

UTAH HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES March 13, 2018

SOUTH DAVIS REC. CENTER BOUNTIFUL, UT

ATTENDING: Mike Brown for Alta, Eric Allen, Anna Erickson, Joe Minnock, Robyn Eyre-Long, Tilly Van Egmond, Xavie Augenblick, Lori Jensen, Richard Linton, Jeff Elwell, Lacy Sappington, Dana Combs, Heather Montgomery for Jason Hall, Ally Brickley, Alisha Hill, John Teynor, Kerry Fain, Vennice Robinson, Brian Blum, Shannon Woodhall, Alaina VanLeuven, Bryan Boam

ABSENT: Anna Christensen, Matt Prucka, James Soderborg

ALSO PRESENT: Cami Murray, Sara Miller, Becky Sellers, Brian Murray

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm

Approval of February Minutes: Kerry made the motion to approve the February minutes. Ally seconded, all approved. Motion passes.

Bryan Boam thanked everyone for the volunteer of the year nomination.

New Trustees: Bryan introduced Matt Lathum, as the new trustee for Viewmont. Bryan made the motion. Ally seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Ally introduced Pam Pala as the new trustee for Stars. Ally made the motion, and Jeff seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

WIHOA: Not present

Playoff Recap: Shannon sent out a recap. Congrats to Viewmont and Stars, these teams are heading to Nationals. Congrats to Copper Hills and Oquirrh for winning the D2 division.

Bryan asked if we had any information to compare to last year. We had one less team this year. 651 players last year. We had more JV than last year. Bryan asked about revenues compared to last year. Shannon stated that we'll get to that.

Shannon said if anyone has anything to add to the list, please let her know. Kerry asked for updates on Select Teams. Shannon said yes, later.

Shannon asked if anyone had anything about playoffs. Bryan wondered if we could stick in an extra 15-20 minutes in between the Championship games due to being rushed for pictures or whatever is reasonable. Shannon said we did, the schedule was different than last year.

Bonuses for Becky and Cami. Becky's is up in May and Cami's doesn't say when, just that we can give a bonus if we want. Her contract goes through the end of March. Kerry asked what we did last year. Cami said it was \$750 last year. This year is optional. Shannon said we did a survey before that the trustees could fill out. Do we want to do it the same as last year. Jeff and Dana said the survey is good. Shannon will get it set up and sent out. Please get it done before next meeting. Bingham asked if there are any criteria. Shannon said you can go to Trustees only page to look at her contract. Kerry asked if the amount we paid Cami this year is on the website, Shannon stated that it is.

Committee Reports:

Schedule: Cami is filling stuff out for next year and talking to the rinks. Any questions? Kerry said this year we pushed the schedule up quite a bit in her opinion. She asked if it was difficult for Cami to get things put on the schedule. Cami said no. JV is tricky because of blackout dates, so it makes it difficult to work around the JV games.

Scott Baker said it was hard to keep the players motivated when they have a lot of games, and then big breaks, and then a few games. Cami said the only other option to make it easier would be to change the days JV plays from Fri, Sat, and Sun. Scott asked if the games could be more consistent. Lacy asked if there will be more games in Ogden next season. Mariko said that we canceled a lot of games in Ogden and that they weren't renewing our contract. Cami said that we don't have enough teams to fill two slots up there every week. Cami said that maybe we could do in Ogden what we did in Park City since it worked out well. Cami said that she has spoken to Mariko and they are renewing our contract. Lacy said they only had 2 or 3 home games. Cami said they should have had more, at least 7 or 8 home games. Ally asked if the Farmington team will change the ice schedule in Ogden. Brian Blum said last year we said we wanted to start the games earlier. He asked if that was problematic. Cami said it was as far as declaring teams. Shannon said that we need to discuss going back to declaring teams later in the year. Brian Blum said the gap in January is hard to keep the players motivated. Shannon said one of the ideas that was brought up to a few trustees, was keeping our Varsity games at 15, and adding 2 or 3 pre-season games to that. We could start the season around the same time and have preseason games that wouldn't affect the standings. That would help with the gap, give players more games, and would help changing the divisions. Cami said she could still cover everything with the ice. Shannon said we should be able to keep the cost the same and still add those games. Brian Blum stated he doesn't understand how we could keep the cost the same. We need to look at that better to make sure we could keep the cost the same. Something to think about to try to solve many issues. Pam asked what preseason means, Shannon stated they would be preseason games in September that wouldn't count towards the standings. That would give us the opportunity to move teams from D1 and D2 if need be, which would be a very small amount of teams.

