

Utah High School Hockey Board
Meeting Minutes
13 August 2019
Cottonwood Heights Rec Center

Trustees present:

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

Trustees not present:

Cache Valley Ind., Northern Utah Ind.

Others in attendance

Brian Murray (phone), Cami Murray (phone), Misty Herbstritt, Becky Sellers (phone), Travis Larsen, Kelly Carpenter, Jim McKenna, Brad Barker, Richard Teece

Minutes

Motion to approve July minutes with the update of names for a motion and second made by Kerry Fain, SUI. Seconded by Mylisa Graham, Alta. Unanimous approval.

New Trustees

Herriman – Richard Linton, Herriman, moves that Brad Barker be made the new Herriman trustee. Kerry Fain, SUI, seconds the motion. Motion passes. Thank you, Richard, for all the time and dedication you have put into being the Herriman Trustee.

Murray – Doug King, Murray, moves to accept Jim McKenna as the new Murray Hockey trustee. Kerry Fain, SUI, seconds the motion. Motion passes. Thank you, Doug, for all the effort and time you put into the Murray Hockey program.

WIHOA – Travis Larsen

Coaches seminar (Ask-A-Ref) will be held Saturday, 17 August 2019 at the Oval, 9am-12 noon. This is open to all interested parties. Please send any video to be reviewed and discussed at the seminar to Chris Smith before the event.

The only new UHSH rule for the years will be a Mercy Rule. Upon a 6 goal differential after the second period, the losing team coach can choose not to go into runtime. As in prior years, a team can dress up to three goalies but cannot pass 20 players/students dressed.

Upcoming Referee clinics will be held 24 August at Provo Peaks, 8am, and 7 September at Ogden, 8 am. These are the last referee clinics. Interested parties need to register directly with USA Hockey under the “officials” tab.

Players need to have all required equipment prior to the game starting, this includes mouthguards, ear pieces, helmet straps, etc. A team-wide warning will be given for the first infraction. Second infraction will be a misconduct and the player is benched until the issue is fixed. Please have coaches sign scoresheets before the game starts.

Volunteers need to be in the penalty box before the game starts. The scoresheets must also be signed by a coach for each time prior to puck drop. Please remind players, parents, etc of the USA Hockey Code of Conduct. Boiled down, please have everyone be nice and respectful of others.

Banging Boards Rule – This is not a new rule this year. This is a point of emphasis for the year. The is specifically targeted at reducing taunting and other unsportsmanlike behavior. Teams will not be penalized for scoring or otherwise cheering their own team. The emphasis of this rule is to help reduce/eliminate the cheering/banging of boards for open, mid-ice hits. Banging of the boards for a hit will result in a bench minor.

Finances – Becky Sellers

Remind your players and parents of the great opportunity in selling ads. Ninety percent of the ad price will go toward the player. Encourage those purchasing ads to use the website as it is faster. A separate account was created for the Hixson Scholarship. This will allow for better tracking of the funds.

Schedule – Cami Murray

SUI is scheduled to have their first home game in December, Uintah will be 4 September. The first two preseason games for Varsity teams have been scheduled. Three practices for scheduled teams are scheduled. Cami needs to fix the JV schedule due to the addition of the new teams. The team changes are:

- DCI – they will not be combining with NUI

- Oquirrh – adding a D2 team

- Park City – one JV, one D2

- Riverton – no JV team

- Uintah – adding a second JV team

- Viewmont – Adding a JV team (they will not be combining with Bountiful)

Registration – Shannon Woodhall

Players need the following registration items: USA Hockey number, UHSH registration, Birth certificate (if not submitted previously), school verification, UHSH payment. Brian will roster

players as the information comes in. He will reach out to player and trustee if information is missing. Roster links will be going to trustees this year.

Coaches need the following registration items: 18U online age module, SafeSport, Background screen, USA Hockey Number, and UHSR Registration. Coaching clinics must be completed by the end of December. Coaches that requested background screen last year do NOT need to do so again this year. If you aren't sure if its required, contact Wendy Radke. There are currently four clinics scheduled for coaches although effort is being made to schedule additional session. Those currently scheduled are 5 October, Vernal, level 1 and 2; and 26 October, Acord, level 2 and 3.

Volunteers need the following items to be completely registered: USA Hockey number, background, SafeSport, UHSR Volunteer registration. If a trustee is also a coach, completing the coach requirements is sufficient.

Webmaster – Brian Murray

Registration – Follow the registration steps as outlined on the UHSR website. Any missing documents will only delay the process of getting the player properly registered and rostered. Any documents and/or questions can be sent directly to Brian at UHSRRegistrar@gmail.com If a player appears on HockeyShift they should be good for team rostering.

UAHA – Mylisa Graham

The trustee or other team member from each organization must attend the UAHA registrar's meeting on 7 September 2019 from 10 am to 12 noon. It will be held at the Summit County Sheldon Richins Building, 1885 W Ute Blvd, Park City, UT 84098. This meeting will cover SafeSport, registration, etc.

Review P&P 18.2 L – Billet Players

No players recruited from outside of Utah or billeted players can participate in the UHSR league.

Review P&P 18.4 – Recruiting

UHSR nor member programs can recruit, or attempt to recruit, players from outside their boundaries.

Review P&P 18.1 – UHSR Eligibility

For any questions regarding player eligibility, please refer to P&P section 18. The team for which Homeschool students play is determined by the current boundary list of independent teams. Online players may play for the school from which they will be receiving their diploma.

