

# UAHA Monthly Business Meeting

November 1, 2010

Maverick Center – Press Room



- Approval of minutes from October
  - Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm
  - Minutes from October – Kathleen motion to approve, Debbie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed, Wade abstained.
- Lochhead Suspension Appeal – Fred Wilner
  - Mike Holmes representing the NW Regulators and Chris Lochhead were in attendance to appeal the committee decision regarding Nick Lochheads suspension for non-payment of fees. Fred read the disciplinary committee’s decision and facts associated with the hearing. Geoff asked Mike what he specifically is appealing, Mike said he is appealing the amount of money that is owed he feels the disciplinary committee made an omission in not including the late fees and interest. The amount should actually be \$1989.76 which includes the late fees and interest accrued, if the \$2,000.00 has been returned to the NW Regulators account. There was discussion and questions from the board. Fred reviewed for the board what took place at the hearing and Sandy read some excerpts from the minutes from the hearing to clarify some of the details of what took place. The board entered a closed door discussion and vote on this appeal. Wade made a motion to uphold the decision of the disciplinary committee at the time it was made. Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed. Fred abstained. The door was re-opened and Geoff read the decision of the full UAHA Board and informed both parties as to the appeal process for appeal of this decision to the USA Hockey Executive committee.
- Girls ADM Representative – Geoff Fisher
  - There was a meeting on Sept 19 for Girls hockey within the district and at that time there was a request for a representative from Utah to represent the girls section for ADM and Shannon Schmidt was nominated for this position. Wade objected on the grounds that his perception is that the county does not participate with UAHA events and expressed a concern that a full time county employee may not be the best person to represent the states interest. Debbie said Shannon does represent and work with all the girls in the state. A question was raised as to what Shannon’s level of participation in the ADM program has been in the past. Fred said that for the last ADM clinic Shannon participated.

Geoff also mentioned that Joe Doyle has met with Shannon and the girls/womens group supports Shannon in this. Discussion followed on this. Geoff called for a motion to approve Shannon for this position. Debbie made a motion to approve Shannon as the ADM representative for the Girls for the state of Utah. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup> motion carried. Wade abstained.

- Update on UAHA Projector – Peter Vittands
  - Peter submitted a quote of about \$1200.00 which includes service for 3 years. See attached specs and price quote. Ed said that WIHOA has 3 and they haven't had any problems with them. Peter will purchase a Dell projector since the board already voted in October to approve the purchase.
- Utah State Camp, Utah Union Teams – Peter Vittands
  - Peter said that ice has been booked and dates have been set as March 11 - 13. Todd Ferrario attended the meeting to present the summary what they found last year with the Utah Union Teams and how to make it work better this year. It will be separate from but in conjunction with the state camp. The Utah Union would fall under the Tier program and would like to put together more teams for this year. The intention is to increase player count at the district camp and to replace the Festival teams from past years without having to rely on the other states in our district for tournaments. A single summer tournament will be selected and played by the teams put together. See attached outline provided by Todd. Todd is asking the board if they want to do this so that a committee can be put together and marketing items can be sent out. The 2<sup>nd</sup> request is can these teams still use the logo and name from last year. Questions and discussion followed on the logistics and intention of these teams and whether or not these teams are necessary. There was an opinion presented that these teams are only for travel players and will not benefit house/rec players at all. Comments were made that it is fine that the teams are put in place but that the board should not be involved with it. Geoff made a motion that the state board support the creation of the Utah Union teams for next summer and allow the use of the name Utah for these teams. 3 in favor 3 opposed. Mike abstained. The vote was 3 to 3 Geoff Fisher is the tie breaker and voted for. The motion carries.
- WMAHA Tier I teams – Peter Vittands
  - Peter said that currently the state bylaws allow for only 1 tier 1 organization. Any additional tier 1 teams need to be approved by the state board. WMAHA is asking that they be allowed to organize and run Tier 1 teams in parallel with or in replacement to the NW Regulators organization. Questions and discussion followed. Geoff asked Peter to explain a little bit more about the structure of their proposed Tier 1 organization. Geoff mentioned the USA Hockey guideline of

5% of kids in an age group playing at the Tier 1 level. Currently between U16 and U18 Mike said he has about 18 Utah kids. There are probably more in the state that could play at this level but declined for various reasons and several players have gone out of state. Mike Holmes expressed concern with having too many Tier 1 teams in the state and watering down the pool of players to the point where no teams are competitive. The board discussion led to the conclusion that there is not room for 2 tier 1 teams in the state. Peter asked what the process for evaluation and decision is on what organization should run tier 1 hockey. Peter suggested that an application process for Tier 1 needs to be implemented. Suggestion was also made that this needs to be implemented for Tier II as well. Fred suggested that Peter come to the board with a proposal as to why a tier 1 program under WMAHA would be of benefit to the state. Peter withdrew his request for WMAHA to field Tier 1 teams.

