



Board of Directors Meeting via Teleconference

Present, December 8, 2015

Shawn Hindy, Chair
Kara Mings (joined at 9:05pm)
Bree Gillespie
Rene Zelkin
Susan Nottingham
Carolyn Bing
Shannon Taylor

Staff

Simon Hoskins, Executive Director
Janet Paden, CFO and Board Secretary

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

9:00pm – 10:43pm EST

1. Call to order- Shawn Hindy
2. Roll Call – Janet Paden
3. ED Report discussion – Simon Hoskins. India's women's team has committed to coming to the Nook in mid-late July 2016. Men will go to Chula Vista and play our Men's National Team. Staff will prepare a comparative of Shooting Star versus Festival.
4. NFHCA booth – Simon Hoskins. We will not have a booth in 2016 at this event.
5. Vice Chair – Janet and Shawn will work with Board to get votes for either Bree or Shannon to be the Vice Chair.
6. Carrie Lingo's position – Caitie Tornes sent an email out yesterday with all the rules and instructions, to the appropriate people who can vote, and who can be nominated. It will take two weeks to collect nominations and one week to vote. It will be a female that will be voted in, but both males and females can vote.
7. Tina Reinprecht has resigned from the Board. Caitie Tornes and Susan Nottingham will be working with the Nominating Committee on the recruiting/voting for this Coach position. Goal is to get both positions filled before the next in-person Board meeting.

8. AGM 2015 at Festival – Simon Hoskins. Mark Vittese was in attendance, had approximately 10 members, as well as staff members.
9. Board training – a \$5,000 grant has been received from the USOC for NGB Board training; it can be either USOC or a third party. Non Profit Board Member Course is a free service from the Secretary of State in Colorado – recommended that each board member do this online course. Also, the USOC has an NGB Board Best Practices manual that is a great resource for all board members to review. Simon to provide deadlines to have these completed. Bree will help review proposals for the board training.
10. Umpire Task Force – Rene. Goal is to recruit umpires; improve and coach our existing umpires; to bring umpires to another level. May need to add the club coach to maintain the 20% athlete representation. Bree is happy to be on the task force as a coach.
11. Future in-person board meetings – February 6 and 7 in Colorado Springs. Shawn to send out email with all the call schedules for 2016 as well. The summer meeting will be July 16-17 in Lancaster; fall meeting will either be November 26-27 at Festival in Palm Beach or at the Final Four at Old Dominion University.
12. Fundraising – we currently have a \$5K matching grant provided by the trust of Beatrice Toner; encourage all board members to contribute this month to receive this match. Bree: Chasing the Dream fundraiser to raise money for Rio and the 2016 Jr World Cup. The host sponsors the party, invites their guest list, the National Office creates an invitation with multiple levels of ticket prices; the host provides the meal (food and alcohol) for the party, USAFH would provide a few players to attend the party, maybe a small silent auction at each. Hoping to do 3 or so parties on east, Midwest and west coast. Goal is to raise \$5K-\$10K for each party. Possible opportunity for matching donations from sponsors. Member Services Director would manage this in the National Office. Bree will be reaching out to some board members to host a party for this fundraiser, and will work with Simon on the timeline of availability of WNT players.

Motion made by Kara Mings and seconded by Bree Gillespie to adjourn the meeting at 10:43pm.

7 in favor

0 opposed

0 abstentions