

UTAH HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES February 13, 2018

SOUTH DAVIS REC. CENTER BOUNTIFUL, UT

**ATTENDING:** Mylisa Graham, Eric Allen, Anna Erickson, Joe Minnock, Anna Christensen, Robyn Eyre-Long, Tilly Van Egmond, Scott Baker, Lori Jensen, Richard Linton, Jeff Elwell, Lacy Sappington, Dana Combs, Matt Prucka, Jason Hall, Ally Brickley, Alisha Hill, Kerry Fain, Vennice Robinson, Brian Blum, Shannon Woodhall, Mike Williams, Bryan Boam, James Soderborg

**ABSENT:** Jason Hall, John Teynor

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jason Sims, Brian Murray, Becky Sellers

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

**Approval of January Minutes:** Robyn made the motion to approve the January minutes. Mike seconded, all approved, Alisha abstained. Motion passes.

Richard Linton said thanks to all the trustees for their support for Cooper Nagy. He passed away 10 days ago. They appreciate the outpouring of support through the hockey community.

**New Trustees:** Mike introduced Alaina, the new trustee for Uintah. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Scott Baker introduced Xavie as the new trustee for DCI. Xavie, All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

**WIHOA:** Not present.

**Committee Reports:**

**Schedule:** Cami not present. Brian Murray said she is reaching out to the rinks during the summer for scheduling.

**UAHA:** State camp has been moved to Steiner, same time period.

Tier II decisions were tabled until March.

Derek Radke sent an email regarding upcoming elections, which will be held on April 28th. Nominations need to happen in March. The following positions are up: VP HS, President, Secretary, House VP, Adult VP, and Disabled VP. The High School board needs to name a member representative so they can attend the election as the High School representative. We only have a month and a half to nominate the HS VP representative. If anyone is interested, please ask Jason and he will give you information. The rep doesn't have to be a trustee, it could be a parent or volunteer. Anna asked how long the upcoming term will be for the state board position, Jason said tow.

Security at games: There have been no incidents in the stands, parking lots, etc. There were only a few games without police presence. Jason had to talk to 9 jurisdictions to get this lined up. Jason asked if anyone had any problems at the arenas. No one has. The cost for police presence was: \$35-\$45/hour, with the exception of Park City, which was \$75/hr with 3 hour minimum. Next year, we need to think about those minimum hours and scheduling games. Jason is tracking who we used for next year. Brian

Blum said we have had issues in the past in the hallways of locker rooms. He asked if we should send the police down if there are issues. Jason said that there should be board members in the hallways. Ally asked why we couldn't use to the police academy for cheaper cops. Jason said they are super territorial for overtime work and they won't let just anyone sign up for the games. Every jurisdiction is different. He's not sure they would let us use the academies. Jason could not get anyone from cottonwood heights to respond back to him. Any feedback about police coverage, let him know.

Got to UAHA state website for changes with tier tryouts. Anna asked what tags need to be entered to see what is on the calendar. Jason stated there shouldn't be any. Any questions let Jason know.

All Star nominations are due by Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>. Please get those to Shannon. You can nominate 5 players and 1 goalie. Please put them in order of preference and include jersey number and position. Shannon said the goal is to get the All Star list of players selected out a week from Thursday. It is the trustees' responsibility to let the players know.

First All Star games are Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at Peaks Ice Arena. Second All-Star game for those players picked to advance is March 10<sup>th</sup> at Peaks Ice Arena. Skills competition is March 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. Please encourage all players to sign up for the skills competition, it doesn't matter what level. It's free for them. The girls can sign up to participate against girls, or they can sign up to compete against their grade. We need lots of volunteers.

Independent evaluators will be present for the All Star game. 40 players and 6 goalies will be selected to advance from the first game. 24-26 picked from D1 and the rest from D2, due to D1 population being bigger. Jeff stated if players have more than 50 penalty minutes, JV and Varsity combined, in the regular season, 2 game misconducts or a match, they are ineligible.

Jeff stated there is a rule that if players participate in the final All Star game, they are ineligible to play JV the rest of their high school years.

