



Board of Directors Meeting

Present, April 4, 2017

Bree Gillespie, Chair
Shawn Hindy
Richard Hayden
Kathy Schiller
Carolyn Bing
Jeanne O'Brien
Mark Vittese – joined at 9:22pm
Lauren Crandall
Kara Mings – joined at 9:30pm
Susan Nottingham
Roberta Page

Staff

Simon Hoskins, Executive Director
Janet Paden, CFO and Board Secretary
Elissa Unger, Foundation Development Director (left at 9:57pm)

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

9:00pm – 10:14pm EST

1. Call to Order – Bree Gillespie
2. Roll call – Janet Paden
3. ED Report – Simon Hoskins
 - a. The Women's National Team is currently in New Zealand; the remaining games will be streamed. We are having some exchanges regarding 2018 games with Korea and New Zealand, and working with Australia on reciprocal agreements. Working with the FIH on the H&A League application. Frank Wijbenga has agreed to be the new Performance Analyst; he will join us on 9/1/17, subject to O-1 Visa being successful. Player contracts/agreements are being worked through with Lauren and Shannon, and the leadership group of athletes on the team.
 - b. The Men's National Team performance in WL2 in Trinidad and Tobago was promising; secured 3rd place; world ranking moved from 29th to 26th. Met with

Men's Foundation during the NIT; asking about having a USAFH Board member on the Men's Foundation. Peter Jones has approached Kathy Schiller about being on that Board also. Simon suggested we have a liaison to the Men's Foundation, like what we have with the Women's Foundation. Rutgers will be working with the Men's Foundation on grant requests and specific support needed for the Men's program.

- c. Festival 2017 – we are staying at the International Polo Club – construction won't be happening this year; intend to add divisions for U12s and mixed play for more opportunities for U14, U16 and U19 males – broader offerings. Working on a deposit based system – more client focused.
 - d. Events and Clubs Restructure – currently recruiting for two Coordinators and one Manager. Justin Miller has been promoted to be a Manager in this area as well. New organization chart will be uploaded to the Board site.
 - e. Safe Sport – All individuals/USAFH members that encounter minors must go through the Safe Sport training.
 - f. USWNT – Ice Hockey; women boycotting/disputing NGB – they aren't funded at the same level of the men; WNT threatened to withdraw playing in the championships; reached an agreement with their stipends and travel.
 - g. Brand Update – not going to pursue a full rebranding; staying with the Trevor. Will not redesign; will slightly modify the font. The focus will shift to ensure the sub-brands are coherent and consistent with the master logo.
 - h. Strategic Plan Update – press release going out in the next week or two.
4. Committee Reports
- a. Philanthropy Report – Elissa Unger. A modified Fundraising Policy was presented. The annual Fund will be rebranded as the UNITED Fund; will happen in 3rd and 4th quarter. Elissa left the call at 9:57pm.
Motion made by Susan Nottingham and seconded by Shawn Hindy to approve the Fundraising Policy as presented. All in favor.
 - b. Judicial appointments – at the Board meeting in February, we discussed the need to add 2 athlete reps (in case there's a hearing, and one can't attend). Caitie Tornes led a solicitation to eligible athlete members; Will Holt and Ian Scally submitted their names. Their biographies are on the board site. Will is currently an active Men's National Team member.
Motion made by Shawn Hindy and seconded by Mark Vittese to accept the appointments of Will Holt and Ian Scally to the Judicial Committee. All approved.
5. New Business – Simon to provide numbers of ticket sales for PAC and Ireland Series.

Motion made by Roberta Page and seconded by Shawn Hindy to adjourn the meeting at 10:14pm. All in favor.