

UAHA Board Meeting
May 3, 2010



- Call to Order, and Proxies
- Approval of Minutes from April Meeting
- Finances – Scott Hinerman
- Adult League participation discussion
- Update on Utah State Player Eval Camp
- Update on upcoming coaches clinic
- Discussion on event scheduling for next season
- Update on Disciplinary hearings
- Update on the Hanson Bros./Grizzlies event. including a financial statement showing Utah's contribution vs Grizzlies contribution; numbers of flyers handed out; numbers of new players brought in; photos taken/\$ returned; etc
- Update/recap on Utah's USA Hockey standing: numbers of players registered this season; unclaimed players; numbers per association including adults, women, youth sub affiliates; tier totals etc
- Update on state equipment purchased; written statement on who received how many sets and who is still waiting for sets; how are they keeping track of inventory and are they charging for use; for how long; etc

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Minutes from April approved: Kathleen made a motion to approve the minutes from April with no amendments Mike 2nd motion passed unanimously.

Mike Holmes: Grant money for special needs program. Mike brought a grant application to the meeting and submitted it to the board for review. Mike is asking the state to provide \$4k for the special needs kids. The budget is between 16 and 24K for the season and a copy is included in his grant request. Mike said he was asked to come to the board meeting because there were some questions from the last board meeting. Wade said that he knows that Mike asks for this money every year and it is a good thing but Wade says he thinks that it would be better to put it into the budget as a regular item for next season. Mike M asked if there is any matching USA Hockey grant and Mike H said that he doesn't know of any. Kelly asked Mike H if he had ever applied to the USA Hockey foundation, they are pretty restrictive but have some money available. Mike explained that the money in the grant application is an estimated. The money is used to fund 2 teams for a total of 30 to 40 kids. Geoff called for more questions regarding the special needs grant request. Mike left at 7:15 pm

Adult league participation discussion: Geoff asked Bruce and Kelly to be at the meeting to help clarify things for board members. Geoff explained that it has been brought to his attention the potential risk factor of underage participants in the adult leagues. Wade said his understanding is that a youth player can play against an adult player. Kelly said a properly registered youth team can play a properly registered adult team. A discussion followed on what constitutes being registered as USA Hockey the ACHA players have a USA Hockey IMR number but do not register on line like the rest of the USA Hockey players. Bruce said his gut feel is that they are USA Hockey registered but he doesn't know what the process is or how they are counted. Discussion followed on how the college teams can be in an adult league since the ACHA is outside of the normal USA Hockey process. Bruce will find out if the college players are individually registered with USA Hockey and how that process works and will give the answer to Geoff. Fred said that the ACHA pays a team fee to roster a team and then they get an IMR number for each player. Wade says he has a lot of college kids that play in the adult leagues in both the winter and summer league but the question is if they have paid the state and district fees since when they roster they do it differently. Wade

said that he was told that the problem with the kids playing on a team with adults is more of a locker room issue. Bruce said that is what is behind the rules that are written in the USA Hockey rule book. In the guidebook it says you have to be 18 years old to play on an adult team. Wade said that on the USA Hockey Jr teams you have kids as young as 15 and as old as 20. Bruce said that the USA Hockey rulebook specifically states that this is an adult league rule, it does not apply to Jrs. Bruce said that he told Theresa Bateman about this rule in the meeting that was held in the fall. More discussion followed on Wade's league and what can be done to keep these people playing. Bruce said that he doesn't have the authority to change the USA Hockey rulebook so we as an affiliate need to find a way to comply with the USA Hockey rules. Wade said that he thinks the most important thing to do is for the board, with the help of Bruce, to go to USA Hockey and see if they would revisit this rule. Bruce said that he would be happy to present the case to the adult council but the soonest anything could happen is 2 years out. Dave said that there is not enough ice available to form a separate league to accommodate these kids. Dave said the only other alternative is to register these teams as ISI instead of USA Hockey but you can't mix ISI players and USA Hockey players. Fred said you could register them on both ISI and USA Hockey and have 1 night be ISI teams and 1 night is USA Hockey. Wade printed off from his registration all of the people that USA Hockey had as being under 18 there are 93 people and 21 are Seniors who won't turn 18 until this fall and they have no place to play because they aren't eligible for HS and they can't play in adult league. Discussion followed on how the birth year eligibility works and how it affects kids who are turning 18 and 19 during the birth year. Kathleen said that we are missing kids who don't have an opportunity to play over the summer because they are not recognized as adults by USA Hockey but are too old to play HS summer league. Wade said that with the way USA Hockey currently has its rules written we are excluding too many people. Fred said we can't change the rule tonight but Fred and Geoff and Bruce will bring it up at the National Meeting in June. You can register a midget team or HS Team to play in an adult league but it has to be a team, the rule applies to individual players only per Bruce. Bruce said the problem comes in when you mix and match different age groups on the same team. Wade said he doesn't want to have to go to ISI but if that is what he needs to do keep this league together then he may need to consider it. Discussion followed on the difference between USA Hockey and ISI. Geoff explained the process to get a rule changed at the national level and told Wade that it is a fairly

