

Utah High School Hockey Board
Meeting Minutes
11 February 2020
Cottonwood Heights Rec Center

Trustees present:

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

Trustees not present:

Farmington, Murray, Southern Utah Ind., UCI-N

Others in attendance

Brian Murray (phone), Misty Herbstritt, Becky Sellers (phone), Mike Davies (Phone), Kelly Carpenter

Minutes

Motion to approve January minutes Dana Combs, Oquirrh, with a second by Evan Bigelow, CVI. Unanimous approval.

New Trustees

None

WIHOA – Mike Davies

Playoff games are going well. Bingham/Herriman went well. Coordination between WIHOA and UHSH is going smoothly. Thanks for the security at the games. The scorekeepers and announcers are doing great.

Schedule – Brian Murray

Emails have been sent requesting earlier game times. We get the earliest ice possible. Steiner has been phenomenal on getting ice for the missed playoff games. A huge thank you to trustees that turned in practice ice for makeup games. Now is the time to be working on ideas for next season. Let's share ideas and maybe something will work. Brackets from prior years are not saved. Brian can pull a spreadsheet of game times, rinks that was sent to Arbiter. It may not list the teams playing. He will pull the last two years of games and send them to Mylisa Graham to review. The Oval only gave us two slots previously but they schedule in advance. They game us ice times in October. Most rinks don't give ice time until 1 July. Practice ice can be shared between teams and across organizations. Is it possible to modify the

season start dates for JV, D1, and D2? Maybe staggering season start dates will help stagger game schedules. Playoffs have to be completed by the end of February.

Web/Registrar – Brian Murray

Brian is updating brackets as fast as possible. He's working with HockeyShift to get a double elimination bracket set up.

UAHA – Mylisa Graham

Background screens are \$30. We need to get moving on background/SafeSport at the beginning of the season as they won't get done as quickly this next season. SafeSport needs to be done yearly. USA Hockey is considering a "Parent Remediation" program. District fees are going up \$0.50 per player for the 2020-21 season. USA Hockey is considering a limit on the number of schools that can be included on an independent team. However, their main focus seems to be on pure school teams. Our Independent team has moved from 3rd to 1st spot on the waiting list. No existing tournament is an option. Another option is to provide the team a banner and some fun apparel to the players. A team volunteer list must be completed and signed before the season begins. Changes and additions can be made during the season. Volunteers will need to pay for their background screen at the time of submission. The league will then reimburse them. The idea is that this will eliminate duplicate background screens for any given individual. Rocky Mountain District Camp will be May 8-10 in Dallas. The cost is \$295.

Elections – Two district leaders are up for re-election as well as several state board members. President, Secretary, House Representative, High School Representative, and Adult Vice President are up for re-election. If you would like to be considered for any of these positions send your name to Jason and UAHA Secretary by the end of March. Utah High School Hockey league casts a vote for President, Secretary, and HS Rep.

Playoffs

We are doing great on updating scores quickly. The spectators have been great. Teams are behaving themselves. We need more volunteers, especially with the bigger games. Encourage your teams to help. More teams have NOT helped than have helped. Ideally those volunteers in the penalty box are impartial. Remind your parents that those volunteers helping in the penalty box and collecting gate are volunteers. Please don't yell at them. Money for game admission covers the cost of the ice, officials, and security. Regular season dues cover season games, NOT playoff games. People collecting gate and in penalty box get into the game free, as do children 6 and under, and JV players in their jersey. We need volunteers to sign up to spots in the penalty box and admission collecting for the remaining games. Input scores and submit scoresheets the same way we have been doing all season. Score sheets with game misconducts or served suspensions need to be sent to the Discipline committee as well.

All Stars/Skills Competition – Dana Combs

All Star nominations are due 21 February. There have been some issues with the website do please send your nominations, in order, to Shannon. Please include player name, number, position, and grade. Each team can nominate up to 5 players. Please list them in the preferred order that they would be selected to participate. Players must wear their high school jersey and socks. A match penalty, 2 game misconducts, fighting, and/or 50+ penalty minutes make a player ineligible. Pre-season games do not count toward disqualifiers. The first game will be 9 March with the final game on 14 March. Every effort will be made to get the final all star game rosters out by 11 March. Events will occur between the periods of the final all star game such as a goalie dance off.

The Skills competition is open to all high school players. They will compete by grade. There will be a variety of categories including fastest skater, fastest shot, goalie race (from the net to the opposite bench), goalie saves, etc. Participants must wear high school jersey and socks. The competition will be held 14 March, 3:30, at the Peaks. Volunteers are needed both on and off the ice. Encourage all your players to participate.

Discipline – Xavie Augenblick

All penalties, to date, have been served. There will be five that roll over into next season. Two match penalties are waiting for state input.

Awards – Heather Montgomery/Anna Erickson

Hixson interviews are waiting for game schedules. The first round of interviews could take place on 19 February. Volunteer of the Year has been decided. Last day to vote for Coach of the Year will be 23 February. The Hixson scholarship has received 18 nominations – 13 male, 5 female. This will be narrowed down and then go to the interview process. Banquet will be 13 March at the Maverik center (in a room!), 5:30 pm. Only individuals who have RSVP'd will be allowed to attend the event. There will be no walk-ins. The winner plus one and the program trustee plus one will be invited to dinner and be given game tickets. A volunteer will be needed to man the guest list. Trustees, please help motivate your player to RSVP and submit the requested picture. All Academic All Star certificates have been handed out except a few that need to be reprinted. Those will be mailed to the trustee. Banners have been posted at Steiner. Thank you to Anna and the awards committee for their quick turn around.

Summer Hockey – Shannon Woodhall

Shannon Schmidt sent out an email to trustees regarding summer hockey. This is NOT connected to Utah High School Hockey. All questions, concerns go directly to Shannon Schmidt. Use summer hockey to develop your own team. Try to avoid creating super teams (or allowing them to be created under your program name). To get more coaches for the summer and/or regular season, contact alumni of the school, Wayne Woodhall, and/or the local rink and their

programs. Please direct players to the appropriate high school program. Please help the parents understand why players can't play with their friends.

Items/Rules for Discussion

Now is the time to talk, assess, and figure out ways to handle concerns. If we start looking into them now, we can have a resolution by the time the next season starts.

Injury Tracking Spreadsheet

Discipline sent out a link to an injury tracking spreadsheet. Please update with any/all injuries from the season.

Items from Floor

A huge thank you to Shannon for all her time and energy that she devotes to UHSH. Trustees contributed funds to purchase her a blanket with all team logos as well as a few small items. Thanks for all you do Shannon!

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.