

UPPER ST. CLAIR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting—August 16, 2017 (at Ice Castle)

Board Members Present

Frank Buonomo
Mike Daley
Dave Speer
Laurie Petito
Holly Perella
Prashant Gosai
Erik Happ
Laura Schuster
John McShane
Jesse Sweet

Board Members

Absent

Brad Sileo
David Finn
Ed Gausa
Brian Ruffner

Additional

Attendees

None

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Frank Buonomo at approximately 7:05 p.m.

- Frank welcomed two new board members: Laura Schuster will be the business manager of MS1 and Brian Ruffner will be the business manager of MS2.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the Secretary

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Board's June 21, 2017 board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Report of the VP—Director of Operations and Coaching

- Mike Daley reported that he had recently conducted a coaches meeting for all USC hockey coaches.
- Coach Becinski has selected former USC player Elliot Stevenson as an assistant coach on JV.
- Mike stated that he will be using money already allocated in the budget for the purchase of various coaching tools and necessary items (i.e. water bottles, pucks, practice equipment).
- It was noted that the board needs to appoint someone to serve as the organization's Safe Sport Coordinator. Frank Buonomo volunteered to take on the role, as he already serves in the same role for the Pittsburgh Predators.
- Mike noted that the school will conduct a pep rally on August 31, and all teams will be invited, including hockey teams.

Report of the VP—Registrar Report

- Holly Perella stated that she has not received confirmation that all coaches have completed their various certifications and training. Holly stated that she needs these items for all coaches in order to finalize rosters with PIHL.
- Player rosters are in good shape; a few birth certificates are needed for new MS players.
- Discussion was held regarding the small MS2 roster. It was agreed that an email would be sent to MS1 families seeking volunteers for players to be rostered on MS2 but play on MS1 as call-ups.

Report of the VP—Fundraising

- Bill Goodman was absent and did not present a report.
- The 2017 Steeler season ticket fundraiser was discussed. The board noted that despite difficulty in selling tickets, everyone would focus efforts and try to sell as many tickets as they can.
- Initial discussion was held regarding potential future fundraisers; the discussion was tabled to future meetings.

Treasurer's Report

- Dave Speer presented the Treasurer's report.
- Dave stated that the organization's finances are in good shape and are stable.
- Online payments are now being processed. It was noted that the association is charged a small percentage (less than 3%) for credit card payments

Director of Communications' Report

- Erik Happ provided an update on the organization's move to the SportsEngine platform.
- The organization web site has been updated and improved.
- Team pages are up and running for each team. Business managers have the ability to make changes to their specific team pages.
- Re-registration (for the purpose of allowing/mandating online payment) is underway.

PIHL Representative's Report

- Prashant Gosai reiterated Holly Perella's statement that coaches need to complete their various certifications and training requirements.
- Prashant noted that minutes from the most recent PIHL meeting had been circulated to the Board.
- It was noted that the PIHL season starts earlier than usual this year.

Report of the Member-at-Large

- Brad Sileo was absent from the meeting; no report was presented.

Equipment Manager's Report

- John McShane noted that all uniform monies have been collected, and that the uniform order was just finished. Uniforms will be distributed to the teams shortly.
- Discussion was held regarding spirit wear.
- A “marquee item” can be created each year and sold on a cost-neutral basis via the organization’s web site.
- Other possibilities were discussed, including opening a team store online, which can be done through SportsEngine, as well as whether the organization should pay for each player to receive a t-shirt.
- No final decisions were made regarding most of these items, but they will be discussed further at upcoming meetings.

Report on Junior Panthers

- Cormac McCarthy was not present and did not provide an update on Junior Panthers.
- Frank Buonomo noted that registrations are underway and to-date, about 60 players have registered.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board noted that all teams now have business managers in place...

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion was held regarding parent meetings for MS and JV. Meeting dates will be selected and emails will be sent out to the families.
- Discussion was held regarding whether families should receive a refund of their commitment fee if they changed their mind about participating in the season. The Board agreed that the non-refundable nature of the commitment fee was known, and the fees would not be returned.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on September 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Ice Castle

Meeting concluded at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jesse Sweet, Secretary