long drawn out process. Mike asked if a waiver or exemption is possible and Bruce said there is no chance.

Bruce and Kelly left at 8:11 pm. Scott Hinerman left at 8:11 pm, Dave Soutter left at 8:11 pm.

Wade had some questions for the board after Bruce and Kelly left. Wade is asking for advice on what he should do with the 64 kids who will be affected by this. Wade has 28 teams with max of 20 per team but most teams are running at 15 or 16 per team. Of the 420 players 93 are underage and 64 are on combined teams. 21 are seniors a few are already 18 and several will be 18 before the summer ends. It was suggested that he create another team and put the underage kids on a team by themselves. Geoff suggested Wade hold a special meeting and have Fred and Geoff address the issue with the players. Wade asked if we should take this league to ISI for the summer so that we don't have to turn people away. Wade did some research on ISI and they said they would customize a policy to meet our needs. A discussion followed on if refs would be able to ref both USA Hockey and ISI. Wade said that from ISI perspective refs can ref either, they just have to remove their USA Hockey crest when refing an ISI game. Geoff suggested taking Wade to the June National meeting. Wade said he would be willing to do that if we had some sort of idea of how it will be received. Geoff said he could get Wade onto the monthly conference call on the 2nd Tuesday of the month so that we can get a feel for how other states in our district feel about it.

Fred read an email that he received from the USA Hockey legal counsel. Wade had this email forwarded to all the players in his league and all the refs, Wade said he got a firestorm of emails back from this.

Geoff made a motion to send Wade or another member of the adult council to the USA Hockey meeting in June in Colorado Springs Matt 2nd the motion Discussion followed on what sending Wade to this meeting would accomplish. Passed with Wade abstaining.

Geoff said that we ended up running a supplemental evaluation to include some kids that were not able to attend the 1st evaluation. Matt asked why he was originally told that there would not be a supplemental evaluation and all of the sudden there was a change. Geoff and Fred said that USA Hockey mandated that

we run a supplemental camp so that all kids have a chance to be evaluated. Geoff said he thinks that getting away from the festival teams did discourage some kids from coming out. Also, the Lady Grizzlies scheduled something over the top of the district camp which decreased the number of girls at the camp. Fred said that he asked why we can't establish a national evaluation group to go around and do evals for the states since they know what the bar is. Matt asked about the supplemental eval and how the evaluators were picked and what they were told to evaluate on. Geoff and Sandy explained the process that the evaluators used.

Update on coaches clinic – Don Korth: The clinic is Saturday the 7th from 8 – 11 am at the Oval during the RMD Camp. Don is going to have applications available at the meeting and they will take nominations on Saturday for the coaches association council. The 1st coaches meeting was very productive there were 35 or 40 people which is lower than they wanted but it was still a good meeting. At the 2nd meeting some of the RM District people will be guest speakers at this clinic. Fred asked everyone to please publish this to all their coaches so that we can have a good turnout. Don said they are already planning the next coaching meeting for the end of July. Fred said we should all encourage people to come out and watch this camp.

Don Korth left at 9:11 pm.

Event Scheduling for next season: tabled for a future meeting.

Disciplinary Hearings: Fred gave a review of the 3 hearings that were held in the last 2 weeks. One a fee dispute, one a match penalty and one a complaint against a referee. None of the hearings have been appealed.

