

UTAH HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES JUNE 13, 2017  
SOUTH DAVIS REC. CENTER BOUNTIFUL, UT

**ATTENDING:** Dana Combs, Mike Williams, James Soderborg, Brian Blum, Scott Baker, Lacy Sappington, Mike Mauro, Alisha Hill, Jennie Jenson, Jolin Johnson, Bryan Boam, Joe Minnock, John Teynor, Jeff Elwell, Eric Allen, Vennice Robinson, Anna Erickson, Jared Rutter, Jason Hall, Robyn Long, Jason Sims, Shannon Woodall, Richard Linton, Mylisa Graham, Tilly Van Egmond, Sara Miller

**ABSENT:** Matt Prucka

**ALSO PRESENT:** Brian Murray, Cami Murray, Becky Sellers, Jason Sims, Mike Davies, Kathleen Smith, Jody Brown

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Game Gear: Danny spoke about his relationship with UHSH. He would like to provide jerseys, dryland gear, training, etc. They will do whatever we need. No extra cost for names, logos, etc. Will help with the design if needed. Just contact them and let them know how they can help you. Catalogs and cards were left for trustees.

Approval of May Minutes: Robyn made the motion to approve the May minutes. Jason H seconded, all approved, motion passes.

New Trustees: Jolin introduced Bryan Boam as the Trustee for Viewmont. Jolin made a motion to approve Bryan as the new trustee, James S seconded, all approved, motion passes. Brandon S sent an email asking to step down and asked that Tilly Van Egmond to be the trustee of Corner Canyon. Robin made a motion to approve Tilly as the new trustee, Jason H seconded, all approved, motion passes.

WIHOA: Mike Davies asked if we anticipate any rule changes for UHSH. Shannon stated we probably will have some for playoffs.

Mike asked about having security presence at playoff games. Shannon said we have not discussed this, but we can discuss in upcoming meetings.

Mike asked if Cedar was going to have games down there. Shannon said it is TBD. Kathleen stated that they need to come into compliance with safety, mostly due to the locker rooms, but as of now they are not considered a rink until that happens and they cannot have games.

Mike asked about billing teams directly. Shannon asked if we could add into our P&Ps that if the bills aren't paid within 30 days, the team will be suspended until paid. Shannon said it would be easier if teams were billed directly for their scrimmage games and they would be held more accountable. Brian B stated that they have had a difficult time getting things categorized, so that would be helpful. We need to add that to our P&Ps to hold the teams accountable. Cami stated that would help her and Becky when breaking down the charges. James S stated that they should be classified as games. Shannon asked if Mike could build the teams into the program so we could start billing team individually. Shannon said that we could work on it and come up with the wording of the P&P and have

Mike review it. James S asked if WIHOA has a specific biller. Mike stated that Chris Smith is in charge of it with the help of Jill.

James S asked if we had good turnout for the ref clinics. Mike stated the first clinic is September 9<sup>th</sup>, Level I, II, and III. They haven't secured the ice yet for all of the clinics, but should be able to send out the clinic info next week. 4 or 5 experienced officials are leaving town. They started a 3 man shadowing clinic at Cottonwood using younger officials to give other referees experience.

Ad Books: Shannon said lots of people were asking about the ad books. You can start selling ads now. Forms have been updated and are on the website with correct information. The deadline to submit ads and photos is at the October board meeting. No exceptions. If it isn't turned in on time, it won't be accepted. We are looking at new vendors due to what happened last season not getting ad books out until January. Jennie J stated that there was a lot of confusion as to when the ads and payments were due last year, so she asked a due date to be added to the website and calendar. Richard asked if we could update the date to October 1<sup>st</sup>. Shannon stated we should change the date to Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>. 80% of the ads sold will go to the player, 20% goes to printing of the book. They can also do online ads. If they pay online, the player get 76% instead of 80% to cover the online fees. All information is on the form. Shannon stated all forms are on there and are emailed as an attachment. Encourage your players to start selling now. Brian M asked if the general consensus is good having a paper copy of a book or utilizing the website. Jeff E stated the website is probably more used. Brian M stated we could have rotating ads on the website. Everything is online and digital now. Becky asked if there was a way to put the ads bought by a specific team be on their specific team page. Can also put ads on Facebook too to try to grow the league.

