

UTAH HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES October 11, 2017

SOUTH DAVIS REC. CENTER BOUNTIFUL, UT

**ATTENDING:** Mylisa Graham, Eric Allen, Anna Erickson, Joe Minnock, Anna Christensen, Robyn Eyre-Long, Tilly Van Egmond, Jeremy Ady, Lori Jensen, Richard Linton, Jeff Elwell, Dana Combs, Matt Prucka, Jason Hall, Sara Miller, Alisha Hill, John Teynor, Vennice Robinson, Brian Blum, Shannon Woodhall, Michael Williams, Bryan Boam,

**ABSENT:** Lacy Sappington, Kerry Fain, James Soderborg

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mike Davies, Travis Larsen, Brian Murray, Cami Murray, Becky Sellers, Gordon Whittier

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

**Approval of July Minutes:** Robyn made the motion to approve the August minutes. Dana seconded, all approved, motion passes.

**New Trustees:** None

**WIHOA:** Mike Davies asked what we like, what we don't like.

Dana mentioned Reagan got called the N word during a game. The refs were right there to call the goal and no call was made. Mike asked if she had a game time, etc. Mike said the ref has to hear it in order to call it. Dana asked if there was a way to be more aware of it and watch for it. Mike said yes.

Travis added that USA hockey changed their rule 601e. It has been a strong point in the seminars. The wording now is discriminatory or hateful. They have been telling officials they should call penalties for it. Mike added the rule as tighter than it was in the past. The officials will call these more regularly once they attend a seminar. At the end of the game, we are more worried about the player's safety than the 12 minute penalty. Mike mentioned that you need to have unbiased people in your penalty box. Scheduling has been a bit of a mess for October. Mike apologized because some games had to be reset. Mike thinks they have everything working for November and moving forward.

Brian Blum asked about the subjectivity of what a fight is and what's not. He had a player that was given a fight when it was questionable. He is asking if we really want it to go from a 2&10 to fighting, which is 1 game for USA Hockey, and 3 games for UHSH. We are not following USA Hockey. Richard Linton said that one of his players got a fighting penalty and the ref said he'd only miss one game, but UHSH assesses 3 games. Jeff Elwell read the definition for a fight from USA Hockey. Jeff stated we will not rewrite the P&P this season, we can look at it in the off season. He suggested to go back and educate your players about the fighting consequences. Brian Blum asked if there was interest from the other trustees to change the rule. Jeff Elwell stated we definitely need to look at it in the off season. Gordon Whittier was in attendance and has a player on Viewmont. He stated the suspension isn't just 3 games, it includes any game in between when the penalty was assessed and the 3<sup>rd</sup> game of the same level.

Bryan Boam stated that USA hockey has good policies, so why aren't following them. He also stated that if the officials know what the rules are, they need to call the penalties the same every time. If the refs don't know the rules, then we need to educate them on what the rules are for fighting, which is a 3 game suspension. Richard Linton stated they had a game a while back and there was a fight and they didn't call any fighting penalties. Brian Blum stated we are putting the refs in a bad position. Anna

Erickson asked why we can't change the fighting rule now. Jeff stated that we already have players that are serving penalties. This has been a rule for over 10 years, and it hasn't been an issue in the past. Jason Sims states we have far surpassed the fighting from last season already. We need to educate our coaches and players of the consequences for this season.

Bryan Boam asked Mike to talk to the score keepers to make sure they are educated on what counts as statistics. They were credited with 113 shots on goal their last game, and they did not get that many. They need to make sure that they count true shots on net.

Shannon asked if there was anything else for Mike, nothing.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Schedule:** Cami meant to bring the open ice but will email it to everyone.

**UAHA:** Jason Sims – Coaching clinics.

10/14/17: Level 2 and 3 from 8am-3pm

10/28/17: Level 1 from 8am-3pm

If coaches don't attend a clinic, they will be removed from the roster. Contact Wayne Woodhall at [utahadm@gmail.com](mailto:utahadm@gmail.com) with questions.

Jason said if you have coaches not showing up on your roster, get Brian Murray a copy of all completed items. Brian Murray will then get those to Natalia at USA Hockey so the coach can be cleared and put on the roster.

Try Sled Hockey for free is on 11/11/17 at Acord. Steiner could be added depending on the interest level. Keep an eye on the state website as Brian Clements is keeping that up to date.

Jason took the 8<sup>th</sup> grade motion to the UAHA board and it was declined because they do not believe that 12 year olds should be on the ice with an 18 year olds. Anna Erickson asked for clarification. Jason stated if the player is between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade, they can play summer. Mylisa asked if someone jumps a grade, does that mess them up. If they are in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, they are eligible to play. If they are held back, they can't. Players are only allowed to play high school for 4 years. Jason said we only want kids on the ice that should be there.

Jason will get a clarification from the board and have Sara send out to the board. If there is a player that is 13 or 14, they are eligible to practice.

There have been some questions about where players should or should not be playing. It's not based on boundaries, it's where they attend school for 5 credit hours.

