



UAHA Regular Meeting Agenda

Date: November 6th, 2023

Location: Maverick Ice Arena Conference Room

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86132754996>

Phone: 1-669-900-6833 Meeting ID: 86132754996

Regular Session: 7:00pm

1. Roll Call:

Present: Ryan Bonham (President), Chuck Dorval (Vice President), Adam Bailey (Treasurer), Robyn Eyre-Long (VP Discipline), Courtney Miller (VP Girls), Tim Odell (VP Travel), Dana Combs (VP High School), Foster Watabe (VP Youth), Shannon Bennett (VP Growth/Retention), Ryan Chaffin (Provo), Erin Dreksyl (Grizz), Josh Anderson (Oval), Sarah Smith (Oval), and via Zoom: Byron Session (Cache Valley), Bart Frank (Lady Grizz), Robert Cowden (Renegades), Maurico (Ogden).

2. Approval of October Meeting Minutes (Addendum A): Approved unanimously

3. Secretary Vacancy (Addendum B): Ryan Chaffin – Approved unanimously

4. Social Media (Addendum C): No concerns with the plan laid out in the addendum. Good to move forward with transferring responsibilities to those designated in the addendum.

5. P&P Edits to Match New Pyramid: Fact sheets are important and valuable, and will help communicate to parents and coaches what the expectations are. Bart gave the example of Cache Valley having several D1 and D2 teams and raised the question of what level of travel do they play? Ryan B. noted that it's an organizational decision.

6. Tryout Block 2024-2025 (Addendum D): Tim – Exact dates still need to be worked through, but Todd would like to post dates to block out on the website, so organizations know tentative dates. The proposed dates avoid conflicts with the Rocky Mountain District and State camps. Ryan B. noted that the proposed dates separates Tier 1 and Tier 2 tryout weekends. A question was raised about having tryouts so early in the year. Comments from board members included that it's the organization's decision when to hold tryouts, and they have the option to fill a certain number of spots earlier and leave a certain number of spots open, as some organizations do. Another concern is having time to get jerseys and gear ordered. Organizations can go later than the dates suggested, but they risk missing out on players that tryout at other programs. Back to the discussion on blocking out dates, it was clarified that this is a "block out" for planning purposes, and Tier 1 is the only level with a blackout. Tier 2 tryouts are to respect other Tier 2 tryouts. Chuck motioned to approve, Tim second. Approved

unanimously.