Update on Hanson Brothers: Jared gave the Grizzlies end of the Hanson Brothers financial accounting. Most of what the Grizzlies organization did was on trade. Jared said if he had to put a monetary value on it he would guess about \$3500.00. The appearance fee was \$1500.00 per person for each of the 3. The money that was paid from UAHA went toward their appearance fee. We did 112 pictures and our cut will be about \$815.00, the Grizzlies did not take any of the money from the pictures. There were about 500 flyers printed for our table at the booth. There were also posters put up at all the rinks that the Grizzlies paid for.

The equipment drive was discussed and Geoff said that only 3 people responded by bringing equipment to the E-Center. Geoff and Jared said we need to get more equipment in order to properly outfit people for the try it for free program. Wade said we need to get with the rinks and do it in conjunction with the start of their classes. Fred said that we will try to get the rink managers together and put something together. The coaching association can take the lead on this and work with the ADM people to get this going.

Matt said he asked for this item to be put on the agenda because we talked about it last month and he wanted to know how this all came about. Jared said that he came to the board and asked on behalf of the Grizzlies for UAHA to get involved in what he thinks is a great opportunity to allow us to get exposure and grow our sport. Matt is just questioning if we made a good expenditure. Kathleen said that she thinks it was a good thing, it was an all day event, and there were multiple groups that were able to interact with them. Matt just wants to know if it was a reasonable expenditure and if there was any return for the money we spent. Jared said from his perspective it was a great expenditure because it helped his organization who gives a lot to Utah Hockey to help us grow in the form of discount tickets, free ice etc. Geoff said that Matt's question is a legitimate question. Wade said did we get more in air time and newspaper time than we spent? Fred and Jared said yes.

Update on player numbers: Matt said that we need a bigger better picture of what we have in the state as far as numbers and who is in what association. Matt said he thinks we need to get a monthly reconciliation report from USA Hockey stating how many new registrations we get each month so that we can see if we are having growth. Wade said that there used to be an issue with organizations double and triple rostering people in order to inflate their numbers. Matt said that he thinks that Geoff as state president should ask Rae about getting numbers. Matt also requested contact information for all the adult leagues and asked if we could get the contact information from USA Hockey for the registrars from all the adult leagues. Discussion followed on what we should get from USA Hockey as far as information. Fred asked if the adult council has met and Wade said the last time they met was last fall when Wade got voted to the board.

Update on one goal equipment: Mike gave Matt an update on what is going on with the one goal gear. There were 140 sets authorized 40 we purchased from Max Rabner and are currently with Shannon at Steiner and the other 100 won't

be here until August. Mike also told Matt the process the youth council has put in place to track and account for this gear. Matt asked who is overseeing this, Mike and Kathleen told him it is the youth council that will oversee this. Mike will talk to Shannon and come up with a single point of contact and get some documentation on this.

Meeting adjourned 10:29 Kathleen made a motion to adjourn Matt 2nd, motion passed unanimously.

Minutes recorded and submitted by
Sandy Curtis
UAHA Secretary

10:59 PM

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Cash Basis

Utah Amateur Hockey Association
Transaction Detail By Account
July 2009 through April 2010

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Original Amount	Paid Amount
State Development Camp Expenses								
Check	3/22/2010	2281	Mark Sample	evaluator		Key Bank-Che...	270.80	270.80
Check	3/31/2010	2284	Jim Kasper			Key Bank-Che...	187.40	187.40
Check	4/13/2010	2287	Mark Sample			Key Bank-Che...	2,450.00	2,450.00
Check	4/13/2010	2288	Marcus Scarfoni			Key Bank-Che...	2,450.00	2,450.00
Check	4/13/2010	2289	Hockey Services			Key Bank-Che...	1,540.00	1,540.00
Check	4/24/2010	2290	Salt Lake County Parks & Rec			Key Bank-Che...	2,240.00	2,240.00
Check	4/24/2010	2291	Rocky Mountain Register			Key Bank-Che...	140.00	140.00
Check	4/24/2010	2292	High Country Printing			Key Bank-Che...	243.00	243.00
Total State Development Camp Expenses								<u>9,521.20</u>
TOTAL								<u>9,521.20</u>

