

UTAH HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES Dec. 13, 2016
SOUTH DAVIS REC. CENTER BOUNTIFUL, UT

ATTENDING in person or conference call: Shannon Woodhall, Mylisa Graham, Eric Allen, Anna Erickson, Ryan Larsen, Jennie Jenson, Jason Sims, Chris Wendt, Jared Rutter, Richard Linton, Jeff Elwell, Mike Maero, Connie Tilk, Dana Combs, Matt Prucka, Alisha Hill, John Teynor, Kerry Fain, Cindy Pearson, Brian Blum, Michael Williams, and Bryan Boam

ABSENT Brandon Swenson, Jason Hall, Ally Brickley, and James Soderborg

ALSO PRESENT in person or on conference call: John Murdock-Treasurer, Craig Peterson and Chris Smith-WIHOA, Cami Murray-Scheduler, Brian Murray-Registrar, Moe van der Sluys-Oquirrh, David and Lori Duke-Stansbury

Welcome/Roll Call: Meeting called to order by Shannon at 7:02.

Approval of minutes: Jason S made a motion to approve the minutes from November, Ryan seconded the motion, all approved, motion passes.

New Trustees: There are no new trustees this month.

WIHOA: Chris Smith and Craig Peterson represented WIHOA. Mike W questioned why some of the officials do not have a current crest, or a crest at all. He brought up a specific game where of the three officials, one had a current crest, one had a 2015-16 crest, and one had none. He had questions the officials about the situation and the reply included profanity. He was very upset about the situation. Chris assured us that he personally verifies all officials have met all requirements before they are reactivated for the season. There are currently 50 active officials with WIHOA all of whom have been verified, many have yet to receive the 2016-17 crest from USA Hockey. If he waits until they get their crest, there will not be enough officials for the games.

Anna asked how we could provide good feedback to the officials? There is a feedback form on the UHSH website that can be forwarded on to WIHOA. Anonymous emails will not be read.

Shannon wanted to be sure that the officials knew that they needed to be on the ice BEFORE game time, not at or after game time. This has been an issue with some officials. There has also been some vulgarity towards the benches from the officials. This is not acceptable. Chris asked that he or Mike Davies be notified as quickly as possible if officials are using profanity towards the players or the benches.

Jennie informed WIHOA that the clock at the Logan rink has been fixed. She has asked for detailed instructions to fix the problem to be put in the score box if it happens again.

The question came up about coaches signing the scoresheet. The officials should verify the scoresheet has been signed, but it is acceptable to have the scoresheet signed when it is set up.

Chris asked that we again remind our fans that profanity is not acceptable. Officials can move fans or remove fans. The officials will determine this as necessary.

Since the last meeting, Cami and Chris have worked well to communicate schedule changes or issues. There was one JV game that will need to be rescheduled due to an issue with officials not being there at game time.

Chris brought up an issue with SUI and the locker room situation. After the game, the building was locked and the officials had to stand outside the building and wait for someone to let them in. At this rink, particularly, this is not appropriate. There needs to be a place for the officials to go immediately after the games that is not around the fans or the players. No official should have to stand outside the building with all the parents and fans making comments about them or how they officiated the game. There are several officials that are overburdened from working so many games. High school games are

difficult to officiate because of the lack of respect for the officials from the players and coaches. The coaches are the biggest offenders. Coaches do not give the officials a chance to explain calls without making condescending remarks. Some trustees pushed back and asked that if the coaches are so difficult, why don't the officials just give them a penalty. The response was that the officials do not want to do the paperwork after the game that would be necessary if they penalized a coach. Trustees asked if the officials would rather talk to the captains? Chris said yes, the officials would rather talk to the captains. It was then brought up, that if the officials talk to the captains instead of the coaches, then the officials need to give the captains a chance to talk to the coaches before dropping the puck. The idea was discussed that UHSH prepare a form that officials can use to provide feedback about the coaches, good or bad.

Shannon then asked if there was a way to ensure that the scorekeepers are doing their job and paying attention to the game? Chris responded no, but if there are issues let WIHOA know as soon as possible. Dana questioned if the score keepers knew how to count shots? Chris responded yes, they have been trained, but some need more training. Chris also mentioned that there is a need for more score keepers.

Discussion about Coaches: Cindy questioned about how we as trustees can know about coaches that may have had previous issues with other teams. She does not want any team to have issues like she has with coaches and trustees. Is there a way to track coaches that have been fired from other teams? Connie suggested that UHSH keep a record with any issues teams have had with coaches' year to year. Then the question came up that how do we know that when a new team declares that the trustee is trustworthy? It was suggested that a P&P be added that would require an interview with a potential trustee. Should we limit the amount of money a trustee can spend? Jason S informed that he is working on a proposal to put controls and limits on team monies.

During this discussion, Shannon reminded everyone that all coaches need to have USA and UHSH registration, coaching clinic, age specific modules, and SafeSport completed by Dec. 31.

P&P, Awards: Connie presented the final wording on the P&P change to correct section 44.4. Dana made a motion to approve the change, Chris W seconded, all approved, motion passes.

44.4 Candidate Selection Criteria

A. In reaching a "short-list" consensus, the ~~all-star selection~~ scholarship and awards committee shall review the UHSH hockey history of each candidate. Gross misconduct penalties, match penalties and/or fighting penalties may be considered as grounds for exclusion.

