

UTAH HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES November 14, 2017

SOUTH DAVIS REC. CENTER BOUNTIFUL, UT

ATTENDING: Richard Linton, Lacy Sappington, Anna Erickson, Mylisa Graham, Lori Jensen, James Soderborg, Brian Blum, Kevin Fuller, Kerry Fain, Brian Murray, Cami Murray, Bryan Boam, Matt Prucka, Jeff Elwell, Dana Combs, Robyn Eyre-Long, Heather Kenworthy, Shannon Woodhall, Sara Miller, Tilly Van Egmond, Jeremy Ady, John Teynor, Anna Christensen, Alisha Hill, Joe Minnock, Vennice Robinson

ABSENT: Mike Williams

ALSO PRESENT: Kathleen Smith, Jason Sims, Linlee Jones, Mike Davies, Chris Smith, Becky Sellers

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

Approval of October Minutes: Kerry made the motion to approve the August minutes. Robyn seconded, all approved, motion passes. Anna Erickson abstained.

New Trustees: None

Brickley Family: Matt Brickley was diagnosed with terminal cancer in October. Cards were passed around for everyone to sign. If you have questions reach out to Sara Miller or Shannon Woodhall.

UAHA: Kathleen Smith has been getting emails complaining about not letting teams forfeit and complaining about officials to the point that it has gotten out of hand. There has been some serious allegations against an official. They are still investigating, but this could have a ripple effect when it comes to officials continuing to referee. We are down 20% in officials so we are asking this board to step in and control your fans and parent base. If it is not controlled, it will become a state issue and they will become involved. UAHA is here tonight to educate and make you understand what your role is as a USHS board. It has become that those sitting on the UHSB board want to dictate the rules, instead of following them. The forfeiting emails are coming from trustees. Kathleen said it goes USA Hockey sets the guidelines and we have to comply within these guidelines, and then you have UAHA. Then there are affiliations. UHSB exists because the state board lets them. WIHOA is not a part of UAHA association, but they are the only officiating system that we recognize. They do not have a seat on the board. UAHA needs UHSB trustees to step up and take control. Brian Blum asked for specifics. Kathleen stated there are 4 teams that don't want to play because their kids are going to lose. UAHA is asking UHSB to come up with a fan code and put it out there. Trustees are supposed to enforce it. Chris Smith stated that it's not the official's job to tell trustees to control their fans. Richard Linton asked if UAHA could keep us in the loop as to emails received about complaints. Kathleen said they are sent to Shannon Woodhall to take care of. If there is a complaint against Shannon, it goes to Jason. Jason is the board representative for UHSB. Shannon stated that the 4 forfeit emails came from trustees. Those trustees were told that they need to play the scheduled games and they will not be changed. The voting was done for D1 and D2 teams. Kathleen stated that UAHA will dictate and take over UHSB if we as a board cannot come together and follow the rules set forth. Kathleen stated there was a lot of time and effort put into D1 and D2. And now it has become subjective to how good a player is. Kathleen stated it is the trustee's responsibility to make sure your kids participate where they were voted to play. Shannon stated that

the decision has already been made for divisions this year. We as trustees need to be a positive role models to our players and our parents. Those players are paying to play, not forfeit.

Jason stated the next coaching clinic is 12/2 for Level 1 & 2 in Logan. This is the last chance to get certified. Level 3 is 12/16 in Ogden. Register online and make sure modules are done.

Kathleen thanked everyone for volunteering and your time, and reach out to Jason if you need him. Jason said please remember that when we talk to each other, we are all volunteers. These aren't paid positions. We need to treat each other with kindness.

UAHA talked about the fighting penalties. If UHSH reduces the 3 games suspension, the UAHA will move in and mandate it. Brian Blum said so we follow USA Hockey when it's convenient. Brian said that we always say that we are following USA Hockey, but we don't. Kathleen stated that they could make it a stiffer penalty. Brian asked if we could possibly discuss the fighting penalties in spring or summer. Kathleen stated that it always seem to be the new people that want to come in and change things, and when you are given an answer, it's Shannon's fault. Ideas are perfect to have, but sometimes education is better than an idea. Richard said his role as a trustee is representing his parents. Kathleen said you are representing your players. Kathleen asked why changes are being discussed for next Season when it is only November. Richard asked if we don't talk about it now, then when do we? Kathleen said in February when playoffs are over.