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Transaction Detail By Account
July 2009 through April 2010

<u>Balance</u>
270.80
458.20
2,908.20
5,358.20
6,898.20
9,138.20
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Utah Amateur Hockey Association
Profit & Loss
July 2009 through April 2010

	<u>Jul '09 - Apr 10</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
College Clinic	1,900.80
State Development Camp Fees	4,990.65
State Per Unit Fee	
State per Unit Fee - 2009/10	27,966.50
Total State Per Unit Fee	27,966.50
Tournament Fees	1,320.00
Total Income	36,177.95
Expense	
2009 Winterfest tournament	3,616.48
All Star Festival	621.23
Bank Service Charges	21.00
College Clinic Expenses	1,103.40
District Camp	3,300.00
District Fees	2,677.50
Office Supplies	244.54
One Goal Equipment	12,444.00
Postage and Delivery	241.06
Professional Fees	
Accounting	325.00
Professional Fees - Other	1,790.00
Total Professional Fees	2,115.00
Rent	
Rent-Board Meeting	20.00
Total Rent	20.00
State Development Camp Expenses	9,521.20
Tournaments	
USA National Tournament	700.00
Tournaments - Other	5,817.25
Total Tournaments	6,517.25
Travel & Ent	
Entertainment	2,448.00
Meals	144.08
Travel	1,543.67
Travel & Ent - Other	2,844.91
Total Travel & Ent	6,980.66
Total Expense	49,423.32
Net Ordinary Income	-13,245.37
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Interest Income	8.32
Total Other Income	8.32
Other Expense	
Other Expenses	212.48
Total Other Expense	212.48
Net Other Income	-204.16
Net Income	<u><u>-13,449.53</u></u>

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Utah Amateur Hockey Association
Balance Sheet
As of April 30, 2010

	<u>Apr 30, 10</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Key Bank-Checking	14,990.78
Keybank Savings	30,241.40
Total Checking/Savings	<u>45,232.18</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>45,232.18</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>45,232.18</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	9,088.30
Retained Earnings	47,009.91
Net Income	<u>-10,866.03</u>
Total Equity	<u>45,232.18</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>45,232.18</u>

Utah Amateur Hockey Association - 2010 Utah State Camp

Registration Summary Report

5/3/2010

Birth Yr	Boys	Girls	Total
1992	0	2	2
1993	9	1	10
1994	19	0	19
1995	27	0	27
1996	23	1	24
1997	4	0	4
Total	82	4	86

Total Players Registered	86
Total Registered Online	82
Total Member Families	83
Total Revenue Due	\$8,610.00
Total Revenue Collected	\$8,400.00

Uncleared Account Summary

Total Uncleared Accounts	2
Total Revenue Uncollected	\$210.00

Refund/Adjustment Summary

Total Adjustments	1
Total Revenue Collected	\$105.00
Total Revenue Refunded	(\$105.00)

RE: Upcoming board meeting

Thu Apr 29 2010 19:38:27 GMT-0600 (Mountain Daylight Time)

From: SSchmidt@slco.org

To: dmodrovsky@parkcity.org; delicate_flower@comcast.net; rsovereen@xmission.com; elukacs@provo.utah.gov; jyoungman@utahgrizz.com; puck4wri@yahoo.com; tvillehockey@integra.net; mikem@cve.com; peter.vittands@mountaincenter.com; fredw326@hotmail.com; dsoutter@msn.com; korthit@yahoo.com; hinerman571@comcast.net; hindu91@yahoo.com; geofffisher44@aol.com; mattbrickley@comcast.net; catherine.anderson@jordan.k12.ut.us

Gang,

Here is a brief report on the One Goal gear purchased from Max Rabner. All 40 sets are at the SLC Sports Complex. At this time, approximately 20 sets are in use for my learn to play hockey program. I am charging \$5.00 per set, per 7 week session. I would like to trade roughly 15 sets of the small packages for the larger one. County Ice and Acord Ice never responded or expressed interest in using any of the 40 sets purchased.

