

Utah High School Hockey Board  
Meeting Minutes  
10 September 2019  
Cottonwood Heights Rec Center

Trustees present:

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

Trustees not present:

Cache Valley Ind., Oquirrh

Others in attendance

Brian Murray (phone), Cami Murray (phone), Misty Herbstritt, Mike Davies (phone), Kelly Carpenter, Eddie Vasquez, Mitchell Slot, Blake Palmer

Minutes

Motion to approve August minutes Brian Blum, UCI-N, with a second by Joe Minnock, Brighton. Unanimous approval.

New Trustees

SL Stars – Eddie Vasquez was presented as the SL Stars Trustee candidate to replace Pam Pala. Kerry Fain, SUI, motioned that Eddie be made the new trustee. Brad Barker, Herriman, seconded the motion. Motion passes. A huge thank you to Pam and the service rendered on behalf of the Stars and UHSH.

Shutterspeed – Blake Palmer

Blake presented his photography services with sample team and individual photos. Team pictures are taken on the ice and individual shots can be on the ice or “in studio.” Prints and digital copies are available for \$20/player. He can be reached at 801-510-3047.

Outliers – Mitchell Slot

Mitchell is the play-by-play commentator for the Outliers, a Tier 2 A Junior team. The Outliers are offering free admission to all UHSH hockey players when they wear their team jersey and bring their school ID. This offer is for all Varsity, JV, and middle school players. Opening night is 11 October at Acord. Interested teams should reach out to Paul Taylor ([paul@outliershockey.com](mailto:paul@outliershockey.com)) regarding a fundraising opportunity for selling tickets to Outliers games. Tickets are \$10 and the team receives \$5 for each ticket sold.

#### WIHOA – Mike Davies

An email was sent out with two documents – “Declaration of Player Safety, Fair Play and Respect” and “Declaration Player Safety - Unsportsmanlike Conduct Interpretation.” These provide some additional insight into the points of emphasis for the refs for this season. Banging on the boards will not be allowed when used to taunt the other team. Punishment is a bench minor. USA Hockey is trying to move away from brutal hits. Aggressive hits will be called. Anticipate more calls being made at the beginning of the season to help players and coaches recognize how the rules are being implemented.

The new UHSH rule regarding run time is that the game will switch to run time, at losing coach's discretion, at any time where there is a point spread more than 7 points. Time will run through penalties, goals, injuries, etc. as rules do not specify points of the game during which time will stop.

Cami is updating Travis as the schedule changes. Varsity games are currently scheduled into October. JV games are scheduled into November. Uintah has four teams this season – two JV and two Varsity. SUI has only one Varsity team this season.

Remind coaches to sign scoresheets before the game starts. They will, preferably, use roster stickers on all four pages of the score sheet. Include head coach USA number on roster stickers. Only four coaches are allowed on the bench. Injured players need to wear a helmet and, ideally, their jersey. Up to 20 players (18+2) can be on the roster. Volunteers need to be in the penalty box before the game starts.

The majority of the refs used during the season will be returning refs that we saw over the summer high school season.

#### Schedule – Cami Murray

She's hoping to complete the JV game schedule and team practice schedules by the end of the week. Varsity game schedules will be complete after the teams have completed their two preseason games. She's waiting to see the results of the preseason games before scheduling any more Varsity games.

#### Webmaster – Brian Murray

Brian is slowly plowing through all registration emails and verifications. It's taking longer than normal due to the birth certificate, SafeSport, and high school registration verifications. He is contacting trustees as he has issues and/or gets to communications from the trustees. There are 570 students registered to play. He's hoping to complete the verifications prior to first games. Cathy has approved at least one roster per team. Most teams have roster links. If possible, please condense any/all communications into one email. On the USA Hockey roster, the D1, D2 distinction mean something different than UHSH D1, D2. Please confirm the head

coach and let Brian know if things need to be changed. A head coach must be identified during the rostering process so he picked a coach that was available to be rostered. Background screens are currently taking about 24 hours; however, they can take up to 3-5 days. If your UHSH team webpage shows events for all teams, let Brian know and he will correct that problem.

#### Games – Shannon Woodhall

- 1 -- Home team provides the scoresheet (additional score sheets can be purchased from OfficialsWarehouse.com for about \$20/100). The template for roster stickers can be found on the UHSH website. Confirm jersey numbers on stickers. Player names must be the names they used to register – no nicknames.
- 2 – Confirm that all dressed players are on the roster
- 3 – Each team needs a responsible adult in the penalty box prior to puck drop.
- 4 – Home trustee picks up the White page of the score sheet as well as the pink or yellow copy. Visitor trustee gets the other copy (yellow/pink) copy of score sheet. Check score sheets for accuracy before leaving the rink.
- 5 – Home team enters game stats into website within 24 hours. There is an instructional video on how to do this on the Trustee Only section of the website. If you still have questions, please contact Brian Murray.
- 6 – Home team scans scoresheet and send to [UHSHScoreSheet@gmail.com](mailto:UHSHScoreSheet@gmail.com) and, if needed, to [UHSHDiscipline@gmail.com](mailto:UHSHDiscipline@gmail.com). Score sheets need to be sent to discipline if there is anything written on the back of the score sheet or if a player or coach is serving a game penalty.

