

Urbana Recreation Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024 8pm

In attendance: Lisa Carr, president, Clinton (Clint) Touart, vice president, Elizabeth Petrolle, secretary, Julia (Juli) Wu, cheer commissioner, Giuseppe (Joe) Parisi, basketball commissioner, Jason (Jay) Cross, football commissioner, Justine Knox, bookkeeper, Andrew Murphy, Casey Marshall

Call to order, seconded – Elizabeth/Joe: 8:13pm

Reading/ correction and approval of the minutes from the last meeting- Clint/Joe

Reports of officers, boards, and standing committees-

a. President

- i. URC scholarship - no applicants so far, Lisa will send the information to every commissioner to share with families
- ii. Survey - feedback has been sent to commissioners, will share the survey with all board members and commissioners. Plan to send this out quarterly and share with everyone. Clint suggested we add years to the participation questions.
- iii. Interpreters - 2 families have requested these services, FCPR has been hard to work with. Lisa is working with Jessica Aiello to find someone to right an accessibility policy. Leslie Puzio - runs the ASL program at FCC, is providing interpreters for wrestling through the master class program at FCC.
- iv. Social media chair - need to appoint someone, send names to Lisa
- v. By-laws updated - have not been done since 2018
 - 1. Clint will convert it to Word, everyone can help revise
- vi. Background checks - all commissioners have links

b. Vice President

- i. UHS Boosters meeting - Monday, 3/18 at 6:30pm in the press box

c. Treasurer / Treasurer's Report-

- i. Football, cheer, and poms account are set up, waiting on credit cards
- ii. Please send her account amounts or we will get charged fees
- iii. Everyone should have their second reconciliations done with the receipt in the shared drive

d. Secretary-

- i. Team Snap meeting - still working on finding a date
- ii. Turf tank interest - too expensive, not interested

e. At-Large

f. Parks and Rec-

- i. Payment of officials – keep track of cash payments in a receipt book

2. Program commissioners-

a. Baseball & Softball- no updates

- i. Travel Baseball: no updates

b. Basketball-

- i. Winter season ended, final tournament was last weekend - went very smoothly other than some issues with gym space

1. discussed issues within the basketball program, how to change or make improvements to alleviate issues

ii. MYBA

1. best it has been in several years, still needs improvement
2. needs new leadership - meeting in June, new board members will be elected
3. schedule came out in full this year, but teams were never reseeded until the playoffs

iii. Spring season

1. evaluations start next week

iv. Mid-Maryland

1. Next Wednesday is the MS basketball banquet @ Holly Hills

c. Cheer –

- i. Registration form built and tested with new bank account - going live April 8
- ii. Will have interest and stunt clinic April 26
- iii. Reaching out to the schools to distribute flyer through Peach Jar and Thursday folders

d. Field Hockey-

- i. No commissioner since Kera, FCPR has been running things since then; need to post and try to get a new commissioner – should be an easy job since things are done through FCPR

e. Football-

- i. combine on 3/23

- ii. registration will open 3/24
- iii. preparing for the season, getting additional field equipment, getting coaches applications in now
- iv. will have a girls middle school flag program this season (2-3 teams)
- v. working on getting the new weight room for the UHS weight room - need to get 50% of the payment 4/1

f. Lacrosse-

- i. We start games this weekend.
- ii. We are providing the Urbana Food Bank with Easter dinners including hams for 30 food bank families this week for Easter.
- iii. UHS put a lock on the shipping container we have used as storage for thr last 10 years and claimed to not know it was used by us even though we have had several conversations (Elizabeth if you recall I even brought it up at the boosters meeting). Karin is looking into it but we are likely going to be asked to "move out" asap, which I understand, but also don't. I need immediate local storage that's accessible Saturdays and Sundays for game day needs (tables, table score cards etc) and my garage is not a possibility.
- iv. After refunds/kids that quit I have 277 kids playing this season, 281 total registered.
- v. We certified 9 coaches this weekend in CPR/AED and first aid. Thank you URC wrestling for allowing us for use of their room for the training.

g. POMS- no updates

h. Wrestling-

- i. winter season wrapped up the regular season two weeks ago; having practices for post-season tournaments
- ii. hosted the East mid-maryland qualifier, 385 wrestlers attended - finished 2nd as a team, profited \$5800
- iii. championship - placed 4th out of 20 teams, 336 wrestlers attended
- iv. Maryland junior end of season tournament - sent 10 kids, all placed in the top 7; Maryland junior states, sent 4, 3 placed in the top 5.
- v. will be purchasing a new trailer to store the second mat
- vi. banquet at Rockville sportsplex 3/24
- vii. 7/15-19 wrestling camp held at UHS (8am-4pm)

4. Special Committee reports-

5. Special orders (Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting)-

6. Unfinished business and general orders

- a. Booster update - the capital campaign was approved by FCPS, they are beginning to apply for grants and thinking about ways to raise the funds.
- b. The weight room refurbishment could use the URC capital fund (this was created to help pay for the weight room annex) to pay for a portion. The donation would be a combination of a donation from lacrosse, cheer and football, and the capital fund would spend no more than \$20,000. If other programs are able to donate, they would replenish the URC capital fund. All were in favor of this.

7. New business-

- a. Ethical code of conduct for coaches, commissioners, board of directors with regard to spending
- b. Meeting with UHS principal, AD, and football coaches to discuss weight room (Jay)
- c. The Football, cheer, and poms account will be split into 3 different accounts. The current football, cheer, and poms account will become URC Football with Jasson Cross as the director. URC cheer with Julie Wu as director and URC Poms with Liz Simons as director will have their own accounts. Julie Ahdoot, the URC treasurer and Justine Knox, the URC bookkeeper will be signers on all 3 accounts.

3. Motion for Adjournment - 9:52pm (Elizabeth/Joe)