

Utah High School Hockey Board  
Meeting Minutes  
11 June 2019  
Cottonwood Heights Rec Center

Trustees present:

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

Trustees not present:

Wasatch Ind.

Others in attendance

Becky Sellers (phone), Brian Murray (phone), Cami Murray, Misty Herbstritt, Kelly Carpenter, Sholly Jorgensen, Tamara Terrill, Carrie Douglas, JoLin Johnson, Sandra N. Smith, Brian N. Smith

Minutes

Motion to approve May minutes with 2 minor grammatical changes and correction of Viewmont in attendance by phone made by Robyn Eyre-Long, Copper Hills. Dana Combs, Oquirrh, seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

New Trustees

Viewmont – Matt Leatham is stepping down as Viewmont trustee. It is recommended that JoLin Johnson replace him. Joe Minnock, Brighton, moved to approve JoLin as new trustee with the second by Robyn Eyre-Long, Copper Hills. Vote was unanimous in favor of JoLin as new trustee.

Copper Hills – Robyn Eyre-Long is stepping down as trustee. She recommended that Brian N. Smith be nominated as the new trustee. Kerry Fain, SUI, moved to accept this recommendation. Dana Combs, Oquirrh, seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in accepting Brian N. Smith as the new trustee.

Sky Canyon – Alisha Hill is stepping down as trustee and recommends Sholly Jorgensen replace her. Lacy Sappington, NUI, moved to accept the recommendation of Sholly as the new trustee. Xavie Augenblick, DCI, seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous in favor of the recommendation.

A huge thank you to Matt, Robyn, and Alisha for all they have done to benefit the players in their respective programs.

WIHOA

No WIHOA representation. Please help spread the word that the Coach (Ask-A-Ref) seminar will be held 17 August 2019 at the Oval, 9am-12 noon.

UHOO

DCI was told that UHOO will not travel north for scorekeeping. Shannon will confirm that UHOO intends to cover all UHSH league games.

#### 2019-2020 Budget

The season dues as outlined in the budget proposal do NOT include practices. That will be an additional fee. WIHOA will bill extra games directly to the teams involved. UHSH will cease to serve as middleman. The "Services" line item will go away as rinks and WIHOA will deal directly with teams for any extra ice or officiating. Teams will be billed the actual ice rates, not the average rates that are used to calculate game costs.

Hixson Scholarship Funds – For a variety of reasons, the scholarship money is not always granted immediately. Great records have not been kept in the past regarding distribution of these funds. A new account will be opened to properly track the money and disperse funds as legally required. This year some penalties will be incurred as the funds were not pulled properly due to lack of clear direction from the organization accountant.

A new proposal was sent out by Brian Blum, UCI-N. His proposal allows for a \$612 subsidy for each Varsity team. This proposal would lower the overall budget buffer to 2%. The "trophy and awards" line item was reduced based on actual expenditures from the last two seasons. The fees under proposal are:

\$170 player registration fee

\$4,000 Varsity team fee

\$2,800 JV team fee

Practices at team expense

Brian Blum, UCI-N, moved to approve the budget based on the fees listed above. Dana Combs, Oquirrh, seconded the motion. Voting was done by closed paper ballot. The vote was 21 yes, 2 no, 1 abstention. Budget approved by majority.

#### UAHA

No phones are allowed in the locker rooms.

Rules regarding checking have been changed at the USA Hockey conference. They are not removing checking from the 14U age group but are redefining checking across all age groups where checking is allowed. Players are no longer allowed to "finish the check." If the puck is gone, the check cannot be completed. Players are to play the puck, not check the body. Banging sticks, kicking the boards will not longer be permissible as a form of celebration of any kind – checking, scoring, etc.

SafeSport must be completed by any minors that will turn 18 during the course of the season. For the 2019-2020 season, that means all 2002 and earlier players must complete SafeSport. Lack of completion will redline the player on the USA Hockey roster. A link, estimated time to complete, and number of required modules for minors will be sent to trustees to pass along to players. As players are under 18, parents must sign a waiver during the registration process that allows the player to complete the modules.

#### Webmaster

Brian Murray and members of the Executive Board have tinkered with the HockeyShift website. Currently UHSH spends \$1020 on SportsEngine each season. SportsEngine charges 2.58% plus \$1 for each online transaction. HockeyShift, for 51 or more teams, will allow for significant savings. HockeyShift is very similar to SportsEngine, and allows for easier integration of features. It specifically has a great widget for rotating ads on the website. HockeyShift does not currently have a “chat” feature, but they are hoping to release that next year. HockeyShift allows for different credential levels on each section of each page, something SportsEngine does not do. HockeyShift has a slightly better interface for entering scoresheet data. It allows for tracking of penalties. HockeyShift fee processing currently accepts all types of debit/credit cards. Brian was not sure about ACH payments. He will look into those. The processing fee is 2.7% and \$0.30 per transaction. Brian will also look into the RSVP tracking feature. If the decision is made to switch to HockeyShift, all prior data will be transferred over. The site would need to be built and data transferred, but should be a fairly quick process. SportsEngine registration is ready to go. HockeyShift could be up in about 3 days. Doug King, Murray, moved to table further discussion. Joe Minnock, Brighton, seconded the motion.

#### P&P 23.5 – Locker Room Policy

Wording was approved last month. A vote was made to amend the P&Ps with the approved wording. Voting was done by paper ballot. 22 yes, 1 abstention. Passed by majority.

#### P&P 28.9 – Blackout Dates

Wording was approved last month. Voting to amend P&Ps was done by paper ballot. 23 yes. Voting was unanimous.

#### P&P 28.10 – Senior Nights

Wording was approved last month. Voting to amend P&Ps was done by paper ballot. 21 yes, 1 no. Passed by majority.

#### P&P 27.6, 27.7 – JV Division

It is proposed that the JV Division revert back to single division. Organizations can have 2 JV teams, numbers permitting. Dana Combs, Oquirrh, moved to approve one division at the JV level and to amend the wording to include that players cannot be rostered on multiple JV teams, except goalies. Kerry Fain, SUI, seconded the motion. Voting was conducted by paper ballot. 16 yes, 6 no, 1 abstention.

#### P&P 27.2, 27.5 – Varsity Divisions

Extensive discussion regarding Varsity division. Regarding tier I players – where should they play, should the current tier numbers allowed per team be bumped up. Should divisions be removed and should UHSH revert to a North/South model. Topic of Varsity divisions was tabled until July meeting.

#### Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.