UAHA:

Jason is not here. He sent Shannon a message. State camp registration deadline is March 19th. No late registrations or walk ups will be accepted. Nationals are the same weekend, so Viewmont and Stars players are affected. For those players, please reach out to Brian Clements to make alternate plans for them. The state board met last month, they voted that the HS rosters need to be frozen by 12/15 so we need to change our P&Ps to reflect that. That means we can't have players added to the roster after 12/15. Anna asked since High School is considered rec, why can't we add them at any time per USA Hockey. Shannon said that the state board is saying we are not going to make changes after 12/15. Anna said isn't that in conflict with USA hockey. Joe said no, it isn't. Anna said since you should be able to accept kids after that date. Shannon said it's easier to make the same rule across the board instead of having different dates for different teams and levels. Anna said there is a 12/1 deadline and then there is 12/15. Shannon stated team dues and players registrations should be completed before they step on the ice. If a player is not on the roster, those games played with the ineligible player are forfeits. Robyn said that Brian has a list on the Trustees Only page that lists all the players. Kerry asked if redlines are on the list. Brian said no. They can't get on the ice if they are redlined. Jeff said that doesn't affect the player's dues. You can set up payments for whatever works. It comes down to an insurance liability if they are hurt on the ice.

Shannon said we need to change the P&Ps so for now it stays the same. We have to be the same as the state board. Anna asked if the P&Ps need to be changed every year, or just put in there that we mirror the state board. Shannon said you are more than welcome to find the P&P and write the suggestions.

Shannon has had three interested in the State Board position. Bryan sent in his bio for the state board. Patty Bigelow and Todd Margetts are the other two. Shannon asked them all to come to the meeting and send in their bios so everyone could review it. Nominations are due to the board by 3/30. Shannon will forward to the state board, and then they have to send in their bios. April meeting, we have to send a representative to cast our vote for one of those 3 people. We can do a ballot for all the trustees, and then the representative will go vote for that person. The rep needs to go to the General elections April 28th at 12:00 and cast the vote. It's not hard if anyone wants to volunteer to do that.

Ally asked if the Tier 1 players will be allowed to play High School next Season. Joe said that was not brought up. The board only decided on tier 2.

The HS board needs to write something up and the new rep needs to bring it up in front of the board. If someone can compile suggestions from everyone and write that up and get it to the state board. Jeff asked how many trustees in the room are opposed for Tier 1 playing HS. Dana and Robyn said they are opposed to it. Kerry said if they are a D1 team, she says yes. Scott said there are two separate topics. One, should they play, two, which division should those teams play in. If you have thoughts regarding this, please send to Jeff and he will bring it forward to discuss for next month.

Website/Registration:

Brian Murray said everything from last season has been saved on the prior stats tab. Everything for next season is almost ready to go. He's going to relink a lot of the pages between Varsity and JV. He's also in discussion with Sportengine for a chat feature. Also the roster change will allow multiple players to move to teams instead of one at a time. Brian will keep last year's seasons in place until next season.

Goalie:

Nothing from Joe. Nothing from Brian Blum other than they need to get together for goalie clinics for summer and next season. Maybe do the summer one in July instead of August. They'll discuss later.

Finance/Treasurer:

There's still money in this year's budget for goalie stuff.