Jason had Sara send out an article regarding the Utah high school sports association suing over law it says usurps its authority. Read the article, it could affect us in the future. Richard Linton said that doesn't apply to us. Jason said it could apply to us if they include us. Richard stated the Utah athletic association is suing because 19 sports are sanctioned by the athletic association. We are not part of that in any form or fashion. Jason said if they get their way, there will be a lot more sports put under that umbrella and it is possible they will include hockey.

Jason stated the WCR 15U tier 1 team is competitive with a record of 6-7-2. The realignment of the teams have also made the WCR 14u competitive. They are now being invited to tournaments they have previously been denied.

Tier II – Jason, Dewey, and Shannon are meeting to make sure nothing conflicts as far as travel team tournaments and playoff tournaments.

Scholarships are being voted on by UAHA. There is one person they are waiting for documentation from. Everyone else has been approved or disapproved. UAHA will let the player and team know the outcome. Jason will have all of the information next meeting. Jason said we need to be more diligent in offering kids this opportunity. Last year we had 29 applicants, this year we had 15. Prucka asked if Jason knew how many were awarded. Jason did not. Anna Erickson asked what the general threshold is. Jason stated it depends on what the teams can match. We aren't seeing close to the cap. Anna Erickson asked what the need of the applicant is. Jason stated they have a very rigorous application and it is all taken into consideration by the committee that makes the recommendations to the UAHA board. Jason stated if the player feels they are in need of a scholarship, have them apply.

**Website/Registration:** Brian Murray – We have 594 kids registered so far, which is down from 642 last year. Brian forwarded all of the information over to Cathie as far as rosters, so everything should be balanced out. Brian can send out everyone's rosters, so let him know if anything is missing. There may be a few that aren't on there, but they've allowed them to participate since he has seen all of the completed requirements.

They have built 3 banners of front page ads due to the interest.

Brian spends a ton of time fixing the scoresheets that have been entered. He is getting inundated with calls. If there are any suggestions to improve the process, please let him know. Shannon stated we still don't have teams entering the scores in a timely manner. Games need to be entered within 24 hours. There is a step by step video on the trustee page as a reference if you don't know how to enter the games.

Every team has a goalie pool goalie, please make sure you are entering the goalie pool on the scoring if you are using the goalie pool. Please don't add the goalie pool goalies name to your roster, use the goalie pool.

Riverton asked if we've seen impact from billboards, etc. Brian M said he had a lot of people reach out. We did see a few players come in from the ESPN, but we've had a huge impact from the billboards.

Brian M will get with Becky to somehow incorporate Dewey into the middle of the advertising next year. He can also pull the stats from registrations. The banners are more effective than ESPN.

Richard Linton asked how many times the ads are being hit on the website. Brian M will get that information.

**Goalie:** Joe Minnock – goalie pool is going great. Everything has been covered.

Bryan Boam thanked Joe for the goalie pool. He also stated there are a few goalies that aren't playing high school hockey but would like to play for the goalie pool. He asked if we are in need of goalies, why can't they play for the goalie pool only. Shannon says they have to be registered to a high school team in order to be eligible for the goalie pool. Bryan Boam asked why we have this rule. Shannon stated for now there are plenty of goalie pool goalies for the games. Bryan Boam stated that we get the benefit if we allow them to come play for the goalie pool only. Joe stated in terms of the goalies in the goalie pool, we are ok for this year. Last week we were in a crunch because a lot of goalies were out of town. Brian Blum stated we have another goalie clinic next week, the dates are on the website. Shannon asked if they will be able to set up any goalie clinics in Ogden or Salt Lake. Joe said he thinks they will.

**Finance/Treasurer:** Becky - handed out updated invoices. If you would like Becky to transfer funds from your account for fees please let her know. Half of the dues are due today. Half are due in November. There will be a bill later in the season for background checks.

\$10410 worth of ads sold so far. Becky stated around 45 ads have been sold. Becky will get back to us about how much we sold last year.

Shannon stated unless there is an opposition to allow players to continue to sell ads, we should let players continue to sell them. Richard Linton asked what date we will pull the current ads off the website for last year. Jason Hall would like to see something in June or July so the players can start selling. Becky stated this has been easy for her to manage.

Richard Linton made the motion to make May 31 the date to take current ads down for each year.

Alisha Hill seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Brian Blum reviewed the last 4 bank statements. They are clear and organized and thanked Becky.

**Disciplinary:** Jeff Elwell – We already talked about the fighting penalty. One other thing we need to address. There are a few players that are getting excessive penalties that we need to watch. We may need to address the player being allowed to play JV games before someone gets injured. If you have an experienced player, they should know how to play the game. We don't want the new players to get hurt.

Fighting – If someone can bring video footage that no punches were thrown, then we can have a hearing to address the penalty. For the hearing, the referees, trustee, coaches, and player attend. The video footage will be reviewed to see if the penalty should stand. If there is no footage, we can't change the call. At the end of the day, we need to keep the players safe.

