



Utah Amateur Hockey Association  
Board Meeting  
August 3, 2009  
Utah Olympic Oval

 Call to Order/Approval of minutes from July – Geoff

- Attendance – see attached
- Minutes from July meeting approved. Kathleen Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Wade Bateman 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed unanimously.

 Final discussion on screening process and approval of new P&P – Screening Committee

- Don Korth – CEP coordinator
  - Don mentioned Andy Hill who is a player who was recently in the burn unit at the U of U and is having a difficult time financially. There is a charitable hockey game being planned to help support this family in their time of need. Geoff asked how we can be sure that as a board we know that the money is going to be used for what it is being intended for. Who is the money going to who is raising the money? Shannon said there is a website listing all the information as to who is sponsoring this and where the money is going. An e-mail blast will be sent out to all Utah hockey players and coaches inviting them to participate in this event.
  - Clinics – the clinic season is starting and there is a HS clinic scheduled at Accord on August 29, it is a level 3 clinic. Don encourages everyone to sign up online if possible.
  - P&P for screening process – Don reviewed the P&P document for the new screening process to be added to the UAHA P&P. Geoff made a motion to approve section 9.1 of P&P Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried. With Fred Wilner opposed. Jim Kasper said that there are some issues with the officials registering online for background checks. He said that there are seminars held throughout the year but the rinks don't have internet access so they can't get on the Spectrum website to have this done prior to the clinic and being on the ice. Fred said that they can get on the website prior to the clinic and bring the receipt to the clinic showing that they have been screened. Mike Holmes asked how it will work when

someone is both a ref and a coach. Don said a list will be sent around once a week showing which organization the person is affiliated with. Each sub-affiliate is responsible to check within their own organization to be sure their people are screened. Geoff suggested making the list alphabetical by name, Mike Holmes requested an excel spreadsheet that he can sort. Don will tell Spectrum to send an excel spreadsheet. **Action Item:** Geoff and Scott to look into how the billing will work from UAHA. To make sure that each organization is getting billed only for the people affiliated with that organization. Geoff said that UAHA does not want to become a collection agency, the state should be cc'd on the bill with the bill going directly to each sub-affiliate. Mike Maero made a motion that the Spectrum bills go directly to the sub-affiliate and the state board gets a copy. Jack 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and it passed unanimously. The bill will be sent to the sub-affiliate with a cc to the state board. Discussion followed on the USA Hockey policy and when and how the screening process should take place. Mike Homes asked if there is a statement on the website about the information being accurate and true, if so the data entry can't be done by someone other than the person being screened. Mike said there could be some legal ramifications of someone entering data for someone else.

#### Soderlund/NW Regulators Hearing Appeal – Fred

- There was a disciplinary hearing held prior to the July meeting. Fred said that the board's job is not to retry this again but to be sure that the committee did not violate any rules or regulation in the decision process. Fred asked if the board was ready to vote on the decision. Sandy Curtis read the disciplinary committee's hearing decision. Fred said that we are not going to re-litigate this hearing only determine if the committee made a mistake in their decision. Jack said in his opinion a contract that was executed upon needs to be compensated in full. Wade said that if they got a full contract the year before and knew what was in the contract they should have known what was in the contract for the season in dispute and also pointed out that the contract was signed. Discussion followed on which contract is actually in dispute. Fred said that neither party submitted in writing any modification to the contract for 08-09. Kathleen said she is not sure how the committee came to the 50/50 split for the decision. Jack asked what the realm of authority for the appeal is. Fred said the board needs to either affirm or disagree with the decision of the committee. Shannon asked where the money goes if Erik pays it, Fred said if he paid it right now the money would either go to

Mike who could accept it and end the appeal or it would go into escrow and Erik would be allowed to play until the appeal was decided.

Motion to affirm or reject the panels' decisions:

Fred – Reject

Wade – Reject

Mike – Affirm

Shannon – Reject

Kathleen – Reject

Jack – Reject

Peter – Affirm

Geoff 2 votes – reject (proxy for Debbie Modrovsky)

Discussion followed on what the board should actually be deciding on. Fred said the board can't dispute the facts that were found by the committee.

Kathleen made a motion that the Soderlunds are responsible for the \$7419.00 owed to the Northwest Regulators based on the facts found by the disciplinary committee.

Discussion: Wade said he thinks the board should be only responsible to decide on the contract amount. Fred mentioned that the language of the contract includes interest and court fees. Wade 2<sup>nd</sup>. Geoff called the vote

Fred – no, he thinks they owe the total amount including court fees and interest.

Wade – yes

Mike - abstain

Shannon – yes

Kathleen – yes

Jack – no he agrees with Fred on the amount owed.

Peter- abstain

Geoff – yes for him and Debbie.

Motion carries.

Fred will send notification of the appeal decision to all the parties.

Fred talked about the hearing process. An independent committee was set up, using people that are impartial and not affiliated with the board for the hearing. Fred wants to have a standing committee of former presidents and vice presidents, people who have experience in dealing with these sorts of issues. He feels that this process is as fair as we are going to get using the resources we have available. Mike said he will appeal this as well because he thinks the board recognized that the contract was good so the full amount should have been awarded, including interest and court costs. Mike said his appeal was for the full amount. He feels the board made a mistake by awarding something less than the contract. He is asking for the next step in the appeal process to be included in the decision.


