

UVHA Board Meeting Minutes



June 24, 2015 ~ 5:30 PM

Kinney Pike Insurance, White River Junction, Vermont

1. **Attendance:** Kylie Ammel, Sandy Bailey, Kathy Roberts, Sarah Morlock, Jennifer Lindquist, Matt Maher, Justin Barwood, Jason Spaulding, Bill Mason, Bill Mann
2. **Meeting called to order:** 5:39 PM
 - a. May 20th meeting minutes were unanimously approved (motioned by Jason, seconded by Justin).
3. **Monthly Reports:**
 - a. **Fundraising-**Becky Dexter organized the Covered Bridges Marathon water stop. Thanks to the Dexters, Chapmans, Cromwells and Morlocks for volunteering at this event June 8th. A \$500 donation will be made to the UVHA for their volunteer assistance. Based on last season's fundraising numbers, Sarah is projecting an \$11,500 in-house fundraising profit. She's hopeful that the remaining \$9,500 will be raised through grant awards. Finally, the Board considered a new photographer's proposal which would give the association a 50% cut of all picture proceeds. It was decided that the fundraising committee should make final determination of who to contract.
 - b. **Treasurer-**Ryan wasn't able to attend but provided the Executive Board with an emailed report. Justin shared on Ryan's behalf that money is funneling in as expected. At the end of June, Ryan will be working on the 2014-2015 taxes. And he is preparing the books for 2015-2016.
 - c. **Registrar-**Kylie reported that 75 skaters have registered to date (including one Midget who will need to be refunded). Those numbers include 12 Bantams, 16 Peewees, 24 Squirts, 10 Travel Mites, 10 House Mites and 2 Termites. A total of \$13,781 has been collected through SportNgin. Kylie did reach out to the Twin Valley registrar to clear up speculation revolving around their Bantam team. Twin Valley is hopeful to field a Bantam team, but it is numbers dependent. Kylie confirmed that they are definitely unable to field teams at the Squirt or Peewee level. The UVHA is already seeing registrations from some of these Twin Valley players. However, Peewee level players will need to be notified of their waiting list status.

- d. **SafeSport Coordinator**-Kathy is still unable to access her SafeSport email. She will again reach out to Kelly.
- e. **Equipment Manager**-As equipment manager, Kristen will be responsible for the jersey reorder. Bill emailed Kristen reminding her of a couple key points regarding jersey reorder, including the need to consider the size of our players. Bill also offered her his assistance in the process, if needed.
- f. **Coaching Coordinator**-Alex was not present. However, the Board discussed the importance of revisiting coaches' credentials. Matt suggested that the Board adopt standards and a process for being more selective of coaches in the best interest of the kids. The Board agreed that going forward this season, coaches should be asked to submit their interest in volunteering in writing. The Board will then appoint coaches to positions. Matt will make this requirement known in a UVHA wide email pertaining to payment and petitions.

4. **New Business:**

- a. **Peewee Waiting List**-The Peewee team is expected to be filled with former UVHA players. Any new members registering at this point will need to be put on the waiting list. This presents a hurdle for Kylie and the Twin Valley families who have already registered with the UVHA for the 2015-2016 season. She will reach out to the two families in particular and let them know of their waiting list status, despite having made payment. Jason pointed out the importance of considering the placement of petitioned players. Justin will review the list of those who filled out the Registration Intent Survey and compare it those who have officially registered *and* made payment. If needed, he will reach out to families who have yet to officially register. The Registration Intent Survey was a useful tool at the end of last season but has created some confusion now in the registration process. Many families are under the impression that they have registered, even though they have not. Kylie made a motion to send out an association wide email, including past members of the Storm, declaring a deadline of July 15th for the receipt of a \$100 deposit to lock in to the UVHA. Sarah seconded Kylie's motion. It was unanimously approved. Matt will form and send this email notice, including information regarding petitions and payment in full made prior to the season's first skate.
- b. **Girls Program Update**-Matt learned that the Twin Valley girls program is no longer interested in skating under the Storm. They will instead be forming a team on their own within GSL Tier II. Jenn asked if a girl could dual roster. Kylie expressed the difficulty in the logistics of doing so, but did state that it has been allowed in the past.
- c. **Open Coaching Positions**-Travel Mite, Squirt, Peewee and Bantam coaching positions are likely to be covered. A list of potential coaches, association wide, includes, but is not limited to, Justin Barwood, Kylie Ammel, Matt Maher, Jason Spaulding, Alex DeFelice, Kelly Ray, Ryan Ray, Kelly Park, John Morlock, Rick Descharnais, Justin Montibianchi, Dan McGee, Nate Dube, Mike Derosier and Scott Christian. There is a clear need for coaches at the House and Termite levels.

Coaches will need to be recruited and made aware the requirements for coaching, including SafeSport certification, USA Hockey registration, etc. Kylie will reach out to Amanda Rosenbeck to confirm her interest in coaching at the Termite level.

- d. **Skating and Goalie Clinics**-Skills Skating and Goalie Clinic committee members were not present. Justin did share with Alex a budget and schedule for both skills and goalie nights. Bill Mann shared that Dave Reese will no longer be available for the full season. Shane Murray is talking with Pavlik to arrange for Tuesday night skills skates. This will need to be revisited at the next meeting.
- e. **Off-Ice Collaboration**-The rec department is trying to make use of WABA in the off season. Kelly and Justin have been working with the Town to develop a street hockey camp and/or dry-land training sessions at the rink. This would be open to the general public, not just UVHA players. Jason shared that he has recently been working with Bob Miller, the strength and conditioning coach at Dartmouth, in a similar venture at the Peewee and Bantam level. Jason said he would be willing to donate his time to help run this. He was also confident that Bob would be interested in being a part of it as well. The Board agreed that this could be a great opportunity to market the Storm and recruit future players.
- f. **Ice Planning**-Matt and Justin will be meeting with Scott to plan for the purchase of ice. Justin reminded the group that the UVHA gets first choice of ice after the High School. He added that we'll be buying another 3 hours per week, one hour during the week and two hours over the weekend. There was discussion as to when the Termites should practice. Matt made a motion to have Termite sessions on Saturday mornings and Monday evenings. Bill seconded the motion. Seven members voted in favor, one abstained from voting. The Monday night skate will be shared with the goalie clinic. Due to Pavlik's availability, there will need to be some flip-flopping of the schedule. Bill voiced the importance of making parents aware of this change in advance and communicate the reasoning behind it.
- g. **Meeting Time**-The next meeting will be July 15th. Meetings will henceforth be held at 6:00 PM, unless otherwise notified.

5. **Meeting adjourned:** 7:38 PM