From: Debbie Modrovsky [mailto:dmodrovsky@parkcity.org]

Sent: Tue 4/27/2010 5:09 PM

To: Sandy Curtis; Turstee Brighton, Rich Sovereign; Lukacs, Ed; Youngman, Jared; Bateman, Wade; Smith, Kathleen; Shannon Schmidt; Maero, Mike; Vittands, Peter; Wilner, Fred; Soutter, Dave; Korth, Don; Hinerman, Scott; Henderson, Ed; Fisher, Geoff; Brickley, Matt; Anderson, Cathy

Subject: RE: Upcoming board meeting

I will be out of town for the meeting, please give my proxy to Mike Maero.

Report on equipment: I have ordered 138 sticks from the One Goal Program. The cost was \$1,104, we approved \$1,500. The rest of the money approximately \$400 will be needed for shipping but that will be billed separately. They are supposed to be shipped July 1. So far, I have heard from 5 organizations that are interested in getting some of the sticks and that SL County doesn't need any. I will let you know when they arrive.

Debbie Modrovsky

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From: Sandy Curtis [mailto:delicate_flower@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2010 11:20 AM

To: Turstee Brighton, Rich Sovereign; Lukacs, Ed; Youngman, Jared; Bateman, Wade; Smith, Kathleen; Schmidt, Shannon; Maero, Mike; Vittands, Peter; Wilner, Fred; Soutter, Dave; Debbie Modrovsky; Korth, Don;

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Thanks,

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Wed Apr 28 2010 07:17:29 GMT-0600 (Mountain Daylight Time)

From: geofffisher44@aol.com

To: dmodrovsky@parkcity.org; delicate_flower@comcast.net; rsovereen@xmission.com; elukacs@provo.utah.gov; jyoungman@utahgrizz.com; puck4wri@yahoo.com; tvillehockey@integra.net; sschmidt@slco.org; mikem@cve.com; peter.vittands@mountaincenter.com; fredw326@hotmail.com; dsoutter@msn.com; korthit@yahoo.com; hinerman571@comcast.net; hindu91@yahoo.com; mattbrickley@comcast.net; catherine.anderson@jordan.k12.ut.us

Thanks for the update, although not required. All of that is already very well documented.

Geoff

-----Original Message-----

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From: Sandy Curtis [mailto:delicate_flower@comcast.net]

Re: Upcoming board meeting

Tue Apr 27 2010 11:54:31 GMT-0600 (Mountain Daylight Time)

From: ELukacs@provo.utah.gov
To: delicate_flower@comcast.net
Cc: mikem@cve.com

Attachments: Edward Lukacs.vcf (211B)

I will not be in attendance as our summer adult league begins on this date, and I am forced to be in attendance by Provo City. I give my proxy to Mike Maero.

Ed Lukacs
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<http://www.provo.org/peaks.main.html>

>>> On 4/27/2010 at 11:20 AM, in message
<995026160.17932371272388809315.JavaMail.root@sz0156a.emeryville.ca.mail.comcast.net>, Sandy Curtis
<delicate_flower@comcast.net> wrote:

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Thanks,

Sandy Curtis

Fwd: Minutes from April Meeting Sat May 01 2010 13:45:30 GMT-0600 (Mountain Daylight Time)

From: Peter.Vittands@rossignol.com

To: geofffisher44@aol.com; fredw326@hotmail.com; delicate_flower@comcast.net

Not sure I am going to make it Monday.

I feel up to it pretty much. But I can't drive. And I need to take it easy still.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Sandy Curtis <delicate_flower@comcast.net>

Date: May 1, 2010 1:42:32 PM MDT

To: "Turstee Brighton, Rich Sovereign" <rsovereign@xmission.com>, "Lukacs, Ed" <elukacs@provo.utah.gov>, "Youngman, Jared" <jyoungman@utahgrizz.com>, "Bateman, Wade" <puck4wri@yahoo.com>, "Smith, Kathleen" <tvillehockey@integra.net>, "Schmidt, Shannon" <sschmidt@slco.org>, "Maero, Mike" <mikem@cve.com>, "Vittands, Peter" <peter.vittands@mountaincenter.com>, "Wilner, Fred" <fredw326@hotmail.com>, "Soutter, Dave" <dsoutter@msn.com>, "Modrovsky, Debbie" <dmodrovsky@parkcity.org>, "Korth, Don" <korthit@yahoo.com>, "Hinerman, Scott" <hinerman571@comcast.net>, "Henderson, Ed" <hendu91@yahoo.com>, "Fisher, Geoff" <geofffisher44@aol.com>, "Brickley, Matt" <mattbrickley@comcast.net>, "Anderson, Cathy" <catherine.anderson@jordan.k12.ut.us>

