

Utah High School Hockey Board  
Meeting Minutes  
9 April 2019  
Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center

Trustees present:

Alta, Bingham, Bountiful Ind., Brighton, Cache Valley Ind., Copper Hills, Davis County Ind. (phone), East, Farmington, Herriman (phone), Murray, Northern Utah Ind. (phone), Oquirrh (phone), Park City, Riverton, Stars, Sky Canyon (phone), Skyline, Southern Utah Ind. (phone), UCI-N, UCI-S, Uintah (phone), Viewmont (phone), Wasatch Ind.

Trustees not present:

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Others in attendance

Cami Murray (phone), Brian Murray (phone), Becky Sellers (phone), Matthew Holloway (phone), Damon Kuemmel, Kristi Taylor

Minutes

Motion to approve March minutes – Joe Minnock, Brighton. Second by Evan Bigelow, Cache Valley Ind. Approved.

New Trustees

Bingham proposed Shane Reynolds as new trustee. Motion to approve made by Robyn Eyre-Long, Copper Hills. Second by James Soderborg, Wasatch Ind. Approved. East proposed Gina Capps as new trustee. Motion to approve by Misty Herbstritt, East, with a second by Brian Blum, UCI-North. Approved.

WIHOA

No WIHOA representative at the meeting. Chris sent a list of scorekeepers and their contact info to Shannon.

Secretary/Treasurer Bonus Survey

The majority of completed surveys were in favor of a bonus for Treasurer (Becky). The survey results for scheduler (Cami) were in favor of either a \$1500 or \$1000 bonus. Scheduler is paid \$9000 per season. This year, due to pre-season games, the scheduling committee was used more heavily than is normal. With the freak Utah-wide snow day, Cami rescheduled all those games. Cami estimates she spent about 720 hours over the course of the season. Heather Montgomery, Riverton, moved to approve a \$1500 bonus for scheduler. Joe Minnock, Brighton, seconded the motion. Approved by majority.

### Nationals Recap – Stars, Viewmont

Kelly Carpenter reported that the players of Stars expressed their gratitude for the opportunity they had to represent Utah at Nationals. Although Stars did not win a game, the games were competitive. They met with several hockey players that had played in Utah at some point. Matt Leatham reported that the Viewmont games were fun, close games. They also ran into former Utah kids on opposing teams.

### Scorekeeping: UHOO – Kristi Taylor

WIHOA will no longer be providing scorekeepers. UHSH either needs to enter into a relationship with UHOO, another organization, or train parents. Kristi, Utah Hockey Off-Ice Officials (UHOO), has 20+ years training and scheduling scorekeepers. She was training and scheduling scorekeepers prior to WIHOA. Shoots for consistency across the scorekeepers. She's aware of the struggle that WIHOA had meeting needs in Logan, Ogden, and other outlying areas. Willing to arrange pre-season training sessions for interested parents. Training will provide basics and format for consistency. For more experience, but new to Kristi, scorekeepers she will observe for a game to evaluate competency. Any issues that UHSH has with scorekeepers will be passed on the scorekeeper so the issue can be address and, hopefully, resolved. Interested parents can be trained and then either added to the scorekeeper rotation or only do games for a particular school. The price range has been \$22-29 for WIHOA. UHOO has similar pricing. Like WIHOA, a \$5 fee will be charged for any single games. Scheduling changes of 3+ days pose no foreseeable issue.

### Committee Report – UAHA (Matt Holloway)

Utah Lady Grizz and Lady Lightning are merging to form a Team Utah for girls in the state. Lengthy discussion about Tier I playing high school hockey, although no decision was made. It appears UAHA is leaning toward an all or nothing option – either both Tier I and II play, or they are both ineligible. This would include the Tier girls teams. There is anticipated change of rules governing checking and body contact at the USA Hockey Conference. UAHA is willing to pay for goalie clinics over the summer.

### Committee Report – Scheduling (Cami Murray)

Preparations are being made for next season. A beginning date of Friday, 13 September, for JV and Monday, 16 September, for Varsity proposed. This puts a 16-game season ending by the end of January.

### UAHA Elections

Matt is looking to step down to due work conflicts. The trustees wished to express their appreciation for Matt and his service as UAHA rep. Damon Kuemmel had expressed interested in the position but stepped down in support of Mylisa Graham. UHSH needs to select a member rep to attend the General Election on Saturday, 27 April, at the Oval. Brian Blum,

UCI-N, moved to approve Dana Combs to attend the General Election and cast a vote on behalf of UHSH. Motion was seconded by Robyn Eyre-Long, Copper Hills. Motion was approved.