- 7. Recruiting Changes Discussion:** Was discussed with Item #6 above.
- 8. Fee Assistance:** Was not on agenda but came up. We have more requests than we have budget for, by about \$350. Rather than approving some and denying others, some of the larger requests are being approved for a lower amount. Adam will send a lump sum to each organization for the applications that were submitted on time and confirm that they have matched the funds. Tim motioned to approve, Foster second. Approved unanimously.
- 9. UTHL Discussion:** It is planned that for the 2024-2025 season, the WRHL (Wasatch Recreational Hockey League) becomes the UTHL (Utah Travel Hockey League). This will beef up the existing UTHL. The policies need to be drafted. Foster will take the lead on going through the existing WRHL documentation and revising it. Ryan B. will send Foster a Word Document of the existing WRHL policies so he can begin revisions. The plan is to merge the existing UTHL and WRHL structures and make it easier to understand. Current Travel, D1 and D2 teams will be reclassified into Travel A and Travel B.
- 10. Government Entity Discussion:** The issue was raised of should travel teams be run by government entities? Adam asked, “what is the cost impact to players if we make this change?”, “What if we make this change and travel teams can’t get ice?” noting that parent lead organizations would be powerless compared to the government run organizations. Government rinks pumping up house leagues will take up more ice and those rinks will not give ice to private organizations. “Will this impact our USA Hockey registration numbers?” A question was raised regarding “How does this fit into the pyramid? How many travel teams will we have? Is there a limit?” Foster spoke from a facility manager perspective to address some of these questions. City programming would take priority over non-city programming (from Provo’s perspective). After that, the facility manager gets to choose who they rent the facility to. Not all customers are equal (in terms of their schedule/facility needs and ease to work with), so it is up to the discretion of the facilities to choose what customers to work with. Provo’s youth programs are heavily subsidized by the city. A privately run youth hockey association in Provo would be treated similarly as the high school programs. Foster asked that it be noted that “if you want a great deal, go play at the Oval.” Ryan B. noted that the Oval is run by a non-profit (Legacy Foundation) and not a government entity. Mariko added that Weber County does not subsidize any fees. Adam asked, “do you know how much per player is subsidized by Provo city?” Foster stated that he did not have the exact numbers, but provided a rough example stating that an hour of ice in Provo would be around \$200-\$250 per hour for a private reservation, and that the city only charges about \$75 per hour to the youth hockey program. Adam asked, “what problems are we aiming to solve?” Ryan B. suggested the discussion be moved to an executive session. *Note: the intent of the conversation was to discuss whether a government entity should be approved to run a youth hockey association. Further discussion will be needed on this topic.*
- 11. Section Reports:**
 - a. High School VP, Dana Combs: Noted ordering 75 hats.
 - b. Girls VP, Courtney Miller: IHF weekend had an event for the girls and held a Power Edge Pro (PEP) clinic on Sunday with 50+ sign ups. Covered all levels and all organizations. Lady Grizz had WGHL tournament this past weekend. 16s ere in Provo and the 12s were in Arizona.
 - c. Adult/Disabled VP- Tanner Engles: Not Present
 - d. Youth VP (House/Rec) Foster Watabe: Coaches and everyone on rosters get everything done and make sure kids are on rosters.

- e. Travel VP (Tier), Tim Odell: Tier committee meeting on November 22nd. Working on pricing for state champions.
- f. CIC/ADM, Michael Strahan: Not Present
- g. Goaltending Development Coordinator, Reid Jacobsen: Not Present
- h. Safesport, Wendy Radke: Not Present
- i. Safety Director, Alex Valez: Not Present
- j. Growth Coordinator, Shannon Bennett: Not Present
- k. Web Master, Brian Murray: Not Present
- l. Registrar, Robyn Eyre Long: Reiterated comments from prior month and echoed Foster's comments.
- m. Discipline, Robyn Eyre Long: One hearing this month, a couple of match penalties have come in. Getting a lot of "I don't know what happens when a match penalty happens" comments. To clarify, it's an immediate suspension. Full suspension from USA Hockey until the suspension is fulfilled on the team that they received the match penalty with, meaning they can't play in any other USA Hockey games in that period.
- n. Treasurer, Adam Bailey: Fee assistance will be handled in the coming weeks. Ryan B. reminded Adam about quarterly financial reports.
- o. Secretary, Ryan Chaffin: Nothing to add.
- p. Exec, VP, Chuck Dorvall: Reviewed concussion protocol. Make sure we are in compliance with the information coaches are required to report, submitting it to a 2nd or 3rd check. These checks should go to a specific email address. A question was raised, "do we need to submit personally identifying information?" Information needed is: date of injury, how the injury occurred (falling backwards, hit to the head, etc.), list age and gender and release date. You can include the level of play, but do not include their name. Chuck will identify the correct form that needs to be used/reported.
- q. Past President, Derrick Radke: Not Present
- r. President, Ryan Bonham: Attended USA Hockey President's meeting. In terms of recruiting, Tier 1 recruiting limitation is likely going away. There will be changes relating to on-ice recruiting activities (restrictions – no on-ice recruiting activities, and anything that can be identified as "on-ice" will be). Off-ice recruiting is fair game. National regulates cross state recruiting activities (Tier 1), not interstate (Tier 2). We don't want to hinder local Tier 1 programs recruiting.

12. Next Meeting, December 4th

13. Adjourn Meeting