Money collected during Playoffs was \$17164, which is down \$3600 from last year. Shannon said we didn't have the "as needed" games.

There are still some Playoff expenses, ice time invoices and WIHOA that need to be paid, but profit was \$5346.00 after paying the Police Officers. Overall budget last year, we budgeted for \$17,000 net loss. Right now we are at \$18,000 net loss but we still have some bills rolling in. Shannon said as a reminder that Brian Blum goes through the financials and if he has questions, he asks Becky.

Eligibility:

Robyn, nothing for eligibility but has started writing a new draft for P&Ps for eligibility. If anyone has any thoughts, get those to Robyn. She is planning on bringing to next meeting.

Disciplinary:

Jeff said the penalties were under control through the playoffs only a few situations that will carry over to next season. The players consistently got better as the season went on. We do have a situation that we need to address with the Corner Canyon team. He doesn't know if that is a job for the Disciplinary Committee, or the Trustees. Shannon said we discussed Corner Canyon in the last two months. Jeff summarized the situation with Corner Canyon. They had to forfeit their last games, which were playoff games, and not only hurt their players but also the kids they were supposed to play. Jeff stated apparently there are other things going on, that he is not privy to. Jeff asked if we want to open for discussion. Dana said it needs to be opened for discussion. Kerry said that with so many new trustees coming in, that will hurt us. If there is anything going on, everyone needs to know. Jeff asked if anyone has a sheet of things to go over. Shannon stated Corner Canyon had un-rostered players play games, registered 8th graders and allowed them to play and had graduated seniors players play in games. It didn't happen just once or twice. It doesn't sound like Corner Canyon will have enough players for next season, but the suggestion would be they should have a new trustee. Anna asked if these actions were objectionable due to desperation. Shannon asked if it matters if you don't have enough players, you can't put an ineligible player on the ice. Anna agrees. Robyn said that this situation was brought to Shannon before the season started, and Corner Canyon's trustee still put the ineligible players on the ice which resulted in a tremendous fall out. Tilly said that she is completely blind sided with this conversation. Tilly said at the last meeting it was decided this was a mute deal. Dana said that last meeting it was decided that we wouldn't discuss until this months' meeting. Tilly said she doesn't know what conversation happened before the beginning of the season. She used to play college basketball and she is disappointed when we start with 12 kids, and then we have trustees take our kids away, and we end up with 6 kids, and then one doesn't want to play. She is then asking for mercy for these players. She's concerned we take kids off the ice. Dana said that's what the rules say. As a college basketball player Tilly didn't get a full ride scholarship because she wasn't told to play with younger players. She got there because she had a lot of court time. If we take kids off the ice, then we are hurting the kid. Shannon stated there are teams those players can play on. Nobody took kids away from Corner Canyon, the players were ineligible due to the rules. Tilly had two 8th graders register as 9th graders. Shannon said Cooper was deemed ineligible, was taken off the roster, Becky refunded them and then Tilly allowed Cooper to play games. Tilly argued that he didn't play after Shannon told him he couldn't. Dana proposed Tilly be removed as a trustee because after it was discussed in this meeting, she had ineligible players. Robyn seconded. Tilly said she didn't have ineligible players. Tilly said she doesn't recall it happening at the beginning of the season. Shannon said there is a motion and a second. Shannon and Brian both talked to Tilly about the eligibility of 8th graders. Tilly made a motion that she not be removed as trustee for Corner Canyon. Heather said Jason Hall wants to know if they has enough players for next year. Tilly said they don't have enough for next year. Richard stated said it's pretty simple. If players go to your High School, they play on your team, if they don't, the play for Independent. It's pretty cut and dry. We need to vote on the motion Dana made. 9 approved to remove Tilly as trustee, Tilly opposed, 9 abstentions. Motion does not pass.

Grow the Game:

Myliissa not here.

Fundraising/Sponsorships:

Nothing.

