

Utah High School Hockey Board
Meeting Minutes
14 May 2019
Acord Ice Arena

Trustees present:

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

Trustees not present:

Herriman, Park City, Viewmont

Others in attendance

Becky Sellers, Brian Murray (phone), Cami Murray (phone), Jim Bentz, Mike Davies, Misty Herbstritt

Minutes

Motion to approve April minutes – Dana Combs, Oquirrh. Second by Robyn Eyre-Long, Copper Hills. Approved.

New Trustees

No new trustees.

WIHOA

Coach (Ask-A-Ref) seminar will be held 17 August 2019 at the Oval, 9am-12 noon. Coaches, assistant coaches, captains are all welcome to attend. This is a classroom event that will review any rule changes and rule clarifications. This summer WIHOA is working on training new refs so they will be utilizing 3-man systems.

Voting

Voting on the positions of VP Independent and Secretary were held. Dana Combs and Misty Herbstritt were voted in by a simple majority.

Scorekeeping: UHOO

Voting to utilize Kristi Taylor/UHOO was conducted via email. Trustees should see very little, if any, changes between WIHOA and UHOO. Any parents or others that are interested in learning to become a scorekeeper need to get in contact with Kristi, who will be training over the summer.

Locker Room Policy (P&P 23.5)

USA Hockey does not have an enforced policy. They require that each organization has their own policy. A draft policy was written and will be added to the current P&Ps. In a co-ed locker room, players are to keep all gear on, outside of helmet, gloves, and skates. Phones cannot be used in locker rooms. They can be stored in a pocket, bag, etc. Locker room monitors need to be in the hallway and must have completed SafeSport and a background screen. Trustees should review this addition in their upcoming parent meetings, preferably to be included with team rules. Motion to approve the word was made Joe Minnock, Brighton. Dana Combs, Oquirrh, seconded the motion. Locker room policy wording was approved. Needs to be voted on again for P&P amendment.

Budget 2019-2020

Blake at ShutterSpeed donated \$500 to UHSH. Thank you, ShutterSpeed.

Becky prepared a spreadsheet outlining the financial outcome of several different pricing scenarios. One proposal was to keep fees where they currently stand with a projected deficit at the end of the season. Other options included raising team fees, player registration fees, etc. Ice rates and officials fees have been increasing slightly over the last few years but team and registration fees have remained static. It was proposed that the amount used to send teams to Nationals be reduced. Becky will send out new options with additional pricing scenarios. Last year registration opened in June. Registration cannot go live this year until a decision has been made on the proposed fee increases.

P&P 42.4 – Guaranteed Position

Wording on this proposed change passed last month. Anna Ericksen, Bountiful, moved to amend the P&Ps. Motion was seconded by Heather Montgomery, Riverton. Proposed change was approved.

P&P 28.9 – Blackout Dates

The purpose of this proposal is to put into the P&Ps the current practices of the organization. No dates were included as they will fluctuate year to year. Lacy Sappington, NUI, moved to approve the wording. Robyn Eyre-Long, Copper Hills, seconded the motion. P&P proposed wording was approved. Voting for P&P amendment will occur in June.

P&P 28.10 – Senior Nights

Proposal is to make uniform the handling of on-ice Senior Nights, if desired by each team. Teams can elect to coordinate with ice scheduler to add 15 minutes ice time to the game time slot to be used. The team requesting the ice would be financially responsible for that extra 15 minutes. Senior nights are not required and can be handled at the team's discretion. Motion to approve wording with the minor adjustment in the last sentence made by Robyn Eyre-Long,

Copper Hills. Dana Combs, Oquirrh, seconded the motion. Wording with the minor change was approved. Voting for addition to P&Ps will occur in June.

2019-2020 Season Dates

Trustees agreed to move forward with season dates as outlined on the proposal made by Cami Murray, ice scheduler. JV Games begin 9/13/2019, Varsity games begin 9/23/2019, and playoffs begin 2/3/2020. Black out dates will be UEA, Thanksgiving, Christmas, MLK, and Presidents Day weekends.

P&P 50.1 – Committee Chair

Purpose of the proposal was to make consistent the wording of the Awards, Discipline, and Eligibility committees and to open the door for additional volunteers to participate in the UHSH program. A wide variety of additional changes were suggested. Tabled for further review of proposed wording.

P&P 27.3 – JV Division

As there are currently no clear guidelines on placement of JV team between the two divisions, it was proposed that UHSH return to a single JV division. Dane Combs, Oquirrh, moved to remove the JV Division 1 and JV Division 2 structure. There was no second. Either the current JV division structure needs to be removed or policy to define the two divisions needs to be written. This will be tabled for next month.

Varsity Divisions

UAHA voted to allow Tier I players to participate in the High School program. There had been some movement toward removing Varsity D1 and Varsity D2 and returning to a North/South setup. The pros to North/South would be less travel time as teams would play other teams near them. Trustees would no longer need to vote regarding team placement in the D1 D2 structure. The downside of a North/South structure is there will be some lopsided games as well as only 2 state champs (Independent and Affiliated). Teams can opt out of Varsity level of play if their players fall under the JV requirements. Teams/Schools could have more than one Varsity team and split their players how they saw best fit for their group of players. Varsity players, if eligible under current P&Ps, could continue to play JV. Trustees are requested to provide additional input and suggestions into this proposal.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.