Website: Brian M has been working with SportsEngine on enhancements to the website. SportsEngine was bought out and with that acquisition, it opens up additional resources.

Registration Fees: Registration fees are \$170 without Select team, and \$200 with Select team. Brian M hasn't turned on the registration because he is waiting for the go ahead from us. Shannon stated we should put the registration part on hold until Becky gets us the financial piece.

ESPN: Brian M talked about the ESPN radio ad last month. The general consensus from the financial committee was to move forward. Decision needs to be made on how much we want to put into the ads based upon our budget. Brian M stated that ESPN would give us some air time on one of their popular shows to promote and advertise UHSH. Jason H volunteered to work with Brian M to make sure our investment goes towards growing the game. Becky will find out where to put this in the budget. Brian M stated there are different show times and commute times that are well received. Brian M stated that ESPN would help with the ad. If there is anyone that is interested in being the reader of the script, let us know, or if anyone knows anyone that would be interested, let us know.

Finance/Treasurer: Becky Sellers handed the financials out to everyone, which included the budget, profit and loss, and balance sheet. She believes we are up to date and good to go. For the most part the financials are pretty current. She took a look at what the team fees were from last year and we are down 1 team this year. Current fees are \$2750 for JV and \$4600 for Varsity. The budget Becky handed out is leaving those the same as last year. Fees include 14 practices for both Varsity and JV, and 14 games for JV, 15 game for Varsity. Brian B asked Becky if we are missing some line items on P&L, and

she stated she did believe we were missing some line items. Brian Blum suggested we add the missing line items so we have all of them listed.

Brian B asked Brian M for total number of players last year. Brian M stated last year we had 649 registered players. The year prior was 572, and 590 for the year prior to that. Brian B suggested we use 600 for our number for Player Fees. Brian is saying that we need to lower from 105,000 to 102,000. Brian M stated our fees this year are lower at 2.85% plus \$1.

Shannon asked for any other discussion on proposed budget. Jason H asked if they were in line from last year. Becky said she made some adjustments with having 1 less team. Everything else is pretty much in line.

Shannon suggested adjusting the amount for trophies because we have paid more than what was budgeted in the last few years.

Brian B asked about the summer goalie clinic that Chris W used to do. Shannon asked Joe M if he wanted to do the goalie clinics. \$6500 was the budget last year and we only used \$3400. Brian B suggested we do \$4000 this year for goalie clinics. Kathleen stated USA Hockey appointed Jared Bustle as the state goalie development coordinator, so he could be of help.

Shannon brought up creating a player clinic for new players to try playing hockey. We need some people to get behind it, organize it, and run it. Jason H asked if it increased our numbers. Anna asked how we arrange to do that. Shannon stated we need to fill out a special form and submit it to the registrar. Send the form to Sara M and Shannon and Kathy the registrar will approve it. Jason H asked about protective gear. Sometimes the rinks will let them use their gear. Shannon suggested that we budget \$1000 for a player clinic.

Discussion was had about lowering the registration fees or the team fees. Bryan B suggested decreasing the fees by \$500.

Registration Fees will be kept at \$170. Bryan B proposed keeping the registration fees at \$170, Dana seconded, all approved, motion passes.

Team Fees: Jason H proposed a one-time \$750 reduction for Varsity with JV fees staying the same. James S seconded, all approved, motion passed.

Dana brought up the staff bonuses aren't enough to cover the current bonuses we have and we need to change it from \$500 to \$3000.

Financial proposals:

Change player fees from \$105,000 to \$102,000.

Change Goalie Clinic from \$6500 to \$4000.

Change Fees & Licenses from \$1000 to \$1200.

Change Staff Bonus from \$500 to \$3000.

Change Trophies/Awards from \$4000 to \$4500.

James S proposed the motion to approve the amended budget, Brian Blum seconded, all approved, motion passed.

James S amended his motion to approve the amended budget to include we will have a negative budget this year. Brian B seconded, all approved, motion passed.