#### UAHA – Mylisa Graham

UAHA needs a list of “all volunteers” from UHSH. UAHA will be getting the scholarship application out soon. It is due 30 September. Any players can complete the application requesting assistance. Trustee will sign the completed form acknowledging that the team will match any award granted from UAHA. Scholarship decisions are generally made by the October UAHA meeting. The Pure D1 team from UHSH has a secured spot at Nationals. The Independent D1 team is on a waiting list. It is anticipated that they will be granted a spot, but it is not certain.

#### Finances

Financial documentation has not yet been sent out as Becky has been out of town since the end of August. It will be sent once completed. An updated list of ads has been sent out. Please check to see if your players are waiting on this. The first half of team dues are due at the October meeting. The second half are due in November. Brian Blum, UCI-N, is on the finance committee and therefore reviews the Bank Statements. He wanted the board to know that he only spot checks a few items on the Bank Statements and that his review is another piece of oversight but should not be relied upon to find incorrect actions (fraud). The Board needs to decide if they feel an independent audit or review is needed, but his review is just a spot check.

#### Committees – Shannon Woodhall

Voting needs to take place for the committee chairman. The chairman then picks the committee. Brian Blum, UCI-N, moved to approve Anna Erickson for Awards Committee chair, Xavie Augenblick for Discipline Committee chair, and Joe Minnock for Eligibility Committee chair. Kerry Fain, SUI, seconded the motion. This motion was approved.

The Team Evaluation Committee was brought up for vote. Xavie Augenblick, DCI, moved to accept JoLin Johnson as D1 pure, Eddie Vasquez as D1 independent, Heather Montgomery as D2 pure, and Kerry Fain as D2 independent representatives. Mylisa Graham, Alta, seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

#### P&P 30.1 – Playoff times (final vote)

This proposal brings warmup and time out times into alignment with those used during the regular season. Kerry Fain, SUI, moved to approve ad update P&Ps with a second by Brad Barker, Herriman. Motion passed and the P&Ps will be updated.

#### P&P 27.5 B – Last Line of Varsity D2 Eligibility

This policy change passed its final vote last month with the exception that we would discuss removing the last line regarding the “intent” of the coaches. Kerry Fain, SUI, moved to approve striking the last line from the P&Ps with a second by Brad Barker, Herriman. This motion passed and it will up for final vote in October.

#### P&P 50.1 (with minor changes in 44.6, 18.11, 38.1) – Committees (final vote)

Purpose of this change was to streamline the rules governing the different committees, hoping to reach consistency across them. Kerry Fain, SUI, moved to accept the proposal and amend the P&Ps, with a second by Xavie Augenblick, DCI. Motion was approved. The P&Ps will be amended.

#### P&P 35.3 – Coaches (Final vote)

The intent of this proposal is to outline penalties that can be assessed to coaches earning multiple game misconducts during a season, moving toward accountability of coaches and their behavior. The wording was approved in August and this is the final vote. Brad Barker, Herriman, moved to accept the proposal and amend the P&Ps, with a second by Heather Montgomery, Riverton. Motion passed. The P&Ps will be amended.

#### P&P 34.2 – Fighting

The intent of this proposal is to clarify the penalty for fighting to match the penalties that have been issued. Organizations from multiple states were consulted in the hopes of creating a rule that made sense and was similar to those used by organizations outside of Utah. Many states

prevent a player from returning to play after his second fight. According to USA Hockey, a fighting penalty is a 5-minute major. UHSH practice has been to eject the player and suspend him from 3 additional games. Joe Minnock, Brighton, moved to accept the motion as written striking verbiage about practices with a second by Heather Montgomery, Riverton. This motion was approved. Final vote for P&P amendment will occur at the October meeting.

#### P&P 35.4 – Penalty Minute Accumulation

The intent of this proposal is to identify and appropriately deal with aggressive on-ice behavior. It would encourage consistency from player to player as excessive penalty minutes are addressed. Xavie Augenblick, DCI, moved to approve the motion as written with a second by Joe Minnock, Brighton. There were 9 votes for and 9 votes against. The motion does not pass.

#### P&P 18.6 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Letter of Intent (Joe Minnock)

Per USA Hockey, a pure team consists of players eligible to play at that school. Nine graders in middle school are essentially free agents. This letter of intent was used to lock players into a school. Exceptions to this rule were being largely granted. Failure to uphold the letter of intent puts UHSH on a similar level to the county HS Summer League with their super teams. At this juncture, UHSH needs to either enforce this rule or remove it. This does not apply to ninth graders attending high school, only those in the middle schools. The policy proposal is designed to be retroactive meaning that players who signed a letter of intent last year will be granted amnesty. With the approval of this proposal Weston Teece will be allowed to practice and play with Murray HS. Brian Blum, UCI-N, moved to accept this proposal as written with a second by Kerry Fain, SUI. This proposal passed. A final vote will occur in October.

#### Committees

Other committees, those not needing a voted chairman, are finance, goalie, all star and skills. Each trustee is asked to be on at least one committee. Parents can also volunteer to serve on these committees.

#### Select Team

Tryouts for the select team are 1-2 November at Acord. The fee is \$40. Payment could have been made during the registration process. There were some issues with players registering for tryouts. If you had a player that encountered an issue please contact Brian Murray. Players that did not pay during registration but would like to tryout can be added to the list by contacting Shannon Woodhall and making payment by cash or Venmo. Teams will be decided by mid-November. The cost of the teams will be about \$1750 for the older (Jr/Sr) team and \$300 for the younger (freshman/sophomore) team. Coaches will be Jack Augenblick, Evan Bigelow, and Wayne Woodhall.

#### Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.