#### Committee Report – Website (Brian Murray)

All teams have been archived and are reset for the upcoming season. Looking to keep SportsEngine on the back end of the website and go with another provided for the front interface. We currently spend \$1200 per year with SportsEngine hosting. This other provided bills by organization size. For an organization of less than 50 teams the bill would be about \$750. Between all JV, Varsity D1 and D2 teams last year UHSH had 50 teams. Even with a few potential new teams for the 2019-2020 season there will be some savings with the new provider. Brian is looking for trustees to help with beta testing of the interface. DCI, Stars, and CVI expressed interest in assisting. SportsEngine will continue to help with credit card processing and will receive payment from their services through the cut of each transaction. Stars thanked Brian for restoring their team on SportsEngine so they could use the chat feature while at Nationals. SportsEngine will be available for summer teams to use. Rosters will need to be entered manually, but it is there for teams who desire to use it.

#### Committee Report – Finance (Becky Sellars)

The financial committee was sent a budget expected to budget real report. Brian Blum, UCI-N, reviews the banks statements from time to time. It is time to revisit the cost of team fees. Officials and ice costs are increasing. Each team will need to submit the UAHA team declaration fee to UHSH, but the fee and application will be sent in as one for the entire UHSH program. The fee is per team, not school/organization. Please send any 2019-2020 budget suggestions to Becky. The budget will be voted upon in July.

#### Committee Report – Eligibility (Robyn Eyre-Long)

Direct any boundary questions to Robyn. The USA Hockey list will not be sent out this year as it was misused in the past. UAHA can send out emails to all registered players. Joe Minnock will spear head sending out an email to all players with 2001-2005 birth years. The email will provide some trustee contact info and then direct players toward the UHSH website for additional information. Brian and the Facebook campaign are attempting to get this information out as well. Brian will look into campaigns for Snapchat, Instagram, and twitter as Facebook reaches parents but not necessarily players.

#### Committee Report – Discipline (Xavie Augenblick)

The discipline issues that were passed on to UAHA have been resolved. Scoresheets need to be sent to the Discipline committee if they document a penalty or a suspension served.

#### Committee Report – Goalie Pool (Joe Minnock)

UAHA will set up a goalie clinic based on Brian Blum's proposal. There is need for persistence in reminding/encouraging UAHA to organize the goalie clinics. Summer clinics have been at

County and Steiner in the past. However, with the ice down time at Steiner this year ice availability might be tricky this summer.

#### Committee Report –Independent (Dana Combs)

Most of the independent team boundaries will stay the same for the 2019-2020 season if Highland is able to form a team. During the registration process, players will need to submit proof of school. A list of acceptable forms of proof will be included in the registration materials.

#### Locker Rooms and Phones

Policies need to be implemented regarding locker room monitors and phones. Locker room monitors do not need to be in the locker room at all times but near. If the locker room gets too quiet or too rowdy, the monitor needs to verify behavior. All locker room monitors need a background screen and SafeSport completion. Player safety is the top priority. Joe Minnock will review USA hockey policy regarding locker rooms and phones. It used to be that USA Hockey provided a base outline and organizations could do their own thing. He believes that the policy is now set by USA Hockey and must be followed. Suggested that all player contracts include a “No cell phone in locker room” statement. Bags for collecting player phones was suggested. The prohibition is for cell phones and any other recording devices, whether they be video or audio recording. iPods are acceptable for playing music.

#### P&Ps

18.13 – JV Eligibility – The wording was approved last month. Pam Pala, Stars, moved to accept the policy and add it to the P&Ps. Motion was seconded by James Soderborg, Wasatch Ind. The motion was approved.

9.2 – Billing – Robyn Eyre-Long, Copper Hills, moved to approve the motion and add it to the P&Ps. Second was by James Soderborg, Wasatch Ind. Motion was accepted.

50.1 – Committee Chair – Joe Minnock, Brighton, moved to accept the approved verbiage of the P&P and make the addition. A second was by Robyn Eyre-Long, Copper Hills. The changes are for consistency between the different committees. The motion did not pass. Please send any suggestions for modifications to this P&P change prior to the next meeting so that all trustees can review the modification proposal prior to a vote.

42.4 – Guaranteed Position – Heather Montgomery, Riverton, moved to approve the wording for this P&P change. The motion was seconded by Mylisa Graham, Alta. Motion approved. Final vote for inclusion of this change in the P&Ps will occur in May.

#### Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.