

Urbana Recreation Council

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2026

In attendance: Kumi, Juli, David, Brent, Melissa, Hunter, Rachel, Vitto, Abu, Manda, Mike

Absent:

Guests: Greg Blake, Vinci Tan

Motion to begin: 8:06 (Brent/Abu)

President – Brent

- Review coaches selection process & voting
 - Sent out the process a few weeks ago, little feedback. Group in attendance voted and it **PASSED**; every program will have standardized process for coaches selection; this includes background checks for coaches, mandatory coaches mtgs, applications **MUST** filled out, “interviews/phone calls” for selection, at end of season a survey will go out for parents
 - There should be a requirement for tenured coaches; everyone who wants to be a coach should try to further themselves and gain more knowledge; while it is not necessary - it's for programs who need it, but how you work within the framework is up to each commissioner.
 - Things programs **MUST** do: informational meeting, application, background check, having a conversation with coach (coaches code of conduct, abuse training) - is this being revamped by the Board, or should commissioners go and find their own? Brent, look into it for abuse training.
 - Brent wants a set of standards, basic code of conduct that URC provides.
 - Abu will share the football Code of Conduct w/ Juli.
- Review URC board member term extensions & voting
 - **Vote from 1 year to 2 years - PASSED**
- Discussion regarding URC board meeting attendance
 - **Moving forward, Brent is going to propose 3 virtual meetings; every 4th is virtual, the others are in person. If you cannot attend in person, someone from your program **MUST** be in attendance.**
 - **Attendance will be tracked, if you are not here for more than 4 meetings, we will have to decide what to do moving forward.**
- Social Media re: music selection
 - **A post was made this past weekend, inappropriate language was in the song choice; it was taken down but had been circulated.**
 - **Whoever manages social media for each program needs to do a better job and this cannot happen again.**
- Discuss Scholarships
 - **Need to discuss the \$ amount given**
 - **Girl/Boy \$5k each**
 - **Vote: to up to 5k for one boy/one girl PASSED**
- Additional topics:
 - **Ideally would like to do URC sponsored events (quarterly) have all sports teams present; meet coaches etc. Do this where it coincides with the end of the school year. Include the dunk tank. Urbana District Park as a potential place. Keys mascot?**

Vice President – Abu

- Revise bylaws; based on the above vote
- Attendance

Secretary – Rachel

- Approval of February meeting minutes - motion to approve:
 - **APPROVED (Brent/Vitto)**
- Discussion of April Monthly Meeting (during Spring Break)
 - **Will be on the 3rd Thursday (4/16)**

At-Large – Hunter

- Sponsorship discussion/updating website
 - **Some companies want a w-9; donations need to let Melissa know**
 - **Ideally we would like URC sponsors, not just program sponsors**
 - **What does the sponsor actually get?**
- **More travel is getting sponsorships for travel ball; Clint has a lot of sponsorships**
- **The website is inaccurate**
- **Urbana HVAC wanted to be a URC wide sponsor; hard to get logo on each sports jersey**
- **4 sponsors for basketball; tarp goes on bleachers**
- **Football, all home games are at HS, makes sense to do that**
- **Poms doesn't need a sponsor, they just will take donations**
- **Should we look into supporting kids who can't afford the sign up fee?**
- **Re-occurring theme for football, we ask for money, pay for a banquet. It would be nice if we had a banquet, but parents aren't paying for it.**
- **Should we request that every program tell us what they need - a wishlist of sorts**

Treasurer – Melissa

- Brief PNC Update; review of discussion from last month if necessary
 - **Virtual meeting with Kendra (PNC); will focus on credit cards first. Julie got all docs ready to send to Kendra, 1090s, every commissioner will have their own credit card.**
 - **Each program will have their own card; all still one limit but \$250k and Melissa can decide how much each program will get.**
 - **Concessions manager will have their own card.**
 - **Juli fixed all credit card accounts so football got overcharged, paid too much, lacrosse, poms, basketball didn't pay, so lacrosse will pay football a certain amount of money. We have to have good documentation (\$4500).**
 - **Asked for allocations, wrestling and cheer gave this info from Juli. She will go into TeamSnap and just take the # for the \$. Wrestling/lacrosse is \$10. Everyone else is \$15. - Julie needs fall and winter. If you refunded anyone you need to make sure you align.**

Additional Items:

a. Parks and Rec:

i. Nicole requested the farm field address be changed - the current address is to a locked gate at the Campus Drive athletic fields, this is an issue for emergency vehicles to get to the fields, emergency personnel report not being able to find the

field by the address, have to use Google

*Has been moved up in the chain of command, they did go up there and the sign is there, but they put it in the wrong place. They just need to move the sign. **Was the sign moved? The sign was MOVED!!!! What happens to the yellow gate? May be high school's issue.***