### **Website/Registration:**

Becky, Cami and Brian have been discussing the last few months about eliminating the bidding for webmaster, scheduler, and treasurer. They want to get rid of the bidding process and keep moving forward year after year. In each contract, there is a disclosure that if the board doesn't like what they are doing, they can be let go. The reason for this is as the more they all do it, they get better at it. It's important because we don't want to have gaps. A lot of the stuff they do happens in the off season. Brian asked if Becky had anymore comments. Becky said for her position, she's learned a lot and is very blessed to have Shannon to lean on. There is more continuity and can streamline things more each year. For the treasurer, she's enjoyed it and to bring someone new in year after year, it creates more work than necessary. Anna asked what they would do to replace the bidding process. Shannon said we would need to change the P&Ps and Bylaws. Shannon asked Brian, Cami, and Becky to look at those and recommend the changes. Brian Blum asked if their rates will stay the same year after year. Brian said for him and Cami, yes they will. Becky is in agreement with that. Shannon asked them to prepare the changes and get them to Sara so we can discuss at the next meeting.

Brian is trying to get the playoffs and brackets entered as soon as possible. If any feedback, let Brian know.

Shannon asked if anyone has had any problems with knowing when games are and when they're playing. James said he doesn't have one of his games on his schedule to input. Brian will look at it.

SportsEngine contract is coming up, so we need to discuss that. James said he wants to be able to create Facebook events from SportsEngine. Shannon said that we need to remove “add a player” first before anything.

Ally commented she doesn’t know how the schedules go, but higher seeds should get earlier games.

Brian said the playoffs are tough because it’s based on available ice and we don’t know which teams are going to end up in each slot. James asked if it is acceptable to switch game times if all teams agree.

Shannon said you can ask. Brian said if there’s something on the schedule that would be a better fit for all teams, it doesn’t hurt to ask.

**Goalie:** 137 game filled, potentially 3 more. 14 goalies participated. Number of games ranged from a high of 15 to low of 1. Disparity in games largely due to lack of interest in covering games or non-responsiveness. Missed games: 2 (1.4%). Most significant problem is unresponsiveness and late requests, but this was not an impediment during the season.

Potential 2018-2019 changes and issues for future P7P revisions:

1. May use shift scheduling app software to ease assignments and tracking of goalies.
2. May need to address use of goalie pool for backup/emergency goalies in either regular season, all of playoffs, or part of playoffs. Policies and procedures are currently silent.
3. May need to address playoff goalie pool priorities. While we attempted to allocate goalies D2 Independent to D2 Affiliated and vice versa and D1 Independent to D1 Affiliated and vice versa, most brackets have common playoff nights, so availability is restricted. May need to clarify whether goalie is assigned for duration of playoffs or on rotating basis.
4. May want to discuss for JV allowing teams to be assigned one or two season long goalies. Meaning if team A has no JV goalie, assigning two pool goalies to that team permanently. Some teams have an abundance of goalies while others have none. Assignment to a JV team semi-permanent may more equally distribute goalies.
5. Need to discuss suggestion of potentially rating goalies for assignments in regular season rather than using D1 or D2 affiliation.

Shannon said Joe did a great job and we need to thank him. If any questions for the rest of the playoffs, let him or Shannon know.

**Finance/Treasurer:** Becky stated that so far, we have collected about \$7600 cash, \$1000 in credit cards. James asked what the charge so far on ice and officials. He’s wondering if what we’re collecting is efficient to cover that. Becky stated it should be on the P&L. Shannon stated Becky’s been doing a great job getting stuff out.

**Eligibility:** Robyn: DIBS, please make sure your parents are signing up to volunteer for the playoff games.

Ally, we came into an issue with 2 players graduating early, and now they aren’t eligible to play. Anna asked if we are responsible as trustees to know who is eligible or not on the opposing team. Shannon said there is a list of ineligible players on our website. If a team is playing an ineligible player, they risk forfeiting that game. Shannon stated we don’t have a lot of players that would fall into a state suspension, but those that need to be identified would be. Jeff is updating the disciplinary list so you can check that on our website. There is also a JV ineligible list. James said there is a place when entering the scores that you can attach a picture of the scoresheet. Mylisa asked if there is a place for

trustees to see scoresheets. Shannon said everything should be entered correctly on the scoresheet. It's hard enough to get scoresheets sent in.

