

UAHA Board Meeting  
June 7, 2010



- Call to Order, and Proxies
- Approval of Minutes from May Meeting
- Special Needs Grant – Mike Holmes
- Utah Union Spring Team – Todd Ferrario
- Finances – Scott Hinerman
- Follow up on ACHA/USA Hockey registration process - Geoff
- Use of UAHA website – Sandy Curtis
- Update on player counts – Geoff and Sandy
- New Board Members – Geoff
- Coaching Association and ADM Clinic – Fred Wilner
- Adult League Follow Up on underage players – Wade and Matt
- TST Media Logo Wear Store front – Sandy

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm

Approval of minutes from May meeting: Geoff made motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting with no amendments, Fred 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed unanimously

Mike Holmes: submitted the request for the special needs program in October and wants to follow up on the status of his request. Mike Maero said it comes back to the fact that we don't know what we bring in every year so we don't know if we have the money or not. Geoff said we bring in about \$30k per year based on the fees we charge times the number of people that register. Geoff said this year we spent a little more because we purchased one goal gear and spent more on the state camp. Mike Maero said he thinks it is a worthy cause but he agrees with Wade that it should be a regular budget item. Scott said we have about \$43k in cash at the moment. Mike Holmes said that it costs between 12 and 16k to run the program with the big ticket item being the ice and if they have to buy gear that is also an extra expense. Everyone agrees that this is a great program but the concern is the amount of \$4k. The majority of the concern was around the amount of money already spent on the one goal gear. Mike Maero made a motion that the board approve an amount equal to what was paid two years ago to the special needs teams, in the amount of \$3800.00. Debbie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion: Geoff said that we need to close the doors on handing out money in the future and figure out what we are going to do in advance, we have been giving matching grants out with no application process and no way to get the matching grant money available from USA Hockey. More discussion followed on what the grant process should be in the future. Scott reported on the UAHA Financials in order to give everyone an idea of where we are financially. Finances are posted to the website. Geoff called the voted. Passed unanimously.

Geoff said that we need to have a budget meeting. Debbie said she has a grant application that she can provide if that would help with future grants for in state programs. Geoff said that he now has a template from USA Hockey.

Utah Union Spring team: Todd Ferrario, Chris Lilley and Jon Solomon were at the meeting to give an update on the Utah Union Spring team. This team was a 98 team this year and they would like to expand it in the future. See attached document provided by the group. The purpose of this team was to bring together

kids that normally play against each other to play together and make friends. The intent of this is to keep the politics out of it and provide an environment where kids can develop skills and make friends and play some tournaments against like age groups. They are asking for the state to take over the program – see ASK page in provided document. Don asked why they don't just take it over and do it themselves. Todd said that they are not a sub-affiliate and rostered under another organization for this spring season. Jon Solomon spoke regarding the Utah Union team from a coach's standpoint. He said it was nice to be able to work with some kids that he didn't know and the parents were pretty relaxed because it was summer hockey. He said at 1<sup>st</sup> the kids were organization specific but by the end of the week they were all one team. Jon said that being a coach without a son on the team was actually a motivator for him because he got to work with some kids that he didn't know before. Geoff had questions about timeline, level of play and what age groups this will be available for. Todd said they did about 4 weeks of training before the tournament. Peter asked how many divisions were in the tournament that they attended. We could integrate this with the festival teams and either offer to host a festival venue or pick a tournament like the Utah Union team did. They got the word out mostly by word of mouth and posting flyers and posters at all the rinks. Discussion followed on how we can make this bigger and better next year. The group is asking the board to take this over and they offered to help.

Follow up on the ACHA/USA Hockey process: Bruce said that college players register under the ACHA and are given a number and we can get the number so that the college age kids can play in adult leagues.

Use of the UAHA website. It was suggested that we have a separate section for non state stuff with a disclaimer that the events listed on this page are not state sponsored events. Geoff said that one thing that has helped AZ rebuild their program is being as inclusive as possible as it built more unity within the state. It needs to be an event hosted in Utah. Geoff said that allowing use of a mass email and posting something on our website are two different things. Peter suggested that we post camps and clinics but not private instruction or lessons. Peter made a motion that we post any organized Utah hockey related camp or clinic but no private or semi-private instruction on a separate page with a disclaimer that these are not UAHA/USA Hockey sanctioned events. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>. Pass unanimously.

Player Counts – There was a discussion on the player counts and how it works.

New Board Members – A discussion was held on the vacant youth council position. Shannon Schmidt resigned due to taking on additional responsibility. The youth council had a meeting in January. Geoff said that in order to have council meetings take place we will rotate them through and meet before the State Board meeting. The Youth Council will contact all its members and notify them of the meeting.

Geoff made motion to send Sandy to the National Congress instead of Wade since Wade cannot attend. Peter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed Unanimously.

Coaching association and ADM Clinic – the coaching association held a meeting during the district camp. No nominations have been received for the coach's association board. Fred said that we are not making very good progress on this. Don spoke to the CEP guy from Minn and he said it is a very difficult thing to put together. Don said that he would like to get with Fred and discuss how they can pursue it better. Peter suggested getting coaches involved with helping to grow the game state wide. Mike asked what the goal is for this association: Don said the 1<sup>st</sup> goal is support for the coaches and education for helping them improve and to give them some recognition. Debbie said that it is hard as a coach to have another thing to do on top of all the time they give to their individual organizations.

Fred said that the ADM clinic will be the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of September after talking to Joe Doyle he asked that no one schedule any other clinics or seminars that weekend. Fred said he would like to see some kind of rule that each organization needs to send a certain number of coaches to each of these events. It is important that we have representation from every organization at all of our state events.

Adult League Follow Up – Fred said that he and Geoff will discuss the age problem at the National Congress meeting and see if USA Hockey will set allowances or a separate classification so we don't have kids falling through the cracks. Rae told Geoff that the youth divisions go by birth year but adult divisions go by birth day so when a person turns 18 they can play both youth and adult. Debbie asked if they could also address the issue for the Girl/Women's division. Fred asked what we do if we find out an adult league is playing a minor player. As a state we have instructed all adult leagues that they are not to play underage players. Mike

suggested sending out a registered letter to all the adult league registrars stating that they must be in compliance with this rule or they will be suspended.

TST Media Store – TST Is offering a no cost to us store front for selling logo gear. The board decided to go ahead and turn this on.

Fred said that DHGate.com has NHL jerseys for sale for \$30.00

The next meeting will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> at the E-Center.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.