Awards/Banquet:

Anna said went very well. Some sent representatives for those that couldn't attend. One of the things we did for Academic All-stars were the banners. Should we do those again? Everyone loved them. Anna said please get those names in so kids aren't left out. Anna wants a place next season for the 4.0 students on the website. We need to recognize those players. We ended up with 240 kids for the Academic All-stars. Everyone loved the helmet stickers. Becky asked how much the banners cost. Anna said \$40. Becky stated that Anna donated the banners. Jeff asked when Academic All-stars are due. Anna said that we leave the nominations open. Jeff said we should do something after the first term so the kids can sport those stickers earlier in the season. Anna stated there are different deadlines for different reasons, such as the banners, the All-Star programs. The quality of the nominations for the Hixon and MVP were incredible, so thank you for putting those kids forward and allowing us to interview them. Xavie made the motion to reimburse Anna for the cost of the banners, stickers, etc. Shannon asked Anna to bring all of her receipts. Jeff seconded the motion. Brian M said the committee did an awesome job. He exported a ton of information out and they did amazing things with it. Jeff said that was the most awesome award presentation yet out of the 5 years he's been doing this. Shannon asked if Anna has a total cost. Shannon said all in favor of reimbursing Anna, all approved, none opposed. Scott said the banners were awesome, and people were taking pictures. DCI left off some kids, so Anna, Alicia and Lacy worked really hard to make sure those players weren't left off the awards. So thank you we appreciate that.

ByLaw Change Request: Section 5: Shannon asked if everyone read over it. Need a motion to approve. Dana made motion to approve. Bryan second, and retracted. Matt from Viewmont seconded. Anna asked when we change a bylaw, do we need to send it to the Utah board. Shannon said no. Brian Blum wants to add the contract for those that are paid, be year to year contracts. He doesn't want us to accidentally sign a 5 year contract. Pursuant to the contract, such contracts need to be annual. Brian wants to protect us from writing a bad contract. Joe said the contract won't have a term. Brian said he's right. Brian retracts his change. Anna suggests to change to webmaster. Terms of Treasures, scheduler, webmaster, or any other compensated positions will be set. Dana made the motion to Joe's changes to section B, Matt seconded. Shannon asked if we are talking about all the changes or just B. Dana amended her motion to Joes' changes to section B, Matt seconded. Kerry asked if it would be a benefit to us if we stagger the contracts. Richard said you could offset them. Joe said it can be staggered. Joe said you could go a few months without a VP, but you can't go without a President. Richard proposed would go to affiliated VP in the case that the President is removed or resigned.

Shannon asked Joe to get all of the changes made and sent out so we can vote next meeting. Joe agreed to do this.

For Independent boundaries:

Before next meeting, bring your current schools and how many proposed players. For those that want to have an Independent team, bring those. 6:00pm meeting. The meeting is open to anyone.

Pam asked when the registration opens for new players. Registration usually opens July 1st, but we discuss every year. Shannon said we usually get a list of USA hockey registered players in April to identify players that aren't currently playing. Moe asked if there are new teams for next year. Olympus and Farmington are possibilities. Juan Diego might have enough players.

Alisha asked if it was possible to get a list for players coming in for the next few years, instead of just next year. Shannon asked if she is asking for 6th 7th 8th graders. Shannon said she could ask. Brian said he thinks we should be able to, Shannon stated we just need to be specific on what we're asking for. Alisha will send Shannon an email. Jeff said part of the problem with that is the County isn't USA hockey registered so we can't identify those players. Kerry asked if teams can have D1, D2, and JV. Shannon said yes, as long as players don't cross over, you would need to have enough players.

Shannon: Update on Select team. All set going to ST. Louis April 18-23. Had a conference call with the league, they sent out invitations to over 500 college scouts, they are having a college day for the players can go talk to the college coaches. That's something extra that is separate from the scouts coming to look at them. It's a National tournament this year.

