

Field Hockey Federation
April 4, 2018
Monthly Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM

:: ATTENDEES ::

Alan Scally
Mike Whitehead
Dave Krawczyk
Rich Gupta
Mike LaSalla
Matt Bumgardner
Phil Schofield

Tom Harris
Coralie McGuinness
Janice Mohr

Motion to approve minutes for March Board Meeting (Tom Harris). Second by Rich Gupta. All in favor.
Approved.

- [Attach Minutes]

:: UPDATES ::

President Update (Alan S.)

-- Couple incidents on field (Tigers)

Finance Update (Rich)

- Still monitoring IRS payments
- Matt B is a big help
- Need to complete IRS letter...awaiting answers
- All looks good at this time.
- Rich will provide a quarterly report on finances next month.

Vice President Update (Phil S.)

- Field request from Bryan (with Shawn Nakamura)
 - Mid-December.
 - 4-team national team group.
 - Requesting water.
 - Phil will coordinate, provide costs, etc.
 - Possibly with MNT, MJNT, local players, and outside area
- October Australian team request (with Tailor)
- JNT team training camp this weekend (Sat/Sun/Mon morning)

- Question on if Rutgers will allow players to play in league play for D1 games on Sunday. There's been no known communication from JNT leadership on if boys can/can't play in league play.
- Question from Tom H. if boards will be painted. Question for Dale R...not present at this time.
- Question from Rich G. on looking at field being used more (when not scheduled).
 - Discussion on when times are available provided by Phil S.
 - Discussion on field access and security of field area.
 - Regional club championships for Western U.S. is being discussed to be held at pitch in June.
 - Discussion on possible Summer tournaments (local HS tournament) Mike W to follow up.
 - Discussion on creating camps...getting the word out.
 - Fundraising opportunities could be planned. Need to look at several other schedules to determine conflicts.

Director of Competitions Update (Mike W.)

- Mike reviewed league play and all looks like is going well.
- Reviewed umpires in action. Appears to be going better.
 - Blake is managing it well.
 - Chris J. is helping as well.
- Schedules for teams seemed to be worked out well.
- Announcement of Lance being selected as USAFH regional umpire coordinator in Colorado Springs. Focused will be more umpire coaching and growth.

Director of Systems Update (Matt B.)

- Updated schedule for Girls league teams due to regional tournaments. Affected re-schedule of another boy's game.
- Dealing with email spam issue. Created image on website with email address to prevent hackers from scanning website.
- Are we considering shift to a new website vendor (i.e, SportsEngine) this Summer?
 - Matt willing to perform start of switch in Summer.
 - Matt will review functionality and cost of SportsEngine (as compared to League Athletics). Matt will get details and provide an update to board members. CYBA.org is an example of what SportsEngine looks like.
 - Discussion on data clean-up needed. Discussion on making a system where clubs could use the system as a single system to make management of rosters, teams, etc. smoother.

Director of Facilities Update (Dale R.)

- Not available at meeting.

Roadrunner Commissioner Update (Dave K)

- Season is going well...kids are having fun.

Bulldogs Commissioner Update (Mike L.)

- Season is going well. Kids are doing well.
- Coaching is good.
- CalCup Team registration is on-going.
 - Requesting more information on what's required for players to register, what docs are needed, how to submit team rosters, etc. Discussion on past CalCup requirements.
 - Mike contacted Marc. Marc is working on getting more details out.
- Umpiring seems to be better. Appreciate the efforts of all involved.

- Likes the cones to keep parents away from sidelines and interfering with coaches.

Coyote Commissioner Update (Shilpika R.)

President Elect Update (Roger G.)

- Provided an update on reaching out to Simon Hoskins, USAFH. Roger has to withdraw and cannot contact Simon due to personal constraints.
- Purpose of meeting with Simon is to have a discussion and show Simon what FHF is about and discuss how we can work better together with the MJNT leadership to be non-confrontational.
- Update from Rich G. on focus of meeting. Alan suggested that FHF create an agenda that can be brought to Simon with an invite to visit. Alan requested that members send him agenda items. FHF is willing to pay for travel/lodging during his stay (recommended Friday through Saturday/Sunday). Alan will send request for agenda items. Alan will coordinate with Simon Hoskins directly as FHF President.

:: NEW BUSINESS ::

Annual Awards:

- Alan S. is requesting inputs for FHF annual awards.
- Alan sent email today with categories
- Deadline to submit to Mike W is April 20th for all categories.
 - Needs input /writeup
 - Needs picture
- Question from Mike L. on process and selection of recipients.
 - Not a formal process. Names are submitted and members discuss.
- 2 of 7 categories have nominees selected.

Scholarship with Moorpark College:

- Tom Harris provided update on scholarship.
- One applicant: Graham Jackson (Deadline was March 5th).
- Discussion on the process of advertising, rules for applying for the scholarship. Since it requires that it be a college student involved with local field hockey, the pool of candidates is low. Discussion on if Graham should be awarded the scholarship two times in a year.
- FHF also submits money to the Moorpark College general scholarship fund.
- Discussion on how the process can be improved next year. Rich G suggested that we should not be awarding a scholarship to one person twice in a year. Also suggested that there needs to be different rules to ensure there are sufficient applicants for consideration.
- Suggestion is to review the scholarship program and what the rules are for award of scholarship. Application announcement goes out in Fall.

Moorpark College FH Club (Tom H):

- Tom H. presented discussion on development of a Moorpark College FH team.
- Looking for volunteer to organize this. No volunteers at this time.

New Committees Status (Tom H): New Facility Committee and Program Growth Committee

- Committees will meet and assign a chair.
- Alan will send out committee charter documents

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 2, 2018

Motion to Adjourn: 8:24 PM (Phil S.). Second by Rich G. All approved.