UAHA Report- All match penalties are going through the state disciplinary committee. Right now UHS plans to handle everything that's not a match penalty.

Schedule-Cami M is waiting to hear back from a few ice rinks still. Blackout dates needed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Cami should have all of the ice by then and she can start to schedule games.

P&P Proposals:

Weather:

## Regular and Pre-Season Game Rules

### 28.3 Road Weather Conditions

A. When unsafe road ~~weather~~ conditions exist along the travel route ~~due to weather~~, a game will be ~~postponed cancelled~~ and rescheduled. If ~~a reschedule is not possible the game cannot be rescheduled~~, the game will be cancelled and recorded as a tie.

B. ~~In determining whether to postpone a game, the trustees for the involved teams may consider Criteria for a weather-related game cancellation includes~~ a school cancellation, ~~road closure~~, a "High Caution" ~~determination by issued by~~ the Utah Department of Transportation (<http://udottraffic.utah.gov/RoadWeatherForecast.aspx#>), a Utah Highway Patrol, National Weather Service, or County Sheriff ~~travel~~ advisory to limit driving anywhere along the travel route, ~~unless a suitable alternate route is available~~.

C. ~~The trustees for the involved teams may agree to cancel a game due to unsafe travel conditions. decision to cancel a game due to unsafe road weather conditions is made by the affected teams' trustees.~~ If a decision is not agreed upon, the UHS executive board, ~~or, if the Executive Committee cannot be convened telephonically, the President and scheduler~~ will make the final determination.

James S motioned to approve and then vote next month to change, Jason H seconded. Dana suggested to use the wording postponed instead of cancelled.

James voted to amend the wording and Jason H also seconds that. All in favor, motion passed.

Goalie Pool:

#### PROPOSAL

#### GOALIE POOL AMENDMENTS

**PURPOSE:** To establish policies and procedures for operation of the goalie pool

**CHANGES TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN RED:**

#### 18.9 Goaltender Eligibility & Goaltender

A. Each year UHSB will form a goaltender pool as set forth below:

B. Blind-Pool Goaltenders. Each year the UHSB Board may elect, prior to the beginning of the season, to offer a blind-pool goaltender option during the regular season. Any goaltender may be submitted to be a participant of the UHSB goalie pool. If any team throughout the season has a need for a goalie for a single game they may contact the blind pool administrator (as will be designated by UHSB) and the administrator will designate and assign a blind-pool goaltender to the team for the game requested. Participation in the blind-pool will not affect the eligibility of any goaltender with respect to the team on which he/she was originally rostered for the season.

C. The webmaster for UHSB shall create a registration through SportsEngine for which teams may request a goalie from the goalie pool.

Brian has already set up two registrations—one for goalies to register to be in the pool and one for a team to request a goalie. They can be found here:

<https://utahhighschoolhockey.sportngin.com/register/form/350578903>

<https://utahhighschoolhockey.sportngin.com/register/form/040719439>

The purpose of these registrations is to facilitate the easy registration and easy transfer of information to the goalies and teams. Once a registration is completed, SportsEngine will automatically send a copy of the registration to the goalie pool administrator and Shannon as president for processing below.

D. Any request for a goalie from the goalie pool shall be submitted through SportsEngine at least 24 hours prior to the game for which the goalie is requested.

This time period allows the goalie administrator to forward the request to goalies and arrange for a goalie.

E. If a request is submitted later than 24 hours before the game, a reason for the late request shall be submitted. The goalie pool administrator will attempt to locate a goalie. However, if the goalie pool administrator is unable to find a goalie and the team resorts to subsection H to locate a goalie, such selection shall be subject to the approval of the President of UHSB, who may deny the request if it is determined competitive advantage is sought by selection of the goalie.

It is recognized that players become ill on game days and other circumstances may arise. However, in order to prevent a coach from “gaming” the system by deliberately waiting until shortly before game time to request a goalie, thereby allowing the coach to select a goalie of choice, this provides a “check” which at least allows the President of UHSB to insure that the delayed request is legitimate and not for competitive advantage.