B. Other objective criteria may be used to "short-list" potential candidates as the ~~all-star selection~~ scholarship and awards committee sees fit.

C. All candidates must be held to the same criteria.

The awards nominations are opened and accepting nominations until Dec. 31, 2016. Please make your nominations.

Committee Reports:

Finance/Treasurer: John reported that the ad book brought in about \$400 more than expected. However, due to late submissions and errors with the final proof, they have not been printed. Next year there will be a *firm* deadline for submissions.

The select team is a separate line item on the budget. All hotel and airfare deposits have been made. Team payments are now overdue. Pay now or make arrangements with John, or your team will be suspended. If you have made arrangements with John to transfer the monies out of the team account, please make sure that this has happened. John has worked with Brian and Cami to streamline the process for reviewing ice time and officials. This will make the payment process go more quickly. As of this date, all invoices that have been received by UHSH have been paid.

The grant received by UHSH from The Community Foundation of Utah has been awarded. UHSH has \$1700 to grant to players with the teams match the funds. The players must have a Salt Lake City address as a part of the requirements of the grant. There were six players who applied for this grant that met the qualifications. These following players, amounts, motions and seconded where approved by all.

Max Traub, East \$200.00 Jason S, Connie

Dylan Marrott, East \$200.00 Jason S, Connie

Alex Steiner, Copper Hills \$100.00 Jared, Chris W

Tino Martinez, Herriman \$225.00 Jason S, Chris W

Kyler Margetts, Herriman \$225.00 Jason S, Chris W

Zane St. Martin, Stars, \$250.00 Jason S, Connie

Budget Proposal: Connie proposed that the Grizzlies tickets that were cut from the 2016-2017 budget be reinstated for the 2017-2018 budget. The money that is budgeted for Nationals does not apply to all players, and that teams that have no chance of going to Nationals are paying for the two teams that do go to Nationals. She suggests that UHSH reduce the budget for Nationals and use that to budget for Grizzlies tickets that all players can use. Bryan B said that cutting Nationals budget is not the right way to fund Grizzlies tickets. Jared asked if all teams are paying for just to teams to go to Nationals. Chris W said that the real question is, do we want to send teams to Nationals? Without the budget, teams would not be able to attend Nationals as it would be almost impossible to raise the needed money in just a few weeks. It was explained that the money budgeted for Nationals is included in the overall budget and out team fees. John asked if the board believes that UHSH grows and benefits from the \$20,000 investment? Connie will bring a proposal for a change to the budget.

Schedule: Cami has scheduled for the playoffs Jason S made a motion that all rounds be double elimination, Chris W seconded, all approved motion passes. Jason S made a motion that UHSH use a three-man officiating system until the semi-final round, then a four-man system will be used for the semi-final and final rounds, Michael seconded, all approved, motion passes. Shannon made a motion that all rounds up to the semi-finals be 90-minute time slots, with the semi-finals 105-minutes with an ice make after the second period, and final rounds being 120-minute time slot with an ice make after the second period. Jason s seconded the motion, all approved, motion passes.

Registration: Brian informed that we have 75 more players registered than last year. He also suggested that either the concessions are opened during playoffs or UHSH sets up our own concessions. Brian will work with Clark to see what needs to be done to make this happen and we will add it to next month's agenda.

UAHA: Jason S informed us that State Camp will be April 21-23 at the Oval. District camps do not have dates yet, but 01, 00 birth years will be in Texas and 02, 03 birthyears will be in Colorado. Jae at the Oval is still building teams for female players. If you have female players who would like more ice time, this is a great opportunity. Coaches need to complete CEP Modules by Dec.31. Chrissy Olsen has resigned as the Tier VP, the UAHA will appoint an interim at the January meeting.

Wight Family: Ryan expressed his appreciation for all that has been done to help the Wight family. The boys are doing as well as can be expected. They are recovering well. There will be a service for Bob and Dawn on Friday Dec.16 at 2:00. There is a fundraiser at Snowbird that evening. On Monday Dec. 19, there is a fundraiser hockey game between Brighton and WCR.

Eligibility: No issues.

Disciplinary/Awards: One hearing coming up. Awards banquet March 4. All applications and nominations for awards are open and due by Dec. 31. Interviews for the Hixon award will be either the 12, 17, or 19 of January. Academic all-stars can use either 1st or 2nd quarter grades.

Grow the Game/Fundraising/ Sponsorship: reviewed and approved grants earlier in meeting.

Goalies: Next clinic in Ogden Dec. 20 from 8:45-10:45.

From the Floor: John reported the \$14,345 has been spent for plane tickets to Nationals.

Lori Duke: Please do not call or send many texts when looking for a goalie. If you send an email before noon, she will see it at noon. If you send an email after noon, she will see it when she gets of work.

Eric asked if USA or UHS Hockey have any specific requirements in regards to grades. No, it is up to each trustee to determine if they will set a specific GPA for play in the team. He then asked if the trustee can request grades from the school? No, we cannot.

Alisha questioned teams that forfeit games simply because they do not want to travel, should there be some sort of monetary penalty? When should games be cancelled due to weather? She will work with Jennie to come up with a proposal about forfeits and cancelations due to weather.

Brian B has a player who broke a bone at the beginning of the season while playing with a tier team. He no longer plays with the tier team and would like to play JV. He needs to apply for eligibility through the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50