WIHOA:

Chris Smith said we have been having far more problems. Some is attributed to a rule change year, specifically rule 601. Reminders need to be sent out to parents and players about the updated rules. It is the trustee's responsibility to teach players to play within the rules. They will call the penalties. Officials are not perfect, calls are missed. They know this. The complaints have picked up this year, which isn't a surprise. We're down numbers. We do have one very big issue. We had someone accuse an official of being drunk on the ice 5 days after the game was played. Chris has no doubt that if we saw someone drunk on the ice, any of us would have called. But 5 days later, there is no evidence. This is a serious allegation that could ruin a career. To make that kind of allegation and not have any evidence to back it up is not fair. The complaint came from a UHSH trustee and we are now down another ref. If word gets out, this will have a spiral affect. Anna asked what we should do, as a trustee, if we think someone is drunk. Chris said to contact Shannon immediately and Shannon will contact him. Shannon stated that we are hoping that we can control the repercussions of this or we will have to bring in refs from out of state. Chris stated he can only have level 3 and 4 work a tournament. Richard asked if we have an escalation policy and if they don't get resolution from the trustee, can they go to Shannon. Shannon stated if somebody came to her about something, she would reach out to the trustee. In this situation, the parent contacted the referee instead of going through the proper channels so Chris had to remove email addresses from the website. Rule 32.2 states that UHSH cannot suspend an official. UAHA and WIHOA has jurisdiction to hold a hearing or suspend an official, but not UHSH. Chris asked that we remove that form rule 32.2 in our P&Ps. No parent should be contacting an official ever. It needs to go through Mike Davies, and then Chris Smith. The district ref in chief knows what is going on. Anna asked if there was a form on the WIHOA website to fill out. Chris said there is a form. Chris asked if there was anything else what is needed from him. Bryan Boam stated that the officials seem very comfortable calling penalties. You have our support for the rule changes. From his perspective, please let the officials know that they should call the penalties instead of shying away from the call. Chris

stated that the rulebook is subjective and there are times that calls don't get made and sometimes do get made. Chris will encourage the officials to be cognizant of what's going on and to make the calls.

Committee Reports:

Schedule: Cami – Playoffs will be double elimination. Shannon stated when the budget was done, they budgeted for double eliminations. Kerry asked if we are doing top to bottom. It depends on if there are byes or not. Cami stated the home team will have home ice. Mylisa asked when playoffs are. Cami said it was the month of February. Mylisa asked where playoffs will be. Cami is going to work on playoff schedule, trying to have D1 at one location and D2 at another. Also discussed one championship per day instead of doing back to back. Some teams play until the end of January, so there are some teams that don't have anything the month of January. Jeff asked if Tier playoffs have been set yet. Jason stated they are discussing that. Kathleen stated playoffs will be in March and be one per day. 9 games at max, best of 3. Brian M is going to tag all teams for Allstars on the Calendar.

Website/Registration: Brian Murray stated he is getting requests to change scores that aren't on the scoresheet. If it was inputting wrong, he can change it. But if it's not on the scoresheet, he can't change it. If players have a double profile, we can't fix it. If you do have requests, send a copy of the scoresheet to Brian to fix. Do NOT add someone to a roster if they are not there, contact Brian. Richard said that some don't have goalies listed. Please list your goalies. Make sure you use goalie pool if you are using a goalie pool goalie so the goalie pool gets credit for that. Brian M asked for feedback regarding the web ads. Jeff E stated he hasn't heard any complaints where in years past he has. James S wanted to be able to export my games and practices from Sportengine to be an event on Facebook. Brian M said he will follow up to see if that can be done. Richard had a parent that approached him and asked if they can make banners like we do ad book. Robyn stated that can be done as advertising.

Goalie: Joe didn't have much. So far they've only had one goalie fail to show up. Some goalies are more responsive than others so they are getting more games. Joe has asked Cami to get ice for goalie clinics up north.

