

UPPER ST. CLAIR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting—April 24, 2017 (at Ice Castle)

Board Members Present

Frank Buonomo
Holly Perella
Bill Goodman
Mike Daley
Prashant Gosai
Erik Happ
David Finn
John McShane
Dave Speer
Jesse Sweet

Board Members

Absent

Brad Sileo

Additional

Attendees

Erica Goodman
Becky McKeever
Laurie Petito

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Frank Buonomo at approximately 8:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the Secretary

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Association's April 3, 2017 annual meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Report of the VP—Director of Operations and Coaching

- Mike Daley reported on the status of coaching at the Varsity and JV levels.
- As previously determined, Ray Conway will be the Varsity Head Coach for the 2017-18 season.
- Christian Hanson has agreed to be an assistant coach for Varsity at no cost to the organization.
- There are openings for two assistant coaches for Varsity. Frank Buonomo will speak with Dave Barnes about potential candidates. Erik Happ will call Matt Schwartz to gauge his interest in an assistant coaching position with Varsity.
- The status of Dave Andrews (JV coach from 2016-17) has not yet been resolved. Mike Daley will continue to have discussions with him.
- Discussion was held regarding the possibility of increasing pay in the future for coaches at the Varsity and JV levels. No votes were taken and no decisions were made.
- Discussion was held regarding the goalie situation for Middle School.
 - Six goalies tried out.
 - An additional goalie tryout session will be conducted to re-evaluate all of the goalies.

Report of the VP—Registrar Report

- Holly Perella had no new information to report.
- Holly stated that she needs rosters for all USC teams for the 2017-18 season. Those rosters will be provided to Holly as soon as they are all complete.

Report of the VP—Fundraising

- Bill Goodman presented a report on the status of fundraising.
- Bill presented several ideas for potential fundraisers. These ideas included:
 - A raffle of 250 tickets at \$100/ticket to provide season tickets for the Steelers for next season.
 - A similar raffle for Penguin tickets for next season.
 - A similar raffle for rounds at 5-10 premier golf courses in the Pittsburgh area.
 - A USC Hockey kick-off event.
 - A USC Hockey alumni game.
 - Recognition of the 30th anniversary of the 1987 USC Hockey State Championship team.
- It was agreed that more information needs to be provided to Bill before finalizing plans. Specifically:
 - Bill will receive a list showing the total number of families in the USC Hockey organization (from Junior Panthers through Varsity).
 - Frank Buonomo and Dave Speer will provide Bill with a target dollar amount as a fundraising goal for the season.

Treasurer's Report

- Dave Speer presented the Treasurer's report.
- Dave stated that the organization's finances are in good shape and are stable.
- Numbers are not yet known because 2017-18 revenues and expenses are not finalized, but the plan is to operate in a continued stable manner and to leave a buffer of \$8,000 to \$15,000 at the end of the season.

Director of Communications' Report

- Erik Happ presented a report on Communications.
- Erik noted that the disparate communications platforms utilized by the organization in recent years have led to difficulties in communicating with all families in the organization.
- It was noted that the organization has utilized the online registration platform from Sportsengine.
- A more complete version of the Sportsengine platform is available at a cost of \$650 annually.

- The complete platform allows for additional uses beyond registration. These include email communication, texting, scheduling, receiving payments and setting up mobile apps for members of the organization (both parents and players) to track rosters, schedules, etc.
- Discussion was also held regarding Blue Sombrero, a similar platform sponsored by Dick's Sporting Goods, which has been offered to the organization at no cost.
- It was acknowledged that the Sportsengine platform has already been used for registrations, and going to a separate system could create confusion and dissatisfaction.
- A motion was made to approve the expenditure of \$650 for the full Sportsengine platform. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

PIHL Representative's Report

- Prashant Gosai presented the PIHL Representative's report.
- A question was raised regarding whether the organization sent a representative to the PIHL Annual Meeting on April 12. No one from the current Board attended, but it is possible that Michelle Fisher attended. Dave Finn stated that he would inquire with Michelle Fisher.
- It was noted that Prashant Gosai had notified the Board several times well in advance of the PIHL Annual Meeting that he would be unable to attend.
- If no one attended, the organization could be fined. The fine was estimated at around \$100.
- The next PIHL meeting is in June 14, 2017.

Report of the Member-at-Large

- Brad Sileo was unable to attend the meeting due to last-minute business travel. Therefore no report was presented.

Equipment Manager's Report

- John McShane presented the Equipment Manager's report.
- John stated that equipment orders will be taken for the upcoming season during Varsity and JV tryouts on May 9.
- Players who make the Varsity team may need to order and pay for the third jersey at a later date.
- It was agreed that all high school players would be required to wear USC shells.

Report on Junior Panthers

- Cormac McCarthy was unable to attend the meeting. Therefore no report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

- There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Several items of new business were discussed:
 1. Frank Buonomo stated that he is interested in having the Board form committees on various topics such as fundraising, bylaws and community involvement. Jesse Sweet volunteered to chair a committee to review the current bylaws and recommend potential changes.
 2. Discussion was held regarding USC Community Day, which will be on May 20, 2017.
 3. Becky McKeever provided an update to the Board on the Mentor Program. Becky will manage the program together with Pam Giacobbe. Their sons, Sam and Quinn respectively, will captain the program together. Becky passed out a sheet showing the mission statement and associated plans for the Mentor Program. A meeting for the program will be conducted after the Varsity and JV rosters are completed.
 4. Frank Buonomo discussed his goal for the organization to have a formal mission statement along with documented core values and goals. Frank will work on a draft and share it with others to seek input.
 5. Discussion was held regarding the idea of having regularly-scheduled Board meetings. It was agreed that Board meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. unless a decision is made to skip a month.
 6. Mike Daley noted that the roster for the USC Varsity summer team for the Bethel Park league has 24 players. Games have already been scheduled, so it is too late to split the roster into two teams. Laurie Petito will email the families of the rostered players to find out what games players will miss for sure. In the event that more than 18 players are available for any game, there will have to be scratches. Scratches will be done equitably throughout the summer season.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on May 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Ice Castle

Meeting concluded at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse Sweet, Secretary