

UPPER ST. CLAIR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

**Board Meeting—Regular Open Meeting—October 6, 2019 (at Ice Castle)**

**Board Members Present**

Brad Sileo  
Pete Gialames  
Dave Speer  
Russ Ball  
Ed Gausa  
Amy Shegan  
John McShane  
Erik Happ  
Jake Ploeger  
Michele Fisher  
George Garces  
Dan Sinclair  
Jesse Sweet

**Board Members Absent**

Mark DiSora

**Additional Attendees**

Matt Breneman

The open Board Meeting was called to order by President Brad Sileo at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**Secretary’s Report**

- Jesse Sweet presented the report of the Secretary.
- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the August 28, 2019 Executive Session. The motion was seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Team Updates**

**Varsity:**

- Michele Fisher presented the report on the Varsity team.
- Arrangements are being made for players to take a bus to and from the Feb. 11 game at Erie Cathedral Prep.
- Brad announced that one of the players quit the Varsity team. Discussion was held regarding communication between the player’s parent and Brad regarding this decision. Additional discussion was held regarding team rules promulgated by the coaching staff. Brad stated that the parent requested a refund of all monies paid to the organization to date for the season other than the commitment fee. No motion was made for a vote to issue a refund. Brad stated that he would communicate with the parent.

**JV1:**

- Amy Shegan presented the report on the JV1 team.
- Amy noted that the Gausa family will be hosting a pasta dinner for the team on October 27.

## **JV2:**

- George Garces presented the report on the JV2 team.
- George stated that the team is doing well so far this season, and won its first game.
- Brad announced that one of the players quit the JV2 team. Personal reasons were cited. Brad said that the parent asked for the organization to stop collecting fees for the remainder of the season. No motion was made for a vote. Brad stated that he would communicate with the parent.

## **JV Game Scheduling Conflicts Issue:**

- Discussion was held regarding scheduling issues that will impact the JV1 and JV2 teams:
  - There are three Fridays when both JV teams have PIHL games and when various PAHL teams with JV players will be out of town for tournaments: Oct. 18, Nov. 8 and Dec. 6.
  - Brad will summarize the details of these conflicts and speak to the coaches and business managers to figure out a plan.
  - Business managers will get RSVPs as early as possible.

## **Middle School:**

- Mark DiSora was absent and therefore did not report on the MS team.

## **Junior Panthers:**

- Matt Breneman presented a report on the Junior Panthers program.
- Matt stated that 49 kids have registered, spread across mites, squirts and peewees.
- Discussion was held regarding how much to charge the players. It was agreed that in order to cover the costs of the program (ice time, officials, EMTs, etc.), an appropriate cost is \$220 per skater and \$110 per goalie.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Dave Speer presented the Treasurer's report.
- Dave stated that the organization remains in good financial shape.
- The organization remains on track to dip into savings by 20-25k to complete the season.

## **PIHL Report**

- Dan Sinclair presented the PIHL report.
- Discussion was held regarding a PIHL presentation on D&O insurance coverage. Dan noted that the organization has coverage through USA Hockey. Brad stated that he has sought quotes for excess coverage and will report back to the Board.
- Playoff dates have been set for Varsity (March 2 through March 17).

- USA nationals will be held in Texas this year. Upper St. Clair has applied and is second on the list from PIHL. This issue will be updated as it gets closer.
- PIHL is attempting to put together a girls' season in May and June. It would involve four teams (one each from east, west, north and south).

### **Fundraiser's Report**

- Jake Ploeger presented the Fundraiser's report.
- Jake has obtained the raffle tickets and will be distributing them.

### **Old Business**

- Consideration is still being given to hosting a "McFeeley Strong" event to raise money for the McFeeley family. Brad is speaking to the family to see if they are open to the event. The tentative plan would be to hold the event in conjunction with the USC vs. Mt. Lebanon Varsity game on Dec. 9 at Ice Castle.
- Rona Daley and Lisa McQuade are working with Bill Schmidt to coordinate team pictures.
- Pete Gialames and Brad met with Kevin Detrick regarding SafeSport. The school is considering taking on the SafeSport responsibility for the organization, but no decision has been made.

### **New Business**

- Discussion was held regarding obtaining USC polo shirts for players who don't have them or who have outgrown them. John McShane will determine the cost, and the issue will be discussed again via email or at a future meeting.
- Discussion was held regarding an anonymous letter that Kevin Detrick received about one of the coaches in the organization. There was no issue meriting action or further discussion beyond informing the Board.

**The next meeting will be held at a date and time to be determined.**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Sweet, Secretary