Finance/Treasurer: Becky sent out invoices last week to teams that still owe dues and sent an email reminder to those teams. If you have a check, you can give those to Shannon or Becky can deduct it from the bank account. Jeff asked how the scholarship money works. Jason S said he will find out from Derek and send it to Sara. Becky stated team dues need to be taken care of and if money is owed back after scholarships, Becky will give them money.

Disciplinary: Jeff said he didn't have a lot. The last month was better than the first month. A fight is a 3 game suspension. Jeff said Murray allowed a suspended kid to stand on the bench, which is not allowed, so their coach was suspended the next game. Penalties have decreased. Shannon stated that the kids seem to control their anger better now, so it is getting out there.

Eligibility: Nothing

Grow the Game: Mylisa asked Brian M about Utah Hockey Hub. Brian went to a high school game this week and talked to the Hockey Hub guys. Really neat kids. They go to as many games as they can

because they want to grow hockey. Brian asked if we could work with them. They have a lot of drive and do an amazing jobs. Brian M talked to Mylisa about it. We tried billboards and ESPN, but we should look at this as well. They also ask people to send in their videos. We can put the highlight videos up. James S said they do have a FB page, and maybe we could put a widget on our page. They put a lot of time into this. Richard asked if they have an Instagram. Utah Hockey Hub is on Instagram. Brian M said that we need to utilize social media more. Richard asked if we have someone assigned to social media. Shannon stated if we know of a responsible high school student, we could have them post stuff. It has to be someone that is responsible. Brian M said that it would be something worthwhile to look at. Playoffs get good media attention, but we need something during the regular season to grow the game.

Fundraising/Sponsorships: Cookbooks were sold at the 14s Nationals and they didn't sell so great. We have a few hundred left. If you would like to sell them, there is no charge. Contact Shannon if you are interested.

Awards/Banquet: Anna made the motion to amend the P & p to accept the changes that was submitted at the October trustee meeting in regards to the Gary Jones memorial. Kerry seconded. All in favor, no opposed, no abstentions. Motion passes.

Southern Independent Request:

A few months ago southern Utah asked about their dues. Now is the time to talk about the second half of their dues. Kerry stated four locker rooms have been put in. As far as they knew those were the only things that needed to be completed. Kerry said ice will be two weeks out due to weather. Shannon said it was made pretty clear that if SUI declared a team, they may not play any games down there. It was discussed that Shannon, Kathleen, and Jason would go down to pass the rink. They couldn't go last weekend because the ice wasn't in. Once the ice is in, they would have to schedule a time to go down. There is a good possibility that no games will be played down there. Kerry stated she understands that, but the issue was never with the ice, only the locker rooms. Kerry said she was never told about the ice, just strictly the locker room. Jason stated that he understood from Shannon and Kathleen that everything needed to be completed prior to a visit. Kerry said she didn't know that. They have busted their butt getting the locker rooms ready. She and her husband have put in a lot of work to get those done. She said from the beginning it was only a locker room issue. Shannon said that Dallin knew everything needed to be completed. Shannon said there may not be any game scheduled down there this season unless Kathleen, Jason, and Shannon are able to visit and verify that the rink and locker rooms are game/player ready. Kerry made the motion to remove the JV dues without practices. Matt seconded. All in favor, Dana opposed. Kerry abstained.

Becky stated we did a subsidy for SUI for \$1350 dollars, which was half of the cost in addition to not paying for practices. They also had \$793 credit from a select team over payment from two players last year. Anna asked if those fees pay for ice rentals and referees, yes this fee subsidy is for ice and officials for UHSH games.

Kerry also asked if the schedule can be pushed back. They have played more than any other D2 game than anyone else. If they could push back their D2 schedule until October that would be helpful with missed school days for next season. Anna asked if teams can still travel down there to play games. Shannon said to get with Cami and schedule what works.

Items from the floor:

Robyn stated that Jae Worthen at the Oval has approved some stick and pucks, and we need to get players to them so Jae will keep them scheduled. Robyn will send out the flyer with dates. Full gear is required, \$6 per player.

Jason Sims confirmed that scholarships will be processed this weekend and paid to High School treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm