

*UVHA Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2008*

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Ernie Gour, Bruce Adams, Brendan Scribner, John Rogenski, Julie Lyford, Heather Stadheim, Jim Damren, Neal Morrill, Tammy Daley, Loren Cameron, Carol Devins, Charlie Parker, Reed Bergwell, Jeff Lyford, Todd Bebeau, Steve Benson, Jill Servant, Chele Lyford, Mike Lyford, Mike Herron, Melissa Kiernan

6:34 Meeting called to order

Ernie makes motion: motion to accept June 23 minutes as presented

Motion approved: voted and passed unanimously

Update on HHA Bantam merger proposal: Steve Benson is present to answer any questions. Chele has comments from Bantam parents who are not able to attend: M. Pollard says he is in favor of a merge, J. Chesnut also says he is in favor. Discussion follows about the fee and tiers. Tryouts would be the week of 9/29 on Hanover ice. Chele suggests having UVHA Bantams pay more since they would be starting 2 weeks sooner than others. Todd says that he sat on the original committee to merge Hartford and Lebanon when Hanover was asked to be part of the merge, they said no – now they want in – says there are a lot of changes already – seems too much to add another – huge issues that this board needs to deal with without throwing something else into it – says we are in the middle of a tryout process that has not been finalized and now we want to throw in another tryout policy for the Bantams. Says he believes this is too much too fast and should slow down. Todd says he supported the merge between Lebanon and Hartford because of the #'s issues – Hanover does not have a #'s issue. Chele says she signed up for UVHA not Hanover hockey and should not be told now that she will play for Hanover. Bruce says he agrees with Todd – questions even if the merge passes, would there be a legitimate tier 1 team? Steve says they have a tier 1 team every year – but if they were not winning they would/could be moved down to tier 2. Says that w/o the merge Hanover would probably not have a tier 1 team but that is not why Hanover wants the merge – wants overall level of players to be equal. Anthony Shaw is checking with athletic director to find out if HS players can play on another team – but has not received an answer yet. Karen Whitaker says the girls did last year. Mike Lyford says that the proposal was well written but that he sees an issues with “good” players being placed on the tier 5 team if we merge. Without the merge all of our Bantams would be on 1 team. Believes that some being placed on the tier 5 team could make for a bad experience but he does believe that discussion should continue for future. Questions about the early morning ice times during the week. Steve says it is about 1 or 2 a month. This would not work for Lebanon and other town whose school times are different than Hanover. Julie would like to see UVHA have both the middle team and the lower level team if the merge happens. Neil says our #'s are perfect – it is already two organizations together and we should not add a third as we have “enough problems already”. Jeff Lyford thinks we should merge. Says there will be a bigger issue of #'s and disparity of levels next year – John reminds everyone that this proposal is for this year only – Jeff says if we shut the door now they may not want to cooperate next year. Chele says she does not believe this to be true – Hanover shut the door 3 years ago and now we are

discussing merges again. Julie says she disagrees with Mike – says there is a huge disparity of levels this year and that it would make sense to merge. Carol Devins says she does not see the point because of #'s – says lower level players will benefit by playing up not being placed on a tier 5 team. Jim calls for a motion to be made. Instructs everyone that board members with Bantam players will not participate in the vote. Jeff Lyford says that is not right – if board members were voted onto the board should be able to vote on every decision. John Rogenski says he would like more feedback from Bantam parents before a vote is made – Chele says talk has been going on – that the board needs to make a decision and stand behind it.

~Bruce makes motion: motion that UVHA does not merge Bantams with Hanover

~motion approved: voted and passed unanimously (those w/o Bantam players)

~Bruce makes motion: motion to cap Bantams @ 20 players (no waiting list)

~motion approved: voted and passed with 7 yes and 1 abstaining from the vote

Policies & Procedures: Heather says draft is almost done – will email it out for review by board. Board to review and email feedback to Heather. Will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. There has been a tuition reimbursement request – Heather has drafted a request form – need to be posted on all web sites – will send to board.

Tryout Policy – new draft distributed – change has been made to the previous draft to change the tryout sessions back to 3 days. Draft will be reviewed by board and changes to be discussed at the next meeting and voted on.

Fundraising: an email for the Pennies fundraiser will be going out in the next few weeks.

Uniform discussion: Jim has shirts from Stateline for sizing.

Logo: Brian to finalize the logo – not done yet

Fritz Langrock: Jim called Fritz Langrock the President of VT Hockey Association to introduce himself – left message but has not heard back from him yet.

HMA ice: Town of Hartford says ice needs to be purchased by 7/14 – the offered ice – then a contract – then 10 days to give up any ice. The offer is less this year but Chele and Julie say it still works – 5:30-9:00 except for varsity games. 4:15 on Wednesdays – offered 6-7 am 7 days a week – not letting us skate past 9:00 pm. 15 minute ice makes.

Reed Bergwell is present: he introduces himself - would like to help with recruitment, will speak with Carol Devins.

Carol Devins – info from VT – told them we cannot wait until October to find out if the girls can skate there – next step – info needs to go to all state reps – Carol wants to send the proposal – state wants to see 2 proposals – 1 to keep all teams in VT and 1 for girls and cross ice mites in VT with the rest of the teams in NH. – then to local organizations – then we should hold an informational

meeting for local teams – then request a special meeting from the state. Carol will start by sending the original proposal to all organizations.

Bruce makes motion to adjourn at 9:26.

Next meeting: July 21, 7:00 @ RSD Leasing