

Urbana Recreation Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2024

In attendance: Lisa Carr, president, Clint Touart, vice president, Julie Ahdoot, treasurer, Elizabeth Petrolle, secretary, Nick Georgilas, at large/baseball & softball commissioner, Joe Parisi, basketball commissioner, Phil Kefauver, FCPR, Julia Wu, cheer commissioner/webmaster, Kumi Kobayashi, youth/UHS liaison, Mike Solomon, lacrosse CIT, Abe Giles, all sports

Call to order, seconded – 8:06pm (Lisa/Elizabeth)

Reading/ correction and approval of the minutes from the last meeting- (need to approve the May minutes due to being updated)

Reports of officers, boards, and standing committees-

1. Officers

a. President

- i. Interpreters, inclusion/accessibility policy - working to put this policy in place and receive requests, currently using it for interpreters, fundraising for use for interpreter requests
- ii. Background check policy - any flagged policy comes back to the commissioner to make the argument about why we should make an exception, the board can then hear the arguments to make a decision
 1. background check is a final vetting check, commissioners should know their coaches and parents around the children - Maryland case search is publicly available for commissioners and coaches to use
 2. if a check comes back yellow, we can ask the person if they would like to provide information that can be brought back to the board for review, but we cannot ask for specifics
- iii. Q3 Survey - will be out in the next few weeks
- iv. Coaches committee addendum - voted in years ago, but not in our documents
 1. Clint will work on revising/editing this along with the by-laws
- v. URC AED - purchasing, fundraising
 1. FCPR facilities have them in them; Lacrosse, football and wrestling have their own
 2. All in favor of purchasing 2 AEDs for all sports to utilize; cannot advertise we will have one present at all events, but we can utilize it if needed
- vi. URC emergency action plan/first aid training

1. Fundraise to have coaches from each team to be safety and CPR certified, possibly opening it up to the community or others
- vii. Fundraising visibility
 1. Possible apparel fundraiser, will be careful to not step on the high school designs and ideas
- viii. Social Media/Email requests
- b. Vice President
 - i. By-laws revision and updates
 1. Are looking over the current by-laws, working with FCPR to get their edits and have them review our current revisions. Once it is returned, we will allow everyone on the URC to review and provide comments, ask questions. Then we will bring it to a vote to update and adopt.
 2. Adding liability coverage, making sure URC is protected
 - ii. Standardized codes of conduct
 1. Working with each of the commissioners to ensure they have all of the same waivers and codes of conducts across programs, will apply to everyone who is required to have a background check, or has any direct contact with children or money, parents & guests of athletes, and athletes.
- c. Treasurer / Treasurer's Report
 - i. Monthly reconciliation needs to be done
 - ii. Taxes due November 15
 - iii. Credit card transactions have earned us funds to be applied to shared expenses such as team snap or other shared group fundraisers at the end of the calendar year; all were in favor of this.
- d. Secretary
 - i. Adding minutes and agendas and meeting dates to the website
 1. link for individuals wanting to attend to complete a request to be added to the agenda
 - ii. URC documents - will be posted on the website
 - iii. Reminder to use fundraiser calendar so programs do not overlap
 1. solicitation via team snap, website - what is appropriate
 2. apparel stores - how is this managed & communicated

- a. all fundraisers should go through the program commissioners and they need to be put on the fundraiser calendar
- e. At-Large - no updates
- f. Parks and Rec
 - i. Available to help with the by-laws revision
 - ii. Working to find coaches for FCPR programs, how best to go about this
- g. Youth liaison for Boosters
 - i. 2 youth nights coming up: 9/20 boys tackle football and 10/16 girls flag football
 - 1. will send reminders out to parents that youth need to be supervised at all times, not running around the concourse
 - ii. Youth representation is going well, feedback is overall good
 - iii. Lots of positive growth for all the youth athletes in Urbana with Boosters and URC working together
- h. Web Admin
 - i. Website migration completed. Need programs to review and provide feedback on changes needed.
 - ii. New policy document review and approval for team snap

2. Program commissioners

- a. Baseball & Softball
 - i. All travel and rec programs going well
 - 1. initial travel program that began at 12U just graduated and many moved on to college play
 - ii. Organizing finances and getting everything in order
 - iii. Cricket players continue to be an issue, talked about having a sign about use by permit only. Can call the Ranger: (240)285-9170
- b. Basketball
 - i. registration will open for rec this weekend; registration fees were raised due to the FCPS facility fee being raised substantially
 - ii. Mid-Maryland middle school teams will have try-outs mid October
- c. Cheer

- i. Completed mums fundraiser, sold over 1,500 mums, exceeding our goal. Mums distribution will be 9/14
 - ii. With additional funds raised for UoF fees through spirit wear and sponsorships, the restaurant fundraiser for 9/4 was canceled
 - iii. Interest/sign ups for middle school girls flag very low among program parents but we will continue to solicit volunteers to come out
 - iv. Next up is planning for youth night on 9/20. Trying to move the younger girls away from the student section and towards the parent section.
 - d. Field Hockey
 - i. AJ Stuart (UHS coach) is looking to do fall clinics, she would need to do registration thru Team Snap and charge a \$5 fee per registration
 - e. Football - no updates
 - f. Lacrosse - no updates
 - g. POMS - no updates
 - h. Wrestling
 - i. registration is open, have 62 athletes registered
 - ii. UMD summer camp bill came in, will be paid
 - iii. preseason practices began 9/4, have has roughly 20-24 athletes attend
 - iv. regular season begins 11/4; MJWL meeting and Mid-Maryland meetings next week
 - v. UHS AD meeting next week, believes the plan is to use the Aux gym
 - 1. working to book UHS and URC wrestling back to back to alleviate costs of tape and the time of rolling out mats

3. Special Committee reports

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

5. Unfinished business and general orders

6. New business

- a. proposal-look at updating the URC logo
- b. URC field database
- c. New link for medical emergencies; have to let FCPS know if using their facilities

- d. Need to refer to the “farm fields” as the “campus drive athletic fields” to help with EMS when calling

Motion for adjournment - 9:51pm (Elizabeth/Lisa)