F. The goalie pool administrator shall maintain a list of available goalies. At the beginning of the season, the list shall be arranged in random order. Upon receipt of a request, the pool administrator shall email the first three names on the list identifying the time and location of the game and identifying the teams involved or which team needs a goalie. The request will also be sent to the goalie’s head coach. If the first person on the list accepts the assignment, he or she shall be appointed. If the first goalie is unable to accept, the second goalie on the list will have the option to accept the assignment. This process shall continue until a goalie is found.

This provision describes the process for obtaining a goalie. The proposal includes sending the request to both the goalie and to his or her head coach. This is because the head coach may have legitimate reasons to preclude his goalie from serving as goalie for another team, such as an upcoming game the next night for the goalie, relationship in standings, or other reasons.

**G. A goalie accepting an assignment shall be moved to the bottom of the list and the next request will be administered under paragraph F using the newly updated list.**

This is self-explanatory.

**H. No team may use a goalie without adhering to this procedure. However, if the goalie pool administrator is unable to confirm a goalie four hours prior to the start of a game, the team may arrange a goalie and submit that to the goalie pool administrator for approval. If the goalie pool administrator does not respond to the request for approval within 30 minutes of submission, the team may use the goalie found.**

This section bars the use of a goalie without going through the process. However, we recognize the goalie pool administrator may not be able to locate a goalie and the team should have the chance to find a goalie on its own if we are not able to do so. However, again, in order to prevent competitive advantage, the name should be submitted to the goalie pool administrator for approval.

Dana made a motion to approve for next month, Robin seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

Playoffs: Jeff, Brian, Joe will discuss how to propose it and bring it back for next month.

Team Declarations: Jeff Elwell asked if Tier 1 teams fold and those players are now eligible to play high school, what happens to the teams in D2. The players will need to request permission from the state board to allow that player to play. If applying for D2, include those Tier 1 players that may potentially play high school. The rule was brought up that if a team has more than 2 tier players, you have to play D1.

Robin made the motion to have 12 D1 teams at a minimum. Kerry Fain seconded, all approved, Mylisa G opposed, motion passed. When the board votes for D2, they will vote who has to move from D2 to D1. Forms are due June 30<sup>th</sup>.

USA Hockey Annual Congress Recap: Kathleen stated the Level 4 coaching clinics will be in New Mexico and Colorado. She is trying to get Colorado moved back to Utah. If we can't, Kathleen is pushing for our coaching chief to come in October to do a Level 4 coaching clinic for Utah coaches.

Rules – 238 rules that were discussed. Most were clarification. USA Hockey will send the changes out by the end of the week by email. Utah Amateur Hockey and UHSH will also send out.

Background Checks: With Sport Engine combining with NCSI, it changes our background screening. Utah bylaws requires a background check every year, and USA hockey is every other year. \$25 per year per screening. Kathleen negotiated with sport engine \$20 for every other year with a re-check. Before a re-check can be done, they would send an email out 30 days before their 1 year was up, and they would send it back to run it again. If no response is received within 5-7 days, it would expire and \$20 would be need to be paid again. This has not been passed yet. They are also implementing safe sport with this.

But it would bring the safe sport number onto the roster, plus background screening. Registration for back ground screening will not open until Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>. An email will go out once this is opened up.

For budgets, it will go from \$10 to \$20 but only have to pay every other year. USA Hockey waivers have been updated and changed for the volunteers so one waiver does not fit all. Also updated their concussion management. These are part of the registration.

Rosters: Coaches will no longer be redlined. If coaches haven't completed all of their requirements, they won't even populate on the roster. If coaches and volunteers are not on there, you need to follow up to see what they are missing.

Shannon discussed eligibility for Gina's proposal. UHSH is currently sending eligible teams to Nationals at this time. Shannon is going to get with Gina to find out how boundaries are specifically determined and which schools can play on a specific sanctioned sport. Shannon stated more time and development needs to go into this.

**Items from the floor:**

Anna asked what happened to Mike M's proposal. Mike M stated he withdrew it.

Jason H made the motion to adjourn. Robin seconded.