Update-**Justin shared that two of our days at KUA were cancelled. October 18th and October 26th are no longer available due to scheduled KUA events. Sarah will send Kelly an updated calendar to post on the website. Justin has also been made aware that the high school would like to have two designated locker rooms. Justin will hear out their proposal before voicing his concern about such an arrangement. This would be a great inconvenience for other organizations.
 - e. **Mites-**Matt will be attending the NH State meeting and will be learning about the GSL's new Red, White and Blue format. This information is needed before making final decisions regarding the organization of the Mite programs. In the meantime, John Morlock has been working with Pure Hockey reps to purchase House and Termite jerseys. As agreed upon in a previous Board meeting, these jerseys will be purchased using the Byrne Foundation donation. However, BeFit may be willing to cover the cost of screening these jerseys as a sponsor. The group decided to move forward with the Pure Hockey deal, purchasing 20

Termite jerseys (royal blue) and 40 House Mite jerseys (10 yellow, 10 light blue, 10 green and 10 red to allow for in-house scrimmaging).

- f. **Petitions**-The Board reviewed the bylaws regarding the petition of players to a higher level. There was a concern for the safety of players petitioning up due to the inherent dangers in doing so (such as an increase in speed and player size). Of particular consideration were players transitioning from Peewee to Bantam play. The Board decided that parents/guardians should sign a consent/waiver with language stating this inherent safety issue and its discordance with USA Hockey. Ryan will draft this letter. The Board did then vote upon four official requests for petition. Bill Mason motioned to vote to petition these players up to their requested levels, Kelly seconded his motion and all voted in favor.
- g. **Equipment Swap**-Becky shared an inventory list of the equipment in storage that has cycled through a number of previous years' equipment sales. She expressed her opinion that the equipment is in no condition to be sold, nor is there an acceptable inventory to be swapped. Sarah will reach out to Steve of the Sharon Community Rink and inform him that the UVHA will donate the lot to them, as is. Becky will facilitate getting the equipment from storage to Steve.

4. **Monthly Reports:**

- a. **Registrar**- Kylie will send out an email before this weekend informing parents that their child will not be allowed on the ice without having a documented USA Hockey registration number. She also shared that the last auto pays will be October 15th. Following that, she will be mailing letters to parents who have yet to pay in full, informing them of their balance and need for immediate payment.
- b. **Scheduler**-Bill has scheduled out games but there are a number of "holes" in the schedule. He shared that from February 14th on, the schedule is open. Also, with the Mite program format still under discussion, the Travel Mite teams' schedules will need to be filled in as well. Justin suggested that the UVHA plan to host a Tier 5 tournament March 6th, 7th and 8th. This would require a great deal of planning and volunteer showing but could be great for the face of the association and a potential fundraiser.
- c. **Fundraising**-Sarah will complete the application for a VSAHA Grow the Game grant, requesting a rink banner and car magnets for advertisement. There was also an expressed need for Mite goals and ringettes. She will research other avenues for acquiring this equipment.

5. **Meeting adjourned:** 8:15 PM