

AGENDA

UAHA REGULAR MEETING

Date: October 7, 2019

Location: **Maverik Center, Salt Lake Room**

Regular Session: 7:00 pm

Guest Self-Introductions

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

A. No corrections. Jason motioned to approve the minutes as they stand, Carole seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Roll Call:

Present: Derrick Radke -President, Jason Empey -Executive VP, Jill Day - Treasurer, Carole Strong -VP Discipline, Steve Picano – VP Disabled Hockey, Dewey Reagan – VP Travel, Douglas Anne -VP Girls/Women, Shelly Strahan - Secretary, Kathleen Smith -Past President (late), Emily Rains – VP of Adult Hockey (late)

Conference Call:, Patty Bigelow- Youth VP,

Absent: Cathy Anderson -Registrar, Wendy Radke -Safe Sport Coordinator, Wayne Woodhall -Utah Coach in Chief, Jared Backstrom- Goalies, Michael Strahan -Utah ADM Coordinator, Mylisa Graham -VP High School, Brian Murray -Web Master,

Public Attendees: Brigitte Bertagnolli, Jason Simmons, Sharly Norton

Regular Business Item:

B. Fundraising Opportunity with University of Utah Hockey, Brigitte Bertagnolli

a. Brigitte had a fundraising opportunity for the U of U Hockey. U of U is club hockey, so pay to play. It is not NCAA, so the girls team which is new, and the boys team which is existing need help. Each organization can be given a code that would allow organization members to get a 20% discount on U of U games and half of the money will go to the organization that sells the tickets. All kids under 12 are free anyway. Any organization that wants to do it should let Brigitte know and she will get them a code. It is open to any organization, not just hockey.

C. Fee Assistance Applications

a. Discussion on revised due date

i.Emily went through the discussion and guidelines for fee assistance that we put together a few weeks ago and had some suggestions and changes. She then wanted to put the application online like the registration for state camp. The form came through to Derrick late yesterday and has not been put out yet. Derrick asked if the board would help them select a date to put it out. We will go through them at the next meeting. Jason Empey motioned, and Douglas Anne seconded having them due by Oct 23, turnaround by Oct 28 and board approval by email. The motion passed.

D. Discussion on 2019-2020 URHL (Patty Bigelow, VP Youth)

- a. Discussion- Organizations D1 & D2 the issues we are seeing already.
- i. Double Rostering Goalies: Patty has been working on re-writing rules for double rostering goalies for teams that don't have a goalie. The rule would just be for situations where an organization has two teams at a level and only one goalie, i.e. two D1 10U teams would share 1 10U D1 goalie. A 10U D1 goalie could move up to play for a 12U D1 team if needed. Goalies could not roster across organizations, nor could they play as a goalie on a D2 team and a player on a D1 team.
 1. Foster Watabe asked about how it was that Patty was changing the rules. Derrick said that she can't just change them on her own. No board member can make a singular executive decision except in a few rare occasions. Derrick said that the URHL should have a meeting with a rep from each organization on a regular basis to make decisions about things pertaining to the rules for URHL, and then bring ideas to the state board.
 2. Mike Strahan said that he was at a round table during a USA Hockey meeting with New Mexico and Arizona and it was suggested that out players be allowed to double roster as goalies to incentivize being a goalie by getting extra ice time. Marcus Pezzolessi seconded what Mike Strahan said. Patty also suggested that organizations let goalies play for free or for reduced fees.
 3. Patty suggested that organizations reach out to Don Korth for help getting goalie gear. Jared Backstrom said that in his mind it should be an organization decision. He is happy to help with try it for free for new goalies.
 4. Derrick told Patty to circulate for comments, and then bring a written statement back for the next board meeting. Patty asked that the two that need it now be allowed. The board said that was okay (not a formal vote).
- ii. Teams being equally split instead of split as D1-D2: Patty is also working on defining Travel A, D1 and D2 so that organizations know how to split their teams.
 1. Foster asked why it has to be defined for each organization, since each organization is different. He doesn't understand why an organization can't have 2 D2 teams if that is where their skills are.
 2. Kathleen Smith said that we need to remember why it is that we have D2. It is a minimal number of players (no required size), not required to play, non-check, not required to play every other team, and can just stay home and play within their own organization if they want to. Mike Strahan read the rule, which says that teams must have one of each if they have enough players for each team.
 3. Foster said that he struggles with not teaching checking to D2 players, because they want to play in HS as soon as they are old enough. He said he has no issue with kids who want to check playing D1, but each organization is required to have D2. Foster said that there are quite a few players who have been evaluated into D2, they are not choosing to be there. Becky Jacobsen agreed with what Foster said, and said that when they played the Peaks, they just agreed to check only during that game. Becky suggested that if two teams choose to play check hockey, that should be fine, if both teams are not comfortable with it, then they won't do a check game.

