

UPPER ST. CLAIR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting—September 20, 2017 (at Ice Castle)

Board Members Present

Frank Buonomo
Mike Daley
Dave Speer
Laurie Petito
Holly Perella
Prashant Gosai
Erik Happ
Brad Sileo
John McShane
Brian Ruffner
Ed Gausa

**Board Members
Absent**

Jesse Sweet
David Finn
Laura Schuster
Bill Goodman

**Additional
Attendees**

None

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Frank Buonomo at approximately 7:00 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the Secretary

- Jesse Sweet was absent. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Board’s August 16, 2017 board meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Report of the VP—Director of Operations and Coaching

- Mike Daley reported on a meeting held with the varsity players after practice on September 19. Discipline and accountability were main topics.
- Discussion ensued. The Board agreed to share draft team rules among the Board for review, and then distribute to the players for each player to sign. Consensus among the Board was that it is expected for coaches to discipline players for breaking team rules and important to keep the VP—Director of Operations and Coaching informed.
- 3rd coach for varsity – Hanson – has not shown up for any events or returned any calls. He is considered out as coach at this point. Board confirmed with Holly that all the other coaches are rostered so they can be on the varsity bench
- Dave Andrews is ramping up to work with goalies at all levels on a fixed schedule
- Mike will meet with Ray Conway to review rules and discipline, coaching situation etc.
- Workouts – Mike and Frank to review schedule with coaches and look to set up workouts on appropriate days for High School players for the next 2 months.
- Physicals – Several still need to complete at the varsity and JV level. We are on the honor system with the school to get this done

Report of the VP—Registrar Report

- Holly Perella presented the VP—Registrar’s report. Holly stated that all transfers have been approved, and all players are set on rosters.
- All coaches are properly rostered except for a few minor issues that will be cleared up soon. PIHL is OK with our status.
- Discussion was held regarding whether clearances are necessary for Board members
- It was noted that these clearances are not required for Board members by PIHL or USA Hockey.
- A motion was made to not require full clearances for board members. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- George Giacobbe is the Safesport rep for varsity.

Report of the VP—Fundraising

- The Pittsburgh Steelers season ticket fundraiser generated \$16,300. The Board thanked Bill Goodman for this huge success. Thoughts for the future were discussed:
 - Consideration will be given to making the fundraiser mandatory or adding incentives (e.g. free warm-ups if you sell 5)
 - Outreach meeting with Chrissy Sileo still pending. Bill and Frank will coordinate this meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

- Dave Speer presented the Treasurer’s report.
- The association’s current bank balance is \$17,725 with about \$30k in checks pending, ~\$32,000 outstanding on payment plan.
- All families are paid or on plan – no one is in arrears.
- Forecast for the year - \$168k revenue, maybe \$22k surplus at end of seasons
- Coach salaries were discussed.
- Preliminary discussion was held regarding the 2018-19 budget.

Director of Communications’ Report

- Erik Happ presented the Communications report.
- All practices and games have been loaded into SportsEngine. Seems to be working well.
- Junior Panthers will also be included on SportsEngine there when their schedule is finished.
- USC Athletics has an updated website. Hockey will be included – <http://uscspathletics.com/>
- The Board will work to promote the hockey teams within the schools.

PIHL Representative's Report

- Prashant Gosai presented the PIHL Representative's Report.
- Penguins free game – PIHL will not participate this year due to mix-up in ticket requests. Most kids tend to go with amateur teams anyway.
- Assessments were as expected/budgeted.

Report of the Member-at-Large

- Brad Sileo took notes in the Secretary's absence.

Equipment Manager's Report

- John McShane presented the Equipment Manager's Report.
- The sweatshirt sale has resulted in 45 sales to 30 different families.
- It was noted that the Board had approved the purchase of t-shirts for all players to generate spirit and brand.
- Discussion was held regarding whether to make the t-shirt purchase an annual event to support the program.
- A motion was made to add \$1,000 to the 2017-2018 budget to purchase the t-shirts, and to advise board to include this amount in 2018-2019. The motion was seconded.
 - The motion passed, with 9 votes in favor and 1 abstention.
 - John noted that about 225 extra USC hockey hats were donated to the Board by Pete Gialames. The hats contain logos of Operation Hat Trick and USC Hockey.
 - The Board agreed to give hats to existing HS players
- The Board also agreed to try to sell the remaining hats at upcoming events for \$10, with - \$5 from each sale going to the USC Hockey general fund and \$5 going to Operation Hat Trick.

Report on Junior Panthers

- The program is full except at the mite level.
- Registered players paid \$175 each to participate to nearly cover the cost of jerseys and ice time.
- The program generates about \$9,000 in revenue at a cost of about \$10,000.
- Varsity players have been doing a nice job coming out and skating with the Junior Panthers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Committee formation continues, with outreach pending.
- The mission statement is in progress, with coordination with the school district pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Game filming was discussed. Brad reviewed the process: The association pays \$25 to a student to run equipment borrowed from township for free. Hudl is available for free use by any USC Hockey teams – contact Brad for help.
- Student Appreciation Night – Planned for 10/12 varsity home game.
 - JV plays before this plus MS practices.
 - Students will be invited; consideration was given to giving t- shirts and hats, and to having pizza in the party room.
 - Social media blasts will promote the event.
- Senior Gifts - \$1800 total budgeted.
- Pictures – Bill Schmidt will be contacted to help with this. Laurie Petito will help to coordinate.
 - Ed Gaussa said that he will coordinate C and A for JV jerseys.
 - Congrats to Sam Sweet – Captain, Brady Ploeger and Zach Wehrle – Assistant Captains.

The next regular meeting of the Board will be held on October 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Ice Castle

Meeting concluded.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Sweet, Secretary, with thanks to Brad Sileo for taking excellent notes.