All Star games went really well. Most of the kids had fun. Did use some alternates. Thanks to Ally, Sara and Jeff for their time. Scott said thank you, they had fun. Thanks for all of the work and appreciate your hard work. Alisha asked if the skills competition went better this year. Kerry said there were a lot less this year, so it went smoother and quicker. Jeff said there were a lot of travel teams out of town. Anna asked if the girls were allowed to participate in the girls and the boy's skills competition. Shannon said yes. Anna asked if the girls that are players could enter the skills competition as a goalie. Shannon said sure.

Items from the floor:

Gordon – is back to discuss the extra game suspensions for fighting. Jeff said that the fighting penalty brings the most controversy and the only time it can be reviewed is if there is a video. Brian asked if we could do supplemental penalties as part of the disciplinary committee. Ally asked Gordon if he is asking to follow USA Hockey rules. Gordon said we could say we follow the rules and regulations of USA hockey. Jeff said UHSH does not tolerate fighting at all. If it's an actual fight, then the penalty should be severe. If it's not a real fight, then we need to look at that. We need to figure out some sort of range. Richard asked why our rules are stricter than USA Hockey. Jeff said there's a handful of kids that are troublemakers that are here to cause problems and injure kids. Those are the kids that we were trying to discipline. The rule finds those kids as the season goes on. Shannon said the 3 games suspension rule has been in there for over 15 years. This year alone, there have been more fighting penalties than ever before. We're not going to make a decision on that rule tonight. Bryan said to keep in mind we don't want to get in conflict with the referees, like we are now. Gordon will propose the language and Jeff can bring to the board.

Bryan thanked everyone as this is his last meeting.

Jeff Elwell said there were a lot of people unhappy with D1 and D2 so now is the time to fix the problem. Anna asked if someone is spearheading the ideas. Shannon asked everyone with ideas to send to Sara and we will use those for discussions for the next few meetings.

Eric – pulled from the goalie pool all season and most of last season. Still don't have a goalie. He's wondering the best way to go about asking for an exception to pull from the goalie pool as a permanent goalie for them. He needs to know where to go from here. Jeff said if you win a state championship, and you use a goalie that doesn't go to your school, you can't go to nationals with that goalie. That's the only downside. Shannon said it was discussed for Eric to come to the Independent meeting to discuss.

Alaina wanted to thank everyone for the responses to her questions.

Kerry wanted to ask on select for girl's part, what's the story. Shannon said still waiting.

Kerry said please reach out to your girls and let them know there is a girl's select team. Brian Blum asked if Kerry could send the trustees an email so the teams can send that out to their girls. Shannon said she did reach out to all of the girls, and 6 responded. Those 6 are playing.

Anna asked what the criteria is for girls to go to the Nationals tournament. Shannon said they have to play High School and right now it's for 11th and 12th graders.

Ally wanted to thank everyone. She said she received a call from a Corner Canyon parent who was sorry that her child played ineligibly and asked if her player could play next year. Ally said yes. We need to cheer on Minnesota State to the NCAA. After that Daniel has a week to decide which NHL team to go to.

New trustees, please email Becky to set up time to change bank accounts. She is looking for a new accountant. If anyone has any local recommendations, please let her know. Anna asked if we are going to stay with Zions Bank. Shannon said yes.

Anna brought up summer hockey. They are setting up a Learn to play hockey for free that is open to all High School players. She will send information out.

Wayne stated we will have a Level 4 coaches seminar in state this coming season and it will be sometime in August or September.

Richard asked if there was a way to get the D1/D2 votes from last season. Shannon stated it is in the minutes. Shannon asked Dana to send out the blank spreadsheet to see what criteria was used for this season. Jeff said one of the problems when everyone filled that out is they didn't know the difference between tier and travel players. Educate yourself on the difference of these. Shannon said the pyramid is on the state website that tells you which teams are tier teams, which are travel, and which are house/rec. www.utah-hockey.com

Meeting adjourned at 9:08pm