4. Steve Picano said that his concern is that there are some coaches who aren't qualified to teach checking to house/rec kids. Foster said his big concern is that all D2 teams be playing against other players at the same level.
5. Derrick said that this is a topic that really needs to be discussed amongst the URHL and then brought to the state board. If something isn't working, the URHL needs to meet and recommend changes.
6. Kathleen Smith reminded everyone that the ADM Coordinator and the Goalie Coordinator are happy to come and help train coaches or players for free for any organization that requests it.
 - b. Team Amendments from Approved List, Based on Registrations
 - i. Park City wants to have more than one D1 team. They have enough for 2, but don't want to make a D1 team into a D2 team. The board agreed to leave it up to the organizations and look at changing the policies and procedures to that.
 - c. Chairperson for Travel (Non-Voting). Works with VP of Youth
 - i. Becky Jacobsen has volunteered for this season
 1. This should be voted on by the URHL committee. It is not a state board issue.
 - d. Volunteers to help with end of season tournament
 - i. Discussion regarding the URHL tournament
 - e. Home and Home games
 - i. Organizations not scheduling with all approved teams
 1. Any team that doesn't play home and away with every D1 team will not get to play in the URHL tournament.
 - ii. Consequences for not following Policies and Procedures
 1. Any team that cancels previously scheduled games in less than 7 days owes the state board \$200.00.
 - a. Kathleen suggested that the other alternative to organizations fighting over players is to force house/rec to be geographical.

Section Reports:

o High School VP, Mylisa Graham

The Utah Select team is ready to go for the boys team. She wanted to check that they could do the girls showcase. There is a group of parents who will head it up. It should be a mix of HS hockey girls and non-HS Hockey girls. Derrick said that he was contacted by the people running the showcase to make sure that it was a legitimate team. If HS will take it, then that is fine.

Regular season started tonight.

o Girls/Women VP, Doug Anne

Doug is working on making sure there is a girls learn to play in February.

o Adult VP, Emily Rains

Emily was absent.

o Youth VP (House/Rec), Patti Bigelow

Patti had already gone over her section earlier in the meeting.

o Travel VP (Tier), Dewey Reagan

Dewey had nothing specific to discuss.

o Disabled VP, Steve Picano

Try sled hockey for free on February 1, 2019. Cottonwood Ice Rink donated the ice for free. 18 loaner sleds are coming from USA Hockey.

o CEP, Wayne Woodhall

Absent

o ADM, Michael Strahan

Nothing to report this month.

o SafeSport, Wendy Radke

This was the first year that the 2-year background screening was implemented. Next year, everyone has to use the same company as USA Hockey. We knew that we had some people who would try and do a background screening who don't need one. It says on the website if you did one for 2018-2019 season, you do not need one for this season. Out of 266 screenings, 71 did not need to be done. There are people who are now refusing to pay the \$18.00.

Wendy needs a list of all volunteers for safe sport. 5 have gotten it in so far. 6 more still need to. For organizations who do not get it in, the board can consider giving a \$100 fine this year, \$200 if they are late next year, and so on. They would have till November 30 to get the report in, and they would lose all of their tournament bound games, and by December 31 would lose their status as an affiliate. That was an example Wendy got from an affiliate in another state.

Wendy also asked the board to consider whether we want a complete ban on cell phones in locker rooms or whether we want to allow it for celebration photos and parties.

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o Registry, Cathy Anderson

Just a reminder that no rosters are going to be corrected over the weekend. There are currently 10 teams with roster issues.

o Web Master, Brian Murray

Nothing to report

o Discipline, Carole Strong

Two more match penalties coming up. Both are men's league. A HS team is on probation for cell phones in the locker room for the next year. Mens league refs are not supposed to drop the puck if there is a beer on the bench during the game. Match penalty for a U18 player. Carole has denied a special hearing request from a coach and a parent. There is also another Safesport issue going on but no appeal on that.

o Treasurer, Jill Day

Jill was absent.

o Secretary, Shelly Strahan

Nothing to report.

o Exec. VP, Jason Empey

Nothing to report.

o President, Derrick Radke

Our meeting location will be here for the rest of the season except for February.
Shelly is going to look into a room for February.

o Audience Input

No audience input.

- Next Meeting, November 4, 2019
- Open Discussion (If Time Allows)

Jason motioned to adjourn, Steve P seconded. The meeting adjourned.

- Adjourn (Goal of 9:30 pm)