P&P 27.2 – Varsity Divisions: Tier Players (final vote)

The policy change was approved at the last meeting. This proposal will change the tier player allowance from 2 players to 3 tier players on a D2 team. These Tier players will have played at the 16U level or higher. Goalies, playing in net, do not count toward the 3 players. Kerry Fain, SUI, moved to amend the P&Ps with the wording approved at the July meeting. Mylisa Graham, Alta, seconded the motion. 16 Trustees in favor of the P&P amendment, 1 against.

P&P 27.5 B – Varsity D2 Eligibility (final vote)

This policy change was approved at the last meeting. The proposal changes the way D2 teams declare. Voting a team into the D2 level of play by trustees is removed and teams can now self-select. Kerry Fain, SUI, moved to amend the P&Ps with the working approved at the July meeting with a discussion for striking the last sentence to occur at the September meeting. Heather Montgomery, Riverton, seconded the motion. 22 trustees in favor of the P&P amendment, 0 against.

P&P 18.13 – Freshmen (final vote)

Wording of this change was approved at the July meeting. The purpose of this proposal was to allow freshmen players to be JV eligible regardless of tier status. Pam Pala, Stars, moved to accept this P&P amendment, Kerry Fain, SUI, seconded. Passed by majority with only 2 opposing votes. The P&Ps will be updated.

P&P 27.8 – Team Evaluation Committee (final vote)

This proposal sets forth the way by which teams will be evaluated to move divisions. It sets forth and explains the role of the UHSH Executive Committee and additional, nominated, Trustees in this process. The numbering of the committee members needs to be corrected. Kerry Fain, SUI, moves to approve the wording with the correction of committee members. Gina Capps, East, seconds the motion. Passed by majority with 20 votes in favor of the change and 1 against.

P&P 27.2.5 (formerly 27.2.7) – Varsity Divisions: Team Movement (final vote)

The wording for this proposal was accepted at the July meeting. This proposal would have any team evaluation for division change be presented to the Team Evaluation Committee. They would need 75% approval for any division change. There would be no appeals. Joe Minnock, Brighton, moved to amend the P&PS with this proposal with a second Dana Combs, Oquirrh. Vote was unanimous in accepting the amendment.

P&P 27.5 C – Sanctions & Team Evaluation Committee (final vote)

This proposal is to bring the wording into alignment with other portions of the P&Ps by changing the committee name to Team Evaluation Committee. Kerry Fain, SUI, moved to accept the proposal, with a second by Joe Minnock, Brighton. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

P&P 34.2 – Fighting

The intent of this proposal is to clarify the penalty for fighting. Section A clarifies that the penalty is 3 games total, aligning the P&Ps with the current application of the rule. The ultimate goal is to reduce the number of fights in UHSH games. Section B addresses the hearing and auto suspension process. Motion to accept the wording of this proposal made by Xavie Augenblick, DCI, with a second by Dana Combs, Oquirrh. Passed by a majority with 19 in favor, 0 against, and 1 abstention.

P&P 35.4 – Penalty Minutes

This proposal adds a new to deal with the accumulation of penalty minutes over the course of the season. By having a written rule, it will encourage consistent dealings with those players accumulating large amounts of penalty minutes. Preseason games will not be considered in the tally of penalty minutes. Data will be pulled from team stats on the UHSH website. This proposal will be tabled for further discussion and clarification of items E & G.

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

This proposal was discussed again in an effort to streamline the rules governing the different committees. Anna Erickson, Bountiful, is striving to reach consistency across the committees. Kerry Fain, SUI, moved to accept the proposal as presented at this meeting. JoLin Johnson, Viewmont, seconded the motion. Proposal passed unanimously. Final vote will occur at the September meeting.

P&P 35.3 – Coaches

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. Officials are notated on the scoresheets so this can aid in determining if there is a coach/ref concern leading to the game misconduct. Scoresheets should be picked up immediately from the scorekeeper and then submitted to the discipline committee within 24 hours. Xavie Augenblick, DCI, moves to approve the proposal with the clarification of scoresheet submittal within 24 hours or by the next game. Brad Barker, Herriman, seconds the motion. Voting was 16 in favor, 2 against, and 3 abstentions, leading to a passing motion. Final vote will occur in September.

P&P 30.1 – Playoff times

The intent of this proposal is to bring warmup and time out times in alignment with those used during the regular season. Currently play off games have 5 minute warmup and 30 second time out. The proposal changes those times to 3 minute warm up and 60 second time out. Shannon Woodhall, UCI-S, moves to accept the proposal. Seconded by Joe Minnock, Brighton. The proposal passed by majority – 15 in favor, 3 against.

SafeSport Nomination

No additional volunteers came forward since the last meeting so Patty Bigelow will be the new SafeSport rep.

Eligibility Requests

Murray – Kubi Georgiev is transferring from Hillcrest to Murray due to social concerns. There are no documented reports of the claims being made by the family. Weston Teece is transferring from AMES to Murray. He is moving for advanced math opportunities available through Murray not available through AMES. The issue for both players is the Freshman Letter of Intent. They both signed stating they would play for Stars as Freshmen with the intent of staying at Stars schools. Moving schools changes the school they would play for as Sophomores. Vote was conducted by paper ballot. Teece – 10 for, 10 against; not receiving eligibility at Murray. Georgiev – 15 for, 5 against; he's eligible for playing on Murray team.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.