

UPPER ST. CLAIR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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

Board Members Present

Frank Buonomo
Brian Ruffner
Dave Speer
Laurie Petito
Erik Happ*
Brad Sileo
John McShane
Ed Gausa
Bill Goodman
Laura Schuster
David Finn
Pete Gialames
Prashant Gosai*
Jesse Sweet

**Board Members
Absent**

**Additional
Attendees**

Erica Goodman
Bob Woomer

*Attended via phone.

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Frank Buonomo at approximately 7:20 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 January 10, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed.

Report of the VP—Registrar Report

- Pete Gialames presented the report of the VP—Registrar.
- Pete noted that two players (one at the high school level and one at the JV level) have submitted medical waiver requests to allow participation in the playoffs despite not having participated in the requisite number of regular season games. PIHL will issue rulings on the requests.

Report of the VP—Fundraising

- Bill Goodman stated that there was nothing of significance to report regarding fundraising.
- Discussion was held regarding how gate fees and 50/50 proceeds are handled during playoffs.
- The varsity team will have one home playoff game. PIHL receives gate fees. 50/50 proceeds are split as follows: 25% to home team, 25% to away team, remaining 50% to winning team.

Director of Communications' Report

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

PIHL Representative's Report

- Prashant Gosai presented the PIHL Representative's report.
- Prashant noted that he will attend the upcoming PIHL meeting, and that playoff brackets have been distributed to all team managers.

Equipment Manager's Report

- John McShane presented the Equipment Manager's report.
- John has been working with Dave Speer to find a new vendor for USC jerseys and socks.
- Several vendors were contacted. The lowest price vendor is Pure Hockey via a national account rep.
- John will put together a final proposal regarding Pure Hockey for the March Board meeting. If the Board approves the proposal, it will be presented to the members at the Annual Meeting in April.

Report of the Director at Large

- Brad Sileo stated that there was nothing new to report.

Report regarding team operations and coaching

- Frank Buonomo presented the report regarding team operations and coaching.
- Numbers for the Mt. Lebanon Spring League are: 23 skaters + 2 goalies for high school, and 42 skaters + 2 goalies for middle school. As a result, USC will likely field one high school team and two middle school teams.
- Frank stated that information regarding postseason awards has been provided to the team coaches.
- Discussion was held regarding tryout dates. While there was some interest in conducting tryouts in September, the Board decided that it would create too many logistical problems. Primary among these problems is that uniforms would not be ready in time for game play, and there will be many new players in the organization who do not yet have uniforms.
- It was decided 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.

- It was agreed that uniform fittings will also be conducted during tryouts in order to give ample time for uniforms to be ordered and delivered prior to the season.
- Current approximate projections of player numbers for the 2018-19 season are:
 - HS Seniors: 4
 - HS Juniors: 10
 - HS Sophomores: 15
 - HS Freshmen: 15
 - (The HS numbers include 6 goalies; therefore the anticipation is 38 skaters and 6 goalies to be divided among varsity and JV.)
 - 8th Grade: 14
 - 7th Grade: 20
 - 6th Grade (eligible for MS): 8
 - (The MS numbers include 2 goalies; therefore the anticipation is 40 skaters and 2 goalies to be divided among two MS teams.)
- Discussion was held regarding the varsity coaching position. It was noted that Coach Ray Conway's contract contained a clause which required the Board to decide by March 1, 2018 whether it would exercise an option to offer Coach Conway the same position under the same terms for the 2018-19 season only.
- A motion was made to exercise the option. The motion was seconded. The vote was held and the motion failed to pass. Therefore, the option will not be exercised.

Treasurer's Report

- Dave Speer presented the Treasurer's report.
- The end of the fiscal year is approaching.
- Current forecasts show an ending balance of about \$20-\$25,000 after this season.
- The Board believes that 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.
- Discussion was held regarding the SportsEngine platform vs. the TeamSnap platform. Initial reaction was that while the mobile interface on TeamSnap is better, the cost to the organization would be higher. SportsEngine is also working to improve its mobile interface. The Board agreed not to make any changes at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board thanked Laurie Petito, Pam Giaccobe and Lori Pulit for a successful Senior Night, which was held on February 12.
- Jesse Sweet and Brad Sileo provided an update on the bylaws amendment project. The suggested revisions will be emailed to the Board for review. The Board plans to vote on the proposed changes at the March Board meeting so that they can be presented to the membership at the annual meeting.

- The Banquet will be held on Sunday, April 15 at Valley Brook Country Club. Erik Happ will be the emcee.
- The Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18. Frank Buonomo will work to secure a location.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Sweet, Secretary