

UVHA Annual Board Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2022 ~ 7:00 PM



Zoom Meeting

1. **Attendance:** Brock Barton, Jen Callahan, Will Meyer, Josh Obar, Tom Daniels, Felipe Calderon, Dean Cashman/Meredith Fogg, Stacy Barton, Dana Wright, Megan O'Neil, Andrew Chanyi, Daniel Hall, Michele Ballard
2. **Meeting called to order:** 7:08 PM
 - a. **Membership Welcome-** President Barton welcomed the membership. He spoke to the successes of this season as a some-what return to normal while still contending with the COVID-19 pandemic. Thanks to the diligent efforts of the Board of Directors and coaches, the Storm parents and players for being flexible with the mask and rink rules.
3. **Order of Business:**
 - a. **President's Address-** Before commencing with the election of open Board of Directors' positions, President Barton talked about the success of the part year for Upper Valley Hockey Association. Storm Academy only had 5 players a year ago and had 32 this year. He hopes to continue that momentum into next year and thanked the SA coaches. Housemites started as a small group, and gradually grew throughout the year with players being moved up from Storm Academy. President Barton was happy to see those numbers improve this year as well. It was the first year the Travelmites participated in the GSL league and gave us a good look into the future for that group. President Barton thanked all the Mite coaches for enduring all the newness of that program. 10U/12U/14U had all five teams make the state tournament and two won a state championship. Thank you to Josh Obar for all his work scheduling. President Barton was excited the Skate-a-thon was back and thanked all the volunteers. We raised approximately \$40,000 through fundraising and a donor match. Looking ahead to the 2022-2023 season, President Barton encourages people to register early to help us to plan for the upcoming year. The upcoming year will be the first year that we are doing the goalie credit. We expect to have the skill sessions continue next year and will be looking

to find an outside partner for a goalkeeping coach and body contact clinics. Thank you to Jay Zanolini and Aiden Snow for helping with the goalkeepers. President Barton also discussed the formation of a subcommittee to be more intentional about a potential partnership between Upper Valley Associations for players to be playing at an appropriate level. Sounds like Storm is going to be the place for other organizations to consolidate for the Bantam level. Andrew Chanyi and Felipe Calderon spoke about being for collaboration between associations to benefit the kids and play at the appropriate level.

b. **Position Elections**-The primary order of this evening's business was to hold the election for the positions of Vice President, Treasurer, and two Member-at-Large roles. Candidates for these positions were as follows: Josh Obar - Vice President, Will Meyer - Treasurer, Megan O'Neil - Member-at-Large, and Margot Holmes - Member-at-Large. Brock nominated the slate of candidates, and each candidate was introduced to the membership. Brock shared the Google Board of Directors' election ballot via the group chat and explained voting procedures. Following confirmation of voting completion by Jen Callahan, President Barton announced the election results: Vice President Obar retained his seat; Will Meyer was elected Treasurer and Megan O'Neil and Margot Holmes joined the Board of Directors, each securing a Member-at-Large seat. The Board will later appoint individuals to fill the remaining responsibilities required to run the association, including but not limited to equipment manager, Safe Sport Coordinator, fundraising chair position also requires a new appointment. Felipe asked what roles needed to be filled and Brock said he will send out via email when announcing the results of the election.

c. **General Discussion**- President Barton opened the floor to the membership for general questions and discussion. The membership echoed support for collaborating with the other associations and expressed support and thanks to the current board for the job they did this year.

4. **Meeting Adjourned**: 7:45 PM