- ii. Issues with the outside of Urbana groups getting gym space and taking it away from our groups, why do we not have priority, how is this determined? David suggested speaking with Tommi-Leigh to get clarification - any update? *David said that if it is something within her bandwidth, URC council gets priority but outside the program - its the public schools - balance of FCPR and FCPS.*
- iii. ***Who took over to Tommi Leigh - Tammy Tate - Mike will send me the email address***
- iv. NFL flag registration just closed - girls middle school HS league, putting roster and coaches 3/28 first day for NFL.

b. Youth liaison for Boosters

- i. Use of UHS logos, working with Sidemind Creations to establish a few “approved” logos for youth and UHS Standardizing the logos
- ii. UHS requests that all non-sport specific gear only be sold at the UHS apparelshed since that is a big money maker for Boosters

Sport	Dates	Location	Time	Coach
Track & Field	May 26 – 29	Stadium Turf/Track	5 – 8 pm	CJ Ecalono
Boys Lacrosse Camp	June 1 – 4	Stadium Turf	5:30 – 8:30 pm	Gavin Donahue
Girls Lacrosse Camp (tentative)	June 8 – 11	Grass Field	5:30 – 8 pm	Ryan Hines
Girls Soccer	June 15 – 18	Turf / Main Gym	4:30 – 8:30 pm	Keith Bauer
Girls Basketball	June 15 – 18	Main & Aux Gyms	8 am – 12 pm	JR Rawlins
UMD Wrestling Camp	June 22 – 26	Main Gym	8:30 am – 4 pm	Clint Tourant
Softball	June 22 – 25	Softball Fields / Aux Gym	8:45 am – 1:30 pm	Frank Husson
Boys Basketball	July 13 – 16	Main & Aux Gyms & Tennis Courts	9 am – 3 pm	David Crawmer

Cheer	July 20 – 24	Both Gyms	Session 1: 9 – 11:30 am Session 2: 12:30 – 3 pm	Dayna Crawmer
Field Hockey	Aug 3 – 6	Turf (if replacement not complete: Main & Aux Gym)	8 am – 12 pm	AJ Stuart

c. Website Administrator/Team Snap

- If you want anything on the website please send it to: admin@urbanareccouncil.com

d. Social Media -

Send Juan any updates: socialmedia@urbanareccouncil.com and he will post them on our social media accounts or send out an email blast

e. Accessibility -

There is a form on the website that needs to be utilized for all requests - please DO NOT email Jess Aiello to request something

Program Commissioners

a. Baseball & Softball

- 1) Softball; 6 teams 2 8U 2 10U 1 12U and 1 15U; could not have 2nd 12U team bc no coaches.
 - a) Started practicing; using Bar-T as well
 - b) Opening day is 4/19 (baseball/softball together) food trucks, banners, etc.
 - c) Coaches should know this date and communicate it
 - d) Brad is co-commissioner for Softball
- 2) Baseball;
 - a) Working with Ideal Hyundai for batting cage sponsorship; putting together cost for a new one (UDP #4; right behind the shed)
 - b) Vinci will be co-baseball commissioner NEXT season

b. Basketball

- 1) Winter season is over; 2 teams won division/conference - 7th grade team won playoff tournament at end of the season.
- 2) 6th and 8th grade team made semi-finals; 2 champs in rec league
- 3) Hosted the girls tournament at end of season, made good amount of money, and they will most likely be able to afford paying for the banquet
- 4) Spring basketball will be starting shortly

c. Cheer

- 1) Coach info session was held March 1. Adding three additional coaches (in addition to the two reported last month), still need at least 2 for Kindergarten/1st grade group.
- 2) Registration opens April 1.
- 3) Hosted mock tryout on 3/7; it was very well received and parents expressed interest in athletes attending additional mock tryouts. Each athlete was given three score sheets, and

rubric for numbered scoring provided to parents. Coach/judges provided specific feedback for each skill and scoring criteria.

- 4) In addition to mums fundraiser, cheer will add another fundraiser this year to go towards building program offerings. As Maryland HS cheer primarily focuses on competition and tumbling, our specials events volunteer has drafted a three year roadmap to implement a new framework on skills development. Funds raised will go towards future cost of competition fees, additional intensives and skills clinics, as well as potentially supplementing cost of tumbling development. Additionally, hoping to add an end of season showcase for athletes.
- 5) In progress: vendor prototypes for 8th grade jackets, and 2026 program bows. Spirit wear offerings for the season to be developed.
- 6) Reached out to HS cheer coach, she will host a few things for the youth girls, more clinics etc.
- 7) 5/16 hosting the coaches go to a sports specific clinic

d. Field Hockey

- 1) Previous board(s) had an agreement; they were not allowed access to accounts but could use the account to take money in and take it out. They only have to do a clinic in the summer. Raise \$\$ from parents. She has a book keeper and refs and herself.
- 2) 240 367 4117 - AJ