- Wade and Theresa left at 10:00 pm.
- Bylaws revisions – Board vote - Per the current bylaws, we need 6 of 8 votes to approve the bylaws; there are 6 voting members currently in attendance. Discussion: Debbie asked about section 3.1.7 on page 5 that says house teams must participate in the URL and section 6.6 regarding Proxy voting. Discussion followed on both of these items. Debbie also asked about page 15 regarding conflict of interest. Geoff explained the intention of this section to Debbie. On page 17 Section 8.6 letter F, she asked why the wording about the President only voting in case of a tie is being removed. Geoff said that it was actually suggested by Peter Lindburg that he should only vote in the case of a tie so he is okay if that gets left as is. Mike Maero said he has an issue with the way 3.1.7 is written regarding participation in the URL. Geoff suggested we take that part out and address the mentioned issues in a different way. Debbie made a motion that we approve the proposed bylaws as submitted with the exception of 3.1.7 and section 8.6 letter F these 2 items will remain as they were in the original bylaws. Kathleen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.
- Try it for Free Event – Fred Wilner
  - There will be a Try it for Free clinic on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the E-Center. Geoff needs some adult size helmets for the try it for free. He is asking the board to approve the purchase of 10 helmets at the lowest price he can find. Jared said he thinks he has 5 or 6. Fred made a motion to approve \$750.00 for helmets for the try it for free. Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 pm

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## Re: Meeting Tonight

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**From :** DAVE SOUTTER <dsoutter@msn.com>

Mon Nov 01 2010 9:10:44 AM

**Subject :** Re: Meeting Tonight

**To :** Geoff Fisher <geofffisher44@aol.com>, pvittands@gmail.com, steve metcalf <steve.metcalf@olyparks.com>, rsovereen@xmission.com, elukacs@provo.utah.gov, jyoungman@utahgrizz.com, puck4wri@yahoo.com, tvillehockey@integra.net, mikem@cve.com, fredw326@hotmail.com, dmodrovsky@parkcity.org, korthit@yahoo.com, hinerman571@comcast.net, hendu91@yahoo.com, catherine anderson <catherine.anderson@jordan.k12.ut.us>, Sandy Curtis <delicate\_flower@comcast.net>

Sandy:

I cannot attend tonight's meeting. Sorry for the late notice.

Just an FYI: I will be in Chicago Nov. 11-14 attending the National Coaches Symposium which will focus on the ADM Model. I will report to the Board next month with what is covered in the meetings.

Thanks,

Dave Soutter

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

**From:** [Sandy Curtis](#)

**To:** [Fisher, Geoff](#) ; [pvittands@gmail.com](#) ; [steve.metcalf@olyparks.com](#) ; [rsovereen@xmission.com](#) ; [elukacs@provo.utah.gov](#) ; [jyoungman@utahgrizz.com](#) ; [puck4wri@yahoo.com](#) ; [tvillehockey@integra.net](#) ; [mikem@cve.com](#) ; [fredw326@hotmail.com](#) ; [dsoutter@msn.com](#) ; [dmodrovsky@parkcity.org](#) ; [korthit@yahoo.com](#) ; [hinerman571@comcast.net](#) ; [hendu91@yahoo.com](#) ; [catherine.anderson@jordan.k12.ut.us](#)

**Sent:** Monday, November 01, 2010 8:58 AM

**Subject:** Meeting Tonight

All,

Just a final reminder that our monthly UAHA board meeting is tonight at 7:00 pm at the Maverick Center, we will be in the press room. Please send me any proxies you have by no later than 2 pm today as I will not have access to my computer after that time, if I do not receive your proxy by that time your vote will not count. As we are voting on bylaw changes tonight we really need everyone in attendance if possible. I will have the agenda for tonight posted shortly.

Wade, I got your email about your work schedule and have placed the voting last on the agenda, we do have a suspension appeal that we most likely will not be able to hold until the end but hopefully that won't be an issue for you, it is a fee dispute.

Have a great day,

Sandy Curtis

UAHA Secretary

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**Re: ADM Girls Representative**

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**From :** geofffisher44@aol.com

Tue Oct 12 2010 8:13:21 AM

**Subject :** Re: ADM Girls Representative**To :** dmarietti@msn.com**Cc :** dmodrovsky@parkcity.org, SSchmidt@slco.org, delicate flower  
<delicate\_flower@comcast.net>

yes,

I will put it on the agenda for our Nov meeting.

