

UPPER ST. CLAIR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting—January 10, 2018 (at Ice Castle)

Board Members Present

Frank Buonomo
Brian Ruffner
Dave Speer
Laurie Petito
Erik Happ
Brad Sileo
John McShane
Ed Gaussa
Bill Goodman
Laura Schuster
Jesse Sweet

**Board Members
Absent**

David Finn
Prashant Gosai
Pete Gialames

**Additional
Attendees**

Erica Goodman
Pam Giacobbe
Bob Woomer

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Frank Buonomo at approximately 6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Report of the Secretary

- Jesse Sweet presented the report of the Secretary. Jesse noted for the record that Mike Daley had resigned from the Board in December 2017. The position of VP—Director of Operations and Coaching is currently vacant.
- A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Report regarding team operations

- Frank Buonomo presented the report regarding team operations.
- Frank informed the Mt. Lebanon Spring League that USC would have up to two high school teams and up to two middle school teams. Inquiries have been sent out to association members to gauge interest, and final decisions on how many teams will be registered will be made after receiving responses to those inquiries.
- USC will not formally create teams for the Quest 4 on 4 summer league. Members are free to organize teams on their own.
- Discussion was held regarding tryout dates, and whether to move high school and/or middle school tryouts to early September. It was noted that the organization has ice time available in early September. It was also noted that most or all other USC sports conduct tryouts at the beginning of their seasons rather than at the end of the previous season. The issue will continue to be researched. No decisions were made, but the Board plans to decide on tryout dates at the February 2018 meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Dave Speer presented the Treasurer's report.
- The association's current bank balance is approximately \$77,000.
- Current forecasts show an ending balance of about \$30,000 after this season.
- The Board will decide fees for 2018-19 by the March 2018 meeting.

Report of the VP—Registrar Report

- Pete Gialames was absent due to the PIHL Board of Governors meeting.

PIHL Representative's Report

- Prashant Gosai was absent due to the PIHL Board of Governors meeting.

Report of the VP—Fundraising

- Bill Goodman stated that there was nothing new to report.
- Discussion was held regarding the use of funds generated from the 2017 Steeler ticket fundraiser. The funds are currently in the association's account and have not been allocated.

Report of the Director at Large

- Brad Sileo presented the report of the Director at Large. This report consisted mainly of an update provided by Chrissy Sileo regarding USC Hockey community outreach. Highlights from this report included:
 - The "Hat Trick for the Homeless" project generated sales of 146 hats, which resulted in the ability to donate 375 hats to the homeless. Of those, 150 were donated to Outreached Arms, 150 were donated to Light of Life, and 75 will be donated to a women's/children's shelter that Laurie Petito helps. In association with this initiative, five USC hockey players and several parents/family members served dinner to about 75 homeless and "in need" city residents on December 26 at the Presbyterian Church downtown..
 - 358 pounds of food and \$370 was donated to SHIM. Eleven players and several parents participated in the delivery of food and received a tour of SHIM .
 - On January 16, JV and Varsity players will pack 150 bagged lunches along with a warm knit cap for the Light of Life Mission.
 - USC Hockey will participate in the Mini Thon event at the high school on April 6. Various methods of fundraising are being discussed. USC varsity player Isaac Goodman is in charge of a shift during Mini Thon, and it is hoped that USC hockey players will also volunteer their time.
- The Board thanks Chrissy Sileo for her dedicated work on community outreach.

Director of Communications' Report

- Erik Happ stated that there was nothing new to report.

Equipment Manager's Report

- John McShane stated that there was nothing new to report.

Junior Panthers

- Frank Buonomo informed the Board that Cormac McCarthy will no longer be in charge of Junior Panthers due to his kids aging out of the program. The new leadership of the program will be Ty Bodnar and Matthew Breneman.
- The Board noted that Cormac McCarthy has done a fantastic job with Junior Panthers for several years, and he is thanked for his service.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jesse Sweet and Brad Sileo provided an update on the bylaws amendment project. Suggested revisions to the bylaws have been circulated to the Board for review and comment. The two major changes proposed are: (a) making the term of certain Board positions two years, and then staggering elections in order to ensure some consistency from one Board to the next; and (b) making the fundraiser non-mandatory. Board members are to review and comment on the proposed changes prior to the February meeting.
- Senior night will be conducted on February 12. Pam Giacobbe has organized the event and preparations are essentially complete. Erik Happ will be the emcee. Bill Schmitt (with the help of Laurie Petito) is creating banners of the senior players. All USC hockey players (from varsity down through Junior Panthers) are expected to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Frank Buonomo passed out summaries of the results of surveys conducted regarding Varsity and JV coaches.
 - The JV surveys were noted as being universally positive.
 - The Varsity surveys were mixed, with some positive and some negative feedback.
 - Discussion was held regarding coaching staffs for the current season and beyond.
 - The Board agreed to ask current JV coach Justin Becinski to serve as an assistant coach on the Varsity team for the remainder of the 2017-18 season. Additionally, Frank will speak to Tyler Kennedy about serving the entire organization as a skills coach for the remainder of the 2017-18 season.

The next regular Board meeting will be held on February 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Ice Castle

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Sweet, Secretary