

*UVHA Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2008*

Pending Board Approval

Present: Mike Lyford, Chele Lyford, Jeff Lyford, Julie Lyford, Sean Kiernan, Carol Devins, Tammy Daley, Neal Morrill, Ernie Gour, Jason Rouillard, Loren Cameron, Holly Potter, Jim Damren, Heather Stadheim, Andy Hamel, Brendan Scribner, Charlie Parker, Meg Parker, Mike Herron, Don Morong, Karen Whitaker, Jay Mullen, Bruce Adams, Mike Barre

7:01 Meeting called to order

Heather makes motion: motion to accept June 9 minutes as presented

Motion approved: voted and passed unanimously

Meeting with HHA update: Committee met with HHA about Bantams. Verbal proposal is as follows: Hanover currently has 24 registered Bantam players. They are proposing to merge all Bantams, making 3 teams – open tryouts starting on September 29- all 3 teams would be GSL- top team w/b Hanover tier 1, 2nd team w/b UVHA tier 3, and 3rd team – not strong feelings from them as to it being a Hanover or UVHA team but would like to see it be a tier 5 – they are proposing that all 3 be NH teams because of guaranteed games – UVHA registered players would pay UVHA registration fee and Hanover registered would pay Hanover fees – with Hanover absorbing the difference in cost. They are interested in forming a committee to discuss their registered girls coming and playing UVHA hockey. For the Bantams they suggest tryouts being either 5 independent evaluators if possible or 2 from each organization and 1 independent. High school aged would be able to play both – dual rostered. This w/b a 1 year proposal with the 6 people who formed the committee meeting on a monthly basis to discuss the progress and any concerns. Julie would like to see a list of Hanover players and what level they played at last season. Scott Peters would like to speak about this proposal at our next meeting. Mike Lyford states that it maybe a good step toward further togetherness of the associations but may not be good because we are a new organization and should see how things work w/o bringing them in. Says that he is not totally for or against this proposal. Karen Whitaker says that Hanover uses 6:00 A.M. ice for the Bantam practices and this does not work for Lebanon schools. Heather suggests putting this on the agenda for our next scheduled meeting on July 2 inviting all Bantam parents to come and hear Scott Peters speak.

Julie makes motion: motion to have Scott Peters come with a written proposal to the July 2 meeting and invite by website and individual emails all Bantam parents. With the written proposal being due by June 30 (this will also be posted and emailed)

~Motion approved: voted and passed unanimously

Quote on uniforms from Stateline: Stateline has provided samples that were sent around. They will provide 175 sets (wicking material) for \$14,000. This price is if all adult sizes are ordered (will be less since we will be ordering some youth sizes), includes logo and #'s. Additional jerseys are available in orders of 6 minimum because they are stocked jerseys – they are also working on a coupon deal for the purchase of helmets, gloves, socks and nameplates –

~Bruce makes motion: motion to accept the Stateline bid of \$14,000

~ motion approved: voted and passed unanimously

Jim to contact Stateline

Carol Devins to speak with Don Morong about uniform sponsorships

By-laws: Draft of proposed by laws was distributed and discussed. Policies & Procedures are being worked on and a draft of these will be brought to the meeting on July 2

Fundraising:

-Carol would like a check for \$120 to the Hartford baseball program for their part as volunteers who worked the balloon festival

-Proposal for a line item of \$1000 to be put into budget for fundraising supplies such as mailings, printing....

~ Julie makes motion: motion to accept this proposal and add \$1000 for fundraising to the budget

~motion approved: voted and passed unanimously

-\$3,150 net from the Balloon Festival parking

-\$1,000 net from the Covered Bridge Half-Marathon

-1000 pennies fundraiser – Carol is looking for containers to collect the money – 3 months collection period, if a certain \$ amount is raised, would receive a big belly bank which John Chesnut is donating

-Neal Morrill has offered to hold a golf fundraiser – Carol has questions about liability insurance – believes it is already in the policy – she will call and check, asking for the certificate

Logo: Draft is not ready – Brian said he would have it by Wednesday. Don will send it out to all board members electronically. Don suggests that this board do something to recognize Brian for his work on the logo as he will not be doing the jerseys-

A Thank You to all who participated in the Balloon Festival fundraiser:

There were 27 families who volunteered their time to assist with this fundraiser and it is greatly appreciated. Also, a very special thank you to Carol Devins who coordinated all volunteers and spent MANY hours there. Thanks to all!!!!

State Team Placements:

The VT exec meeting has approved our proposal for the girls but it has to go to the state meeting for a vote. State meeting is not until October which is too late for us. Carol is investigating other options – special meeting? Julie says there is no question of the girls as 80% are registered in VT and they have already played – Carol says they still may not schedule with us – Andy asks how they will feel if we now bring in Hanover girls? Believed that the state will not like this. Jay suggest asking the state to hold an email vote. Carol will do research as this info was just received yesterday.

Mike Herron presents a rough draft proposing that ALL teams play in VT –discussion follows

Jason says the point system in NH makes play in NH unfavorable as too much emphasis is placed on the point games but also says that a problem with VT games is the possibility of no shows. Charlie says he is angry about both boards last year – believes that the boards let everyone down by not relaying important information and problems now are being blamed on “didn’t know”. Says he is upset now because of the reaction to this proposal – he believes that it is already planned to place boys in NH – board assures him that this is not the case as placement has not been addressed because we are waiting for information from the state of VT on the girls programs. Jay says why not Mites and Squirts in VT and the rest in NH – says Mites and Squirts are still the players we are trying to get to stay with hockey and in VT there is the possibility of scheduling around gas prices – Don says he agrees with Mites but no Squirts. Holly Potter says she believes we should “fly with what we’ve got” and not bring Hanover in. Because we are building something new we should see what happens. It is suggested that we continue the way we did last year, placing some in both states where they will get the most appropriate play for the ability. Basing the state placements on a year to year basis.

Karen Whitaker says that it is just as big a problem with #'s and differences in abilities with the girls as with the boys and she believes the girls are just being brushed off – says if bringing in Hanover girls makes a problem playing in VT – “too bad”. Jim says we have already voted to hear Hanover’s proposal at the next meeting- girls included – and we are still going to do that so this discussion should be tabled until that meeting. Jim also says that he does not want the placement of state to be a dividing point – believes that this proposal of placing all teams in VT could be seen as a dividing line and would not like to see that happen- Jason says that he gave his input to this proposal because he was given the impression that the board had already decided to put all boys in NH without any discussion. Once again, it is stated that this is not the case – No decisions have been made. Declarations to the state of NH would need to be made by August 23. Decision to be made soon. Will discuss further at the meeting on July 2. Carol will contact Jim within the next few days with any new information from the state of VT. She also says that she needs to know state placement information for the Calling All Kids program she is doing.

Next Meetings: July 2 @6:30

July 21 @ 7:00

August 4 @ 7:00

All meeting are currently scheduled to be held at RSD Leasing

Meeting adjourned at 10:21