Geoff

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

From: DENNIS DIANE MARIETTI &lt;dmarietti@msn.com&gt;

To: Geofffisher44 &lt;Geofffisher44@aol.com&gt;

Cc: debbie modrovsky &lt;dmodrovsky@parkcity.org&gt;; Shannon Schmidt &lt;SSchmidt@slco.org&gt;

Sent: Mon, Oct 11, 2010 9:29 pm

Subject: ADM Girls Representative

Hi Geoff,

On Saturday I attended the District Hockey meeting held at the Crystal Inn in SLC sponsored by Bruce Karinan. It was a great meeting, specifically for Girls/Women's hockey. During the meeting Bruce asked us to find a American Development Model (ADM) representative from each state to work with Michele Amidon who is the new ADM Liason. I talked to Shannon Schmidt who was also present at the meeting, and he is interested in this role for Utah. He has an interest in Girl's hockey and is forming a U14 team to participate in our upcoming District tournament March 3-6, 2011.

Can you either approve this nomination or bring to the board for a vote if necessary and let me know? Once I hear back from you, I will respond to Bruce's request.

Thanks!

Diane Marietti

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**Items for monday**

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**From :** Pete V <pvittands@gmail.com>

Sun Oct 31 2010 12:30:20 PM

**Subject :** Items for monday**To :** Sandy Curtis <delicate\_flower@comcast.net>**Cc :** Fred Wilner <fredw326@hotmail.com>, Geoff Fisher <geofffisher44@aol.com>

Sandy,

Can you change my email on state stuff to this one? pvittands@gmail.com

For Mondays agenda...

I would like to make official these items and determine whether the board wants me to continue with it.

Utah Union

Utah state camp

as part of this we will do the selections for district camp, and as a tryout for the utah union teams for summer tourney play (most likely anaheim). Use out of state evaluators again for district camp selections, and use them as mentors for the instate process of selection for union teams. i don't want any head coach for union doing their own child age group.

I will get committees together for both, but there is a lot of cross over so it makes sense to do both together.

For WMAHA items

WMAHA is asking for 1 of 2 things.

1) board authorization to run tier 1 teams in addition to regulators

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2) board authorization to run the only tier 1 teams in utah.

This tier 1 org will be run under WMAHA's non profit tax ID, but will have a 3 person management board separate but in cooperation with the WMAHA board.

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# Utah Union Committee Outline

## Committee Structure –

- Governing body would be the Utah Amateur Hockey Association
- Committee would report directly to Tier Rep.
- Volunteer committee with Chair responsible for –
  - Committee members and meetings
  - Utah Union P&P's to include – mission, overview, budget template, uniform regulations, coaching assignments, travel, etc.
  - Reports to Tier Rep. and UAHA board

## Beta Test –

- 2010                                98'/99' Utah Union Team
- Coach/Manager                Jon Solomon/Chris Lilley
- Outcome                            Successful response from both players and parents

## 2011 –

- 4 Utah Union Teams ( player birth year 96', 97', 98', 99')

## Committee Responsibilities –

- Create coaching list w/committee recommendations (guidelines?)
- Create tournament list, Memorial weekend, w/committee recommendations
- Create "Team Budget Template"
- Research and present logo and uniform recommendations
- Secure supplier, sizes, numbers and purchase uniforms
- Assist in the creation of marketing collateral to coincide with State Camp
- Assist/Volunteer with UAHA – State Camp, team posting, notification, etc.
- Act as liaison between UAHA and Utah Union coaches and managers
- Reserve/book practice ice and tournament
- Hold initial team meeting, for each team, to – welcome players and parents, introduce coach, outline practice and tournament schedule, fees, uniforms, etc.
- Assist team manager with tournament travel, schedule, etc.

## Fee's and Schedule – (based on 16 player roster – 14 skaters, 2 goalies)

- **\$275 per player (\$4400)**
    - Practice ice (7-1hr @ \$160)                                1120
    - Tournament                                                        1200
    - Uniforms                                                            1280
    - Travel (head coach expense)                                500
    - UAHA (program sustainability)                                250
- TOTAL            \$4350**

**Notes –**

- Fee's **DON'T** include State Camp try-out fee
- Uniforms – Jersey, socks and hoody (co-branded UAHA and Utah Union)
  - I think, for marketing purposes, uniforms are an important aspect.
  - Great takeaway for the players, we will see them at stick and pucks, drop-ins, 3 on 3 and practices for years to come.
  - Co-branding on the hoody has two benefits
    - More recognition of UAHA logo and associations dedication to the growth of hockey in our state
    - A less formal piece of apparel will be worn more than traditional “hockey” jacket
- Tonight's action items –
  - Committee approval and direction
  - Utah Union name and logo approval, other?
- **FOCUS** – This programs focus should be strongly based in increasing player participation in our State Camp. The exposure to “the process” of try outs is a valuable tool as a player progresses and should give players specific skills to improve on for the upcoming season. The Utah Union team also gives players another, more achievable, goal. The more kids that feel they “have a chance” to succeed will only increase participation. This program still fits with the ADM model that has been adopted by our state. The Utah Union team does extend the season; however, it is short in duration and gives players a chance to participate in other sport/summer activities.