



Mission: The “Upper Valley Hockey Association” mission is to introduce the youth of our area to and promote the game of hockey, so that every child in the program can enjoy a positive experience through encouragement, skill development and character building while creating a passion for the game

**UVHA MEETING - Minutes
August 17th, 2022 – 8:00 PM**

Attendees: Brock Barton, Will Meyer, Jen Callahan, Kylie Young, Megan O'Neil

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Motion to approve the minutes made by Brock Barton, seconded by Will Meyer. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Monthly Reports

- a. Coaching Coordinator- Will reported that he is trying to decide when to have the coaching meeting. He wants to get proactive about coaching courses. Will will send out an email tomorrow with what's required to coach etc and when the courses are to all the potential coaches for this year. Kylie had important information from the State coaches meeting. Coaching requirements have changed for this upcoming year with the biggest change being red-lined coaches from last year will need to have an active CEP before being rostered on 12/31.
- b. Safesport Coordinator- Terence O'Neil is committed to being the Safesport Coordinator for this season. Kylie said he will need to register as a volunteer with USA hockey and then register in Sportsengine as a coach. Brock is going to get Terence set up with an email address and send him an email about what he needs to be ready for October.
- c. NH State Representative- We still do not have a State Representative volunteer. Brock is thinking about rotating people board member coaches through it and taking turns going. This will be the plan for this upcoming season.
- d. Girls Development- We still do not have a Girls Development Volunteer. Brock and Will this Jay Z would do it if we asked him or that the Lebanon Girls coach, Michael Sheehan (msheehan@sau88.net), might be interested because Kylie believes his kid is sticking with Storm. Switching when girls skate is offered was also discussed with other potential options being Sunday morning or Tuesday evening instead of Saturday.
- e. Fundraising- No Update.
- f. Registrar- Kylie reported that she is meeting with Margot tomorrow. She gave a heads up that the 4th character has to be a 3 for it to be this year's USA Hockey number. Major takeaways from the Saturday State coaches meeting were: electronic changes made on the iPads were never uploaded to the actual rosters last year, the state is putting an emphasis on the player releases if you have EVER played in a NH association before, you will need a release to go to another association. We will need to complete a Board of Director roster this year.
- g. Scheduler- Josh was not present to give an update. Dave Holmes will be joining Josh Obar this season as co-scheduler. Brock reported the ice has been committed. The only change of note is that we have two Friday ice times because we will need to have some Friday night Bantam games to accommodate the new 15 minute periods in GSL games.
- h. Equipment Manager- Hillary and Ronnie Gillies will be co-equipment managers this year with the help from Tom Daniels as the Bantam liaison. Jen will coordinate a date to do an inventory of the storage at Kinney Pike with the Gillies. this with Hilary. The board hopes to be able to distribute equipment at the Kick-off BBQ.
- i. Treasurer- Brock and Will are going to set a new time for switching over the bank account information.
- j. Marketing/Social Media Manager- No Update. Denise Hunter will be our new Social Media/Marketing Manager.
- k. Safety/Concussion- No Update.

3. New Business

- a. Tier Designation Update- Brock has signed us up to have one 8U team but that can still change if needed. For 10U, we went Tier 4 and 5 and are hoping not to get moved without permission because there are currently too many teams in Tier 4. At 12U and 14U, we will have two teams in each age group, playing in either Tier 3 or 5. However for U14, we're asking to go up to Tier 2 from 3 because there's more Tier 2 teams.
- b. Coaching Registration- Brock will post on Facebook that registration is open. It is open on our website as well.
- c. Tryout Committees- Tryout committees will need to be formed for October tryouts. Tryouts will be one week this year with athletes required to attend 2 of the 4 tryout sessions offered that week. The tryout committees will be composed of 3 non-parent, non-coaches. They have evaluation sheets that they complete. The heads of the tryout committees for each age group will be: U14- Brock Barton, U12- Will Meyer, U10- TBD. Brock will reach out to Jay Zanleoni and see if he is interested in heading up this committee again this year.
- d. September BBQ and Info Timeline- The Board determined more details for the season kick-off BBQ. The event will run from 11:30-1:30pm on Sunday 9/25. Activities will include: equipment distribution, age group meetings, coaches/volunteering Q & A, street hockey and yard games. Age group meetings will begin at 12:30pm followed by a coach/volunteer meeting at 1:00pm.
- e. Additional tournament funding- No Update
- f. Midgets - TBD
- g. Update on volunteers
 - i. NHAHA State Representative- Coach Board Members will rotate through attending this meeting.
 - ii. Girls Development - Still needed
 - iii. Fundraising- Committee has been formed. Megan O'Neil, Jen Callahan, Cherry Sullivan, and Jennifer Fitzgerald.
 - iv. Scheduler- Josh Obar and Dave Holmes
 - v. Equipment Manager - Hillary and Roger Gillies. Tom Daniels as Bantam liaison.
 - vi. Marketing/Social Media Manager - Denise Hunter. She will coordinate with Team Parents for weekly updates and content.
- h. Review of Policies and Procedures: Document will be finalized at the September meeting.

4. Meeting Adjournment: Motioned to adjourn was made by Brock Barton at 9:17pm