Subject: Minutes from April Meeting

Hi All,

The minutes from the April meeting have been posted to the Utah Hockey website. Please take the time to review them prior to our meeting on Monday. We will be meeting at 7:00 pm at the E-Center. Please send your proxy if you will not be in attendance.

Thanks,

Sandy Curtis

UAHA Secretary

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April 23, 2010

To all Adult League Participants/Council Members:

At the USA Hockey Winter Meetings, Fred and I were reminded that minors are not allowed to play in USA Hockey sanctioned adult leagues. We discussed this at the March 1, 2010 Board meeting. At the same meeting, I made a motion, which passed unanimously, that every organization in the State must send their rosters through the Utah State or District Registrar. The March minutes were distributed and approved, unanimously, at our April 5, 2010 Board meeting. On April 15, 2010, I followed up on this topic with an email to the entire State Board. While both Bountiful and Provo responded favorably, one of the other adult programs indicated, "Too late, it is already done. If he needed this for summer he should have let me know before this. I have 2 dozen kids playing with coaches/dads and we have already started the season. It is far too late to undo what has already been started".

Both Fred and I discussed this issue with the District Registrar. He told us, that when a roster is submitted to him with ineligible players, he will cross these players off the list and return the roster to the program. That means that if the league does not remove them from play, they are not in compliance with USA Hockey rules. We know that there is more than one adult league that has done this in the past, continued to let minors play, and obviously not notified all the players in their league that the league is not USA Hockey sanctioned any longer.

I then asked Fred to contact Kelly Grover, the District Risk Manager, for his take on the situation. Kelly responded as follows:

As per page 126-127 of the USA Hockey Annual Guide, Adult Classifications are restricted to players that are 18 years old and above. Allowing players under 18 to participate in an Adult league would cause it to be outside the rules of USA Hockey and all games and practices involving underage players would not be sanctioned by USA Hockey. USA Hockey's insurance covers only sanctioned events. The league should be informed of such and instructed to come in compliance with USA Hockey's registration requirements. If the league chooses to operate outside of these rules, they should be informed, and asked to notify their participants, that no USA Hockey insurance coverage is in place for players, spectators, league officials, coaches, volunteers, referees and any other participants. They should also notify any ice rinks that they use that they are not covered under USA Hockey for these events. I hope this helps.

I next contacted USA Hockey's attorney Peter Lindberg to find out what we should do about this situation and he responded as follows:

Geoff:

Sorry for the delay in responding to your earlier e-mail. Kelly Grover's Tuesday e-mail adequately covers the issue. The team/teams are in violation of our age registration rules and cannot be allowed to compete as such.

PJL

So, as everyone has been advised, and as is stated in our USA Hockey Annual Guide, no minors may be rostered on, or play in any adult league games. If they do so, the game will not be recognized as a USA Hockey sanctioned event and none of the participants – players, coaches, spectators and referees - will be covered under our USA Hockey insurance. If anyone files a claim based on something that occurs during one of these non-sanctioned games, the league, its administrators, UAHA and USA Hockey will not be covered by our D & O coverage as well and are open to personal liability. Any adult league that wishes to continue to play minors in an adult league MUST notify all of the participants – players, coaches and referees – that this is not a USA Hockey league and that they will not be covered under USA Hockey insurance. The rinks where the league plays their games must also be notified that this is not a USA Hockey sanctioned league as well.

Please make sure you get your Adult League rosters to Cathy Anderson to verify eligibility of all of your players and please notify me immediately if you intend to run your league as a non-USA Hockey program. Include in that letter the rink you intend to play your games so I can notify them that this is not a USA Hockey program immediately.

Geoff Fisher
President
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