e. Football

- 1) First coaches meeting 3/11, 30 people showed, went well
- 2) Registration opens at 6am; they found that when they open it up early will help them determine additional players on each team and coaches as well
- 3) Clinic at end of month for kids at HS - all ages except K1 Flag
- 4) Coaches clinics will begin soon

f. Lacrosse

- 1) Season starts this Saturday, home games will start in April.
- 2) Trying to finalize a date for a powder puff game for 8th graders.
- 3) Historically lacrosse has not had access to campus drive fields bc given priority to LOUYAA; field 2 was closed, now we have priority for campus drive fields (the grass can get really long sometimes) need to see what we need to do for a more regular maintenance schedule. Park side has own schedule.

g. Poms

- 1) Just wrapped up the last game, the banquet was on Monday (winter season) 3rd season doing winter and it was great - AMAZING
- 2) Jumping into Fall, coaches needed, meeting will be in April; and they will do applications as well, April registration
- 3) New uniforms will be ordered; meetings underway
- 4) Will start on summer camp as that is the fundraiser (coaches donate entire week and raise all the money).

h. Wrestling

- 1) Regular Season completed on 3/8/26 with the MMWL Championship (held at UHS).
- 2) The season was an overall success, with the program participation growing by 31% from last year. Since I took over the program in 2021 with 49 wrestlers we have grown by an annual rate of 29.5% to 138 wrestlers this year.
- 3) End of Season results: MD Jr Wrestling League (MJWL) (our travel team/league) - Finished 2nd in the team dual championship. 29 wrestlers competed in the MJWL end of season individual tournament (Navy/Lehigh tournament), with 13 placing in the top 5, advancing to the MD Jr State

Tournament (MDJS). The team finished 2nd (out of 20 teams) in team points at the Navy/Lehigh tournament. At MDJS, 7 of the 13 chose to compete, and of those 7, 5 placed on the podium.

- 4) In the Mid-Maryland Wrestling League (MMWL), 72 wrestlers competed in the Divisional (East/West) Qualifier and of the 72 wrestlers, 32 placed in the top 4 and advanced to the Championship, with the team taking 2nd overall in team points. Of the 32 advancing to the Championship, 13 Urbana wrestlers placed in the top 4 and the team took 5th overall out of 20 teams.
- 5) Our annual Push-Up-a-Thon raised over \$6,500 this year.
- 6) Our banquet is on Sunday 3/22 at Rockville Sportsplex and we will be promoting 15 eight graders to the HS this season, 4 Girls and 11 Boys.
- 7) Postseason practices have already begun with postseason tournaments beginning this weekend.
- 8) Our 4th annual Summer Camp at UHS, led by University of Maryland will be June 22-26th this summer.
- 9) Reviewed URC Wrestling facilities invoices, sent by Melissa, and approved one and denied another (due to being charged for a date that was cancelled (4 weeks prior) prior to the reservation date. I am working with Melissa and Noelle to get this resolved.

i. Boy Scouts

j. Special Committee reports

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

New business

- *Creation of a URC Volleyball program - Greg Blake*
 - *Stephanie/Greg; background 3 girls in basketball/cheer/poms/lacrosse*
 - *Greg coaches HS baseball*
 - *Stephanie teaches NW HS and coaches 11U club volleyball team*
- *8 year old daughter plays volleyball now; looking to start, middle school is when it really kicks off; do you play rec or do you play club? Club is a commitment and costs \$\$*
- *LOUYAA is starting a Spring league*
- *Club tryouts are always beginning of November; trying for maybe a fall league as its the most ideal time. Club is Nov-end of Spring. HS is Fall.*
- *Wanting a rec volleyball league specifically (Aug-Nov). Up to 6th grade (3-6th light ball), 6th grade up, the weight is different for the ball. Court size is the same. Schools have netting and poles and lines already on the courts.*
- *Maybe send out an interest form - blast URC members; what ages; volunteer coaches etc.*
- *Maybe they start out with clinics and then build up to a rec league; Stephanie and Greg would be happy to lead but will need URC help.*
- *Urbana only league - can sign up outside but Urbana teams play each other; 6 week season*
- *Greg discusses a brief pricing overview*
- *Brent: First step is to gauge the interest and create a form to see how many people would be interested; Greg comes up with template then we can send it out; registration could be late Spring*
- *We wanted to try to branch out and offer sports that aren't offered*

Unfinished business and general orders

- a. URC logos - please provide feedback

- Past: Youth stuff to be branded Youth; HS boosters, does not sell sport specific, only Urbana Hawks
- Does not need permission from HS - but cannot say Urbana Hawks by itself.

Motion to Adjourn: 9:59PM (Brent/Melissa)