**Disciplinary:** Nothing.

**Grow the Game:** Nothing

**Fundraising/Sponsorships:** Nothing

**Awards/Banquet:**

The Jeffrey Glass Memorial had 5 candidates for D1 and 5 candidates for D2. The D2 has a winner picked. For D1, it turned out the candidate that received the top amount of votes is also up for the Hixson award, so the Awards committee decided they didn't want to award two to one player. They have yet to interview the Hixson candidates. Emails were sent out to those that will be interviewed, and those that applied, but won't be interviewed.

The Hixson award was incredibly difficult to award. One award goes to a defenseman and one goes to a pool of forwards/goalies. 29 nominations were submitted, compared to last year with 8. This year, 2 withdrew, and 2 were duplicates. They reviewed 25 candidates, short listed those and are interviewing 11. They realized today that there is a conflict with the scheduled interviews and the U18 championship game on 3/1, so they will look at those and reschedule.

Art Teece Award received 5 candidates.

Dave Brown received 5 candidates. They awarded the candidate that received 9 nominations. The other 4 received 1 nomination each.

Gary Jones Memorial Coach of the Year Award: An email was sent out today to trustees to have their head coach vote for the D1 and D2 nominations. There are 3 nominations for D1 and 2 nominations for D2. Please encourage your head coach to go in and vote. They will track which teams haven't voted and they will follow up with the trustee. Anna asked if the process is to submit their recommendations to the board for approval. Shannon said nothing says the board needs to approve, but they should let the board know who they are nominating. Beginning of March, they should know all award receivers.

Academic All Stars, deadline was January 15<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't submitted those yet, please do so in the next 48 hours. Academic All Stars will be recognized before the final All Star game. An insert is being created that listed the Academic All Stars.

**Items from the floor:**

Shannon said there a lot of people approaching her about changes in the P&Ps. Now is the time to discuss those proposed changes. If you would like a change made to the P&Ps, look what is currently stated and present changes you would like made to them. If a P&P doesn't exist, find the section that would apply. Get the proposed changed to Shannon and Sara so we can send them out to everyone and begin discussions. Shannon said we can't do all the changes at the same time, but we can take them as they come in. There are a lot of old ones.

Robyn said that she is going to spearhead looking at JV, so any suggestions, let her know.

Shannon said another top discussion is how D1 and D2 are determined. Those who want to proposed changes, get together and send the proposal to Shannon and Sara.

Eric talked about the boundaries. Is that going to be discussed during the summer? There isn't anything in the P&Ps about it. We need to figure something out because we need to let our parents and players know about this. Eric said he thinks this is a bigger issue than just bringing in a new P&P because it will affect a lot of teams. Gina Capps brought it last year, and Mylisa said they could get Eric all the work that has already been done regarding it.

Richard said he is curious about the process for independent teams. Shannon stated there is a P&P regarding this, so propose your changes and get them to Shannon and Sara.

If you have playoff games at Steiner, direct your parents/spectators to enter upstairs, not downstairs. When games are over, they need to get their players outside. Do not go downstairs to pick up your player.

Shannon is trying to get national anthem singers for the last games, and she hasn't heard back from anyone. If you know someone, have them reach out to Shannon. If we don't get anyone, we will do a recording.

Dana said send in your scoresheets!

Scott wanted to talk about DCI and boundaries and talk to Anna, Bryan and Farmington to discuss the plans for next season. He wants to get the discussion started in the near future. Anna has been talking to folks with Farmington, so she will get with Scott.

Scott brought up JV rules in the P&Ps. We have teams putting old travel players and seniors on the ice for JV games and they are killing the other teams. He said it's not right and JV should be a developmental league. James asked why don't we have multiple divisions in JV. Shannon asked Scott and Robyn to get together and come up with changes to JV and if anyone else has ideas, get with Scott and Robyn. Bryan Boam suggests the JV division separation needs to wait until we get D1 and D2 figured out.

Jason said to please keep in mind we are all volunteers. Name calling and accusations are not tolerated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm