

UPPER ST. CLAIR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting—March 21, 2018 (at Ice Castle)

Board Members Present

Frank Buonomo
Brian Ruffner
Dave Speer
Laurie Petito
Erik Happ
Brad Sileo
John McShane
Pete Gialames
Prashant Gosai
Jesse Sweet

Board Members

Absent

Ed Gausa
Bill Goodman
Laura Schuster
David Finn

Additional

Attendees

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the Secretary

- Jesse Sweet presented the report of the Secretary.
- A motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Jesse Sweet and Brad Sileo presented proposed amendments to the Bylaws. Discussion was held regarding the proposed amendments.
- Jesse made a motion on behalf of the Bylaws Committee that the Board adopt the amendments as proposed by the Bylaws Committee and recommend to the General Membership that the amendments be adopted and included in the Bylaws. Pete Gialames seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Equipment Manager's Report

- John McShane presented the Equipment Manager's report.
- John presented additional information regarding the previously-discussed proposal from Pure Hockey to become the vendor for USC Hockey uniforms for 2018-19.
- Under the Pure Hockey proposal, the uniforms will be identical to those provided in past years, but jerseys will cost each family about \$30 less.
- Families will be able to attend a fitting and then submit and pay for uniform orders online. Uniforms will be shipped directly to families' homes rather than being delivered to teams and distributed.
- A motion was made to switch vendors from KO Sports to Pure Hockey. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Report regarding team operations and coaching

- Frank Buonomo presented the report regarding team operations and coaching.
- Discussion was held regarding tryout dates. As had been discussed previously, it was decided that that tryouts will be conducted for both high school and middle school on May 14, 15, 16 and 17. On May 14, 15 and 17, USC has ice available from 5:30 to 8:00, so on those dates, the ice time will be split between high school and middle school. On May 16, USC has ice available from 5:30-6:40. That ice slot will be used specifically for goalie tryouts.
- Discussion was held regarding whether USC should attempt to have two JV teams for 2018-19. It was agreed that the issue would be discussed further after tryouts depending on the number of players attending.

Report of the VP—Registrar Report

- Pete Gialames presented the report of the VP—Registrar.
- Pete noted that team business managers have been provided information regarding season awards.

Report of the VP—Fundraising

- Bill Goodman was absent and therefore no report was presented.

Director of Communications' Report

- Erik Happ presented the Communications report.
- Erik noted that the website has been updated with the most recently approved minutes, and that all calendar information on the website is up to date.

PIHL Representative's Report

- Prashant Gosai presented the PIHL Representative's report.
- Discussion was held regarding proposed rule changes at the PIHL level.
- The board agreed to adopt the recommendations of the PIHL Executive Committee regarding the proposed rule changes.

Report of the Director at Large

- Brad Sileo presented a report on community outreach on behalf of Chrissy Sileo.
- Several varsity players (at least six) will be participating in Mini-Thon. Isaac Goodman helped to organize the hockey team's participation in the event.
- The board approved expenditure of \$100 on prizes to be handed out for the community day style portion of the Mini-Thon event.

Treasurer's Report

- Dave Speer presented the Treasurer's report.
- The end of the fiscal year will be March 31.
- Current forecasts show an ending balance of about \$28,000 to \$30,000 after this season.
- Player fees will not need to be increased for the 2018-19 season, with the exception that Junior Panthers fees may be increased slightly to align them with developmental fees from other organizations.
- Other expenses (ice, PIHL assessment, coaching) are likely to increase in 2018-19 and will eat into the budget cushion.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion was held regarding the Annual Meeting, which will take place on April 18. An email will be sent to the General Membership to advise of the date, time and location of the meeting. The email will also include proposed changes to the bylaws, as well as a link for nominations for elections to the Board.
- Frank Buonomo presented an update regarding hiring of coaches. A coaching committee was formed to conduct interviews. Participants will be Frank Buonomo, Dave Speer, Ed Gausa, Jesse Sweet and Mike Daley. Interviews will be conducted as soon as practicable. The plan is to have head coaches in place in time for tryouts.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on April 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Upper St. Clair High School. The next regular Board Meeting will be held at a date and time to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Sweet, Secretary