If we rewrite the policy, we can bring it in line with the USA Hockey policy. We shouldn't change the policy now since we have enforced the rule already this season. Anna asked who we take questions to regarding penalties. Jeff stated that there is a disciplinary committee that looks at the rules. Brian Blum asked if there is anything that states you cannot change rules in the middle of the season.

Jeff Elwell made the motion to allow the Viewmont player who received a fighting penalty, to be allowed to play Varsity and Select team games and miss the next JV game. The player has sat a total of 4 games. Jeff would like to make a motion to allow Bryce's suspension to be over.

Matt P asked why this is being brought up to the disciplinary committee. Matt P stated that we shouldn't change rules on the board. Anna Christensen said that if the Viewmont player gets to play, she wants her player's, who received a fighting penalty, suspension lifted as well.

Jeff withdrew his motion.

Gordon Whittier said there is a conflict between the high school rule and USA hockey rule. They are not the same. Shannon stated that we follow USA hockey, but every organization can make a stricter rule for their league. In the past, there was a lot of fighting. Discussions were had about teams being too rough, so that's why the fighting penalty was put in there. Gordon Whittier stated it doesn't explicitly say in the rules which regulations and rules we are following. Dana stated it's in our bylaws. Gordon Whittier says it's very confusing. Jason Sims says it's worrisome to make the fighting penalty less than what it is now. We are not deterring it to make it less of a consequence.

Matt P asked what power the disciplinary committee has. Jeff E stated they enforced the rules based on the P & P's. Cases can be brought to the Disciplinary committee, and the Disciplinary Committee can bring it to the board if needed. Matt P stated this situation needs to be taken through the Disciplinary

Committee, and not the board. If the player wants, they can apply for a disciplinary hearing. These are done on the second Tuesday of every month, an hour before the trustee meeting.

Jeremy Ady stated as an official himself, he disagrees with the 3 game suspension, but when it comes to officials having to attend a hearing, they don't want their calls being overturned. Officials aren't returning due to some of these things. Anna stated there is an educational issue with the officials as well. Jason Hall stated as Mike said, there are 3 different leagues with different rules. Shannon stated we are moving on.

**Eligibility:** Robyn Eyre-Long – We all know what JV is supposed to be. She is getting complaints from teams about players that shouldn't be playing JV. Robyn said from the consensus tonight, the eligibility committee will make decisions on who should and should not play JV and take it to the trustee to discuss. Anna stated there is a huge difference between a Viewmont JV player and another JV team. Bryan Boam said that he disagrees that this should be an eligibility issue. This needs to be re-evaluated. Robyn agreed with Bryan, but we do have a few repeat offenders that need to be looked at. If the trustee doesn't like the outcome, they can bring it to the board.

**Grow the Game:** Mylisa Graham – Hasn't done anything with it yet, but will get on it.

#### **Fundraising/Sponsorships:**

**Awards/Banquet:** Anna Erickson – Academic Allstars. Would like to propose that Academic Allstar be awarded to the teams after the first term. Particularly to recognize the seniors earlier in the year. Anna asked if a change needs to be made to the P & P's to allow this. Shannon said no. They are also looking into the cost of helmet stickers and a patch for the Academic Allstar recipients. Anna will get with Becky regarding cost. They are also looking at the cost of having a few banners made during the All Star games and Playoffs to recognize these players. Shannon asked Anna to get a cost and present it to the board for review. The committee would also like to edit the P & P's to change the voting for the Gary Jones Memorial Coach award. They would like to have coaches vote as opposed to committee members. Anna will send the proposed changes to the P & P to Sara, and Sara will send it out so we can vote on it next month. Jason Hall stated that currently some people voting may not know the coaches, whereas the coaches communicate more with one another and it seems more sensible to have them vote. Anna stated that was the idea behind it. We will put it on next month's agenda. They are also looking at a savings bond for a scholarship. Anna asked if there were regulations pertaining to this. Brian Blum asked if there is existing money for this. Anna stated this would be no cost to UHSH.

#### **Tooele Independent Request:**

Vennice asked if the Tooele team could be forgiven \$4000 of the \$5450 total that was stolen from the team last year. They don't want to punish the parents and players that had paid last year and make them pay again. They owe \$1450 for dues that hadn't been paid last year, and they can pay that.

Matt P made the motion to cover the \$4000 in fees, Brian Blum seconded. All in favor, none opposed, Dana abstained.

If money is collected from the conviction, the monies will go to UHSH.

#### **Items from the floor:**

Mylisa stated Alta is getting hammered this year. Alta may not have a team because her players aren't having fun. Anna stated there is a safety component to this. Shannon stated that for next year when teams are declared, trustees need to look at the P and P's. Mylisa asked what about this year. Shannon said we already declared teams for the year. Jason Hall stated that there was a misconception of what that voting was about and we have a huge disparity between skills of teams. 2 divisions don't cut it. In terms of growing the game, we need to consider breaking the disparity of the skill levels. Shannon stated that those who wish to change the division information and how we vote should work towards presenting those changes to the P&Ps for the next season.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26pm