

Urbana Recreation Council

Monthly Meeting Agenda

August 14, 2025

In attendance: Clint Touart (acting URC president), Nick Georgilas (acting URC vice president), Julie Ahdoot (URC treasurer), Tommy Fautrel (URC at-large), Elizabeth Petrolle (URC secretary), Julia Wu (URC cheer commissioner/webmaster), Mike Solomon (URC lacrosse deputy commissioner), Liz Simons (URC POMS co-commissioner), David Milord (FCPR representative)

guests: Brook Aranda, Casey Marshall, Andrew Murphy, Vitto Cresta

Motion to begin: 8:18pm (Clint/Elizabeth)

Reports of officers, boards, and standing committees-

Acting President

i. Bylaw revisions -

1. Sent to FCPR for final approval - per David, FCPR has approved; Keith has asked us to wait for the open meetings compliance board to rule on Lisa's complaint before adding to the website as additional language may need to be updated.

ii. Revisions of URC Constitution, Complaint escalation policy and review of items to standardize - ongoing

1. Constitution- currently in process, please review the email attachment and add any comments so revisions can take place. Once our revisions are complete, we will send to Keith for review.

iii. Incident reports - reports from commissioners of any injuries in July? No serious injuries reported

iv. Fundraising - clearly stating what the fundraiser is being used for

1. Please make sure that each program notes what the money being fundraised for will be used for

b. Acting Vice President

i. Standardized codes of conduct - ongoing

c. Treasurer / Treasurer's Report-

- i. Issues with BSN, sent multiple invoices, trying to make sense of them
 1. Please use alternative vendors when possible
 2. Ray Wolfe - Sidemind creations is easy to work with and efficient
- ii. When using the credit card for multiple small purchases that add up to a larger amount, please notify Julie
- iii. Working on the taxes

- d. Secretary-
 - i. Open Meetings grievance updates
 - ii. Discussion with Keith regarding links within the agendas/minutes
 - 1. No links will be provided unless voted on and approved, agendas will not be posted only minutes once approved.
 - iii. Sponsorship inquiry
 - 1. Sponsorships on the website do not reflect the updated levels per the 3/2025 meeting, do we want to stay with 2 levels or use the 4 levels?
- e. At-Large -
 - i. Update regarding bank accounts - has investigated and recommends Truist for the best rates and return on our money
- f. Parks and Rec- no updates
- g. Youth liaison for Boosters - not present
- h. Website Administrator/Team Snap -
 - i. Send Juan any updates: socialmedia@urbanareccouncil.com and he will post them on our social media accounts
- i. Social Media -
- j. Accessibility -
 - i. Jess is working to move everything to her new email address, need to update forms to reflect this.
 - ii. Ask commissioners to compile a list of coaches and team mom contacts to share for all sports
 - iii. URC Accessibility policy - working document
 - 1. tracking form for all requests, need to vote on this
- 2. Program commissioners-
 - a. Baseball & Softball-
 - i. registration live
 - b. Basketball- not present
 - c. Cheer –
 - i. Mum fundraiser to raise funds for the banquet, a slow start, but accepting sales until 9/2.

- ii. Held a POM swap with families and parents had the option to donate their old items to Level the Playing Field an organization that redistributes equipment, etc. to underserved communities.
- d. Field Hockey- not present
- e. Football-
 - i. pep rally planning in motion and season starts in 2 weeks
- f. Lacrosse-
 - i. Mike Solomon will continue to transition into Commissioner role with Nicole D. as a support role 2026 season
- g. POMS-
 - i. Accessibility/safety questions for special needs participants
 - ii. Pep rally coming up
 - iii. Only doing home games this season
- h. Wrestling-
 - i. Registration is open as of today
- i. Boy Scouts - not present

Special Committee reports-

- 4. Special orders (Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting)-
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- 5. Unfinished business and general orders
 - a.

3. New business-

- a. Ask Keith to review our participation waivers - have commissioners send those, are they streamlined
 - i. Keith will review our Bylaws and constitution
- b. Vote on the accessibility policy document
- c. URC logos - Manda is currently working on updating these
- d. Urbana youth basketball and the Mid-maryland basketball league - Brook Aranda request via email
 - i. Brook Aranda, Vitto Cresta, Andrew Murphy, and Casey Marshall were present to discuss concerns within the youth basketball and Mid-Maryland programs.

- ii. Leadership should prioritize player development, feel the environment we have now is causing us to lose kids to other programs and leave the community at both the youth and high school level.
- iii. The league is not developmentally appropriate at 6U, all in house league - rules do not lend themselves to teaching them skills appropriate for the next level
- iv. The 5/6 and JV teams both won their championships at the mid-maryland level, concerns about transitioning to varsity with the current coach - kids are afraid, have heard negative reports. Questions about how coaches are chosen, what is the process, it seems that they stay the same from year to year and parents would like to understand how coaches are picked.
- v. 70 athletes from Urbana (4th - rising 8th graders) participate in Hoopology, have left the URC program due to a variety of reasons.
- vi. Top 3 items that need to change: program board within basketball, coaches interviews, re-evaluate rules at younger age groups.
- vii. Due to Joe's recent medical crisis, the board will advertise the basketball commissioner position on social media starting Monday, 8/18. Nominations will be taken for one week via email to the URC secretary. An open meeting via Google Meet will be held Monday, 8/25 @ 9pm to vote on a new commissioner. The URC ECB will review the votes and appoint a new basketball commissioner no later than Wednesday, 8/27.

Motion to Adjourn: 10:04pm (Elizabeth/Clint)