### State Board Jackets – Geoff/Fred


- The board voted to have these jackets made; the board just needs to decide who will get one. Fred needs to know who will get one and then everyone needs to get online and select a size. Fred asked if there was anyone aside from the 11 board members. Cathy said people who are not part of the board should not get a jacket. Fred mentioned Don Korth and Dave Soutter. Jack made a motion to get jackets for all UAHA board members voting and non-voting. Discussion on the issue followed: Shannon asked how much the jackets were going to cost. Fred said they are anywhere from \$70 – 100 depending on the brand and type we get. Wade said that he would decline the jacket. He and Shannon said that they feel they are taking a lot of people's registration money to use for this and they don't agree that the jacket is a good idea. Geoff and Fred said the purpose is to identify the state board members so that they are more visible and people could ask questions. Mike Holmes suggested just buying jackets for the people that attend the meetings. Jack suggested a patch that can be worn on the person's team jacket. Wade says he feels we should try to limit the amount of things like jackets that money spent on it. Fred said he thinks it is important that everyone on this board be more visible in the hockey community. Geoff suggested having the logo made available to people that want to buy their own jacket. Jim said he totally agrees that Fred and Geoff should have some sort of branded clothing to wear to the USA Hockey meetings. Wade said he likes the idea of a patch that can be sewn on to jackets that he already wears all the time. Jim suggested setting up a table in the rinks with board members manning it for answering questions. Jared suggested lanyards that can be worn over jackets. Fred said that the money would be better spent on hiring a good web designer and getting a really good website up and running. Jack rescinded his motion about the jackets and instead Wade made a motion to spend the money that was going to be spent on the jackets in another area. Shannon 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Wade made a motion for the money to be spent on lanyards, website and some official wear for members going to USA Hockey meetings. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion passed unanimously. A discussion followed on a website and how to best get one set up. Wade suggested asking the adult league people if anyone can help with website design.


### Grizzlies open tryouts – Fred and Jared


- Jared said the Utah Grizzlies are doing an open tryout the 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> you must be 19 years old to participate in this camp. It is \$100.00 per person and one person guaranteed will make it to the Grizzlies tryout. Jared supplied posters for people

to put up at the rinks. They are hoping to find several players that can be invited to the Grizzlies camp. Jared also mentioned that they are redoing their website, they are asking for URL's from the different associations and schedules for the teams if available. They are trying to really focus on hockey in the state and building the sport not just at the adult level. Fred said that tickets to the game that will be held during the camp are available from Jared, he will give the tickets to the organizations for free and they can then be sold for \$5 as a fund raiser. Fred said this is a great opportunity for Utah to put some local players on the ice with the Grizzlies and get some exposure. Jared said that there will be people coming in from out of state as well. Jared also mentioned that they are working with the special needs foundation and will be doing a bike ride to raise money for the special needs hockey group. On the opening night game, the Grizzlies players will be escorted out by the special needs players. There are also a couple of adult tournaments being planned for December. Wade would like to get something similar to the Winter games started and going again. Fred mentioned that last year there was grant money available to host an adult league state championship. Fred and Geoff will find out more at the USA Hockey regional meeting in a few weeks. Geoff said the money needs to go toward ice or officials and the amount last year was \$2k.

 TAHA – Geoff needs someone to follow up on what is going with TAHA. Geoff said his understanding is that TAHA has merged teams with WMAHA. Fred will look into this. Sandy will send Fred the e-mail address for Kevin Cook who is the TAHA president.

 Adult - Wade said the adult council is trying set up a meeting and work on the adult league tournament. Geoff said the adult council needs to be sure to have meetings this year. Wade assured Geoff that the adult league will have meetings and they will communicate with the board as to what is happening. Wade wants to expand the adult division in the coming years and develop some type of winter games.

 Youth – Shannon said the youth council will meet prior to the next state board meeting and have a report then.

 HS – no report

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by:

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**RE: July Minutes**

Monday, August 03, 2009 11:24:43 AM

From: dmodrovsky@parkcity.org

To: delicate\_\_flower@comcast.net

Attachments: Debbie Modrovsky (dmodrovsky@parkcity.org).vcf (313B)

Hi Sandy,

I am sorry, I can not attend tonight, I start teaching a Learn to Play tonight. I give my proxy to Geoff Fisher. I am working on the women's team contacts but no one plays in the summer so I still have a few open items.

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**From:** Sandy Curtis [mailto:delicate\_\_flower@comcast.net]**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2009 10:58 AM**To:** Bateman, Wade; Smith, Kathleen; Schmidt, Shannon; Maero, Mike; Vittands, Peter; Wilner, Fred; Soutter, Dave; Debbie Modrovsky; Maxfield, Teri; Korth, Don; Hinerman, Scott; Henderson, Ed; Fisher, Geoff; Brickley, Matt; Anderson, Cathy**Subject:** July Minutes

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- Finances
- Reports from Councils

Have a great day...see you all tonight.

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**Re: July Minutes****Monday, August 03, 2009 1:51:10 PM****From:** Peter.Vittands@rossignol.com**To:** delicate\_\_flower@comcast.net**Cc:** geofffisher44@aol.com

I am out of town and sadly will not be able to attend the state meeting.

I would like geoff Fischer to have my proxy for votes, except for the soderlund appeal.

I vote to uphold the previous committees decision. This is a difficult situation and I am sure it will not be resolved by uaha. Best recourse is to move it along the chain.

I do not see any reason for the state to continue to review it. We will not get anywhere.

On Aug 3, 2009, at 12:57 PM, "Sandy Curtis"  
<delicate\_\_flower@comcast.net> wrote:

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