

Utah High School Hockey Board
Meeting Minutes
12 November 2019
Cottonwood Heights Rec Center

Trustees present:

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

Trustees not present:

Cache Valley Ind., Northern Utah Ind., Tooele

Others in attendance

Brian Murray (phone), Cami Murray (phone), Misty Herbstritt, Mike Davies, Travis Larsen, Andy VanWagoner, Kelly Carpenter, Todd Porter, Jen Smith

Minutes

Motion to approve October minutes Xavie Augenblick, DCI, with a second by Mylisa Graham, Alta. Unanimous approval.

New Trustees

None

WIHOA – Mike Davies

The Mercy (Run time) rule and scheduling are both concerns. The mercy (run time) rule is in potential conflict with rule 502a which states:

“The “REFEREE” shall have general supervision of the game and his decision shall be final in all matters occurring before, during or after the game. The role of the official is to “enforce” the rules of the game and in doing so shall have full authority over all participants.”

By allowing the losing coach to elect to go to run time the power/control of the game is being taken from the referees. Matt Prucka, Park City, moves to remove the Mercy rule from the P&Ps and stay with stop time due to the potential conflict with the USA Hockey rule. Gina Capps, East, seconds the motion. Vote was unanimous. P&P 28.9 will be removed, effective immediately.

Trustees are concerned with the amount of consistency from game to game, particularly with checking. The purpose of a check is to remove the opposing player from the puck, not punish him. WIHOA states that consistency from game to game is nearly impossible to measure and/or achieve. WIHOA is aiming for consistency from puck drop to final buzzer. This is both measurable and achievable.

Schedule – Cami Murray

Scheduling is a HUGE concern. On 4 November, quite a few games did not have officials show up. Phone calls were made to Mike and Travis. Both were on the ice and therefore didn't answer. Mike was able to get a few refs to cover the different games at Steiner. WIHOA did not have the games in their system. Communication between WIHOA and scheduler needs to get fixed. Changes cannot be made with such frequency as we are currently experiencing (22 changes in 29 days). WIHOA would like to better understand the cause of all the changes. On their end, all they need to know is date, time, rink, and level/division of play. Although knowledge of teams playing would be fantastic, it is not needed to schedule refs.

For the last 6+ seasons, WIHOA has sent a template to the "info coordinator" for each organization who then enters data into template to be uploaded into the Arbiter system. The game schedule, as provided to WIHOA this year, was not in the correct format to be uploaded. WIHOA came with an addendum to their contract to be signed or a 30-day notice of cancellation would be issued. UHSH would like WIHOA to help with the costs incurred due to the scheduling mishap on 4 November. UHSH proposed both organizations split the cost of lost ice, scorekeepers, etc. 50/50.

The WIHOA template needs to be sent to Shannon with name and contact information for the person to receive the info. She will get all games after November into the template and submitted. Andy VanWagoner is the WIHOA scheduling coordinator. All scheduling information is to be sent to him. Chris Smith is not a part of WIHOA. He's part of USA Hockey. Jim McKenna suggests that Shannon and 2-3 others have a small sit down with WIHOA to hammer out the details to create a better solution than the proposed addendum.

Friendlys/Scrimmages need to go through Cami but they will not be considered "changes" per the new addendum to the WIHOA contract. Confirmation of request is the game number that will be sent out by WIHOA once the game is entered in Arbiter.

Games -- Shannon

Stats for games need to be entered within 24 hours. Best practice is for both teams to send game misconducts to UHSH Discipline. Email headers should have teams, division, and date. With the new web platform, Discipline can gray out the "naughty" players. If you have a permanent number change, notify Brian Murray. Temporary changes (game changes) can be done when entering scores. Add ref and scorekeeper names to the "Notes" section when entering scores so that info can be easily tracked.

Nationals

The latest word is USA Hockey is not opening any more divisions. We are third on the wait list. We probably won't know until a month before Nationals if our team can go. Airline tickets will

be purchased for the Pure team so we have a locked in lower airfare. The money for the Independent team will be set aside for now. The trustees impacted by this situation have opted to wait until December to notify their parents.

Forfeits

UHSJ needs to crack down on forfeited games. Numbers are too high this year. There is no common theme/reason for the forfeits. Teams that have forfeited so far this year are Uintah, Bingham, Murray, Viewmont, Bountiful, Tooele, Park City, and Farmington. There were 5 forfeited JV games in one week! Forfeiting should be an absolute last resort. Only 5 players and 1 goalie are needed to play. It's not ideal, but forfeiting takes a game opportunity away from the other team. Sanctions can't be imposed this season, but we can publicly shame 😊

UAHA – Mylisa Graham

Girls Select Tryouts will be Saturday, 7 December 2019, at Acord, 8:15-9:45 pm. The team is for Juniors and Seniors, but some exceptions can be made. There is a \$20 tryout fee. The cost for the team will be \$600 which includes the showcase fee, a few practices, and hotel. UAHA is hoping for a pure Utah team, but will look at combining with another state if need. The team needs to have 15+2. Send name, grade, position, and teams the girl plays on to Mylisa. The showcase will be 15-20 April in St Louis. The girls usually only play 2-3 days and the organizers are somewhat flexible with girls' teams.

Webmaster – Brian Murray

Brian and Anna are working to get the award nominations up and running. They will keep us posted on their progress. Brian would like to consider switching Merchant Processors for playoffs. With this new provider all teams would be given their own Bluetooth credit card swiping device. The new company would have lower costs per transaction. Trustee sentiment was to table this idea until the beginning of the summer and then revisit for next season.

Discipline – Xavie Augenblick

Score sheets need to be sent in. Best practice is for teams to send in the scoresheet, even if they aren't the home team. If an uncleared player plays in a game, said game will be forfeited. It is highly suggested a parent film each game so there is video footage in case of a disciplinary action. The penalty tracking sheet can be located on the "Trustees Only" section of the website. Check score sheets for number of penalties assessed during games. Scorekeepers and refs are catching this penalty. Once a team hits 15 penalties in a game the coach gets a misconduct. Also, keep an eye on penalty minutes and notify players are getting up there in minutes. Discipline has created an injury tracking sheet. This is a google doc. Trustees can add as much or as little information as they would like. The intent of this document is data collection for historical data.

Goalie Pool – Brian Blum

All goalie pool requests have been met so far. There have been 37 requests, 20+ are for JV games, versus only 28 requests last year. Lowder and Teece have covered more than half the games. Questions regarding the goalie pool can be found in the updated P&Ps. To request a goalie pool goalie, go online and complete the form.

Social Media

Send information to Courtney Allen, a Bingham parent, for ideas. Posts are being made in Instagram and Facebook. It was suggested Lowder and Teece be recognized for their assistance via the Goalie Pool.

Items from Floor

There is some concern with JV/Varsity rosters. The same roster stickers should not be used for both JV and Varsity teams. Players not playing should be crossed off. Scorekeepers should be marking players on the ice, but they don't always do that. Keep in mind that if you don't have the white copy there may have been cross offs and number changes that didn't carry through to the carbon copies.

Academic All Stars – For Players with a 3.5 GPA or higher. The submission link should be up in the next week or so to upload recipient names. Trustees are responsible for GPA verification. Anna does not need copies of report cards.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10 pm.