



USLA Board Meeting
Teleconference
Wednesday, August 29, 2018
5:00PM

Members Present: Ms. Erin Warren, Mr. Don Simkin, Mr. Chris Mazdzer, Mr. Adam Berlew, Mr. Matt Mortensen, Ms. Julia Clukey

Members Absent: Mr. Pete Gillwald, Mr. Paul Baribault

Staff Present: Mr. Jim Leahy

Call to Order- Ms. Erin Warren

The meeting was called to order at 5:07PM.

Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2018

Ms. Warren asked for comments or corrections to the March 20th minutes and with none:

Motion to Approve the minutes by Mr. Don Simkin, seconded by Mr. Adam Berlew. **PASSED**

CEO Report – Mr. Jim Leahy

Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget:

Mr. Leahy presented the full budget for the 2018-2019 season. He discussed how the proposed budget was aligned to the high performance plan presented to the USOC back in May. The budget not only focused on resource allocation for our Senior National Team but also is placing a great emphasis on our needs to heavily fund our Junior National Team athletes. He stated that the proposed budget was reviewed by the Finance Committee of which Ms. Warren and Mr. Chris Mazdzer sit on.

Ms. Warren and Mr. Mazdzer discussed that the committee was happy to see the strong focus of this year's budget on development and that the Finance Committee unanimously approved the proposed budget.

After further discussion within the Board Ms. Warren asked the Board for a motion to approve the proposed budget for 2018-2019.

Motion to Approve the 2018-2019 Budget by Mr. Chris Mazdzer, seconded by Mr. Matt Mortensen.

PASSED

Facility Update:

Mr. Leahy reported that meetings continue with ORDA and the discussions that have taken place via various stages of the project. He reported that our internal team have seen the design schematics and is

waiting for ORDA to finalize the RFP stage in hiring contractors. He stated that construction, starting with the removal of the existing start facility, should commence in the spring of 2019. He stated that he will provide all the designs in house to date to the Board at our meeting in Lake Placid in September.

Athlete Report- Mr. Chris Mazdzer, Mr. Matt Mortensen, Ms. Julia Clukey

Mr. Mazdzer reported that the team has been working very hard over the summer and is looking forward to getting on the ice in Lillehammer in late September. He also reported that congratulations are in order for the first place finish by Tucker West and Summer Britcher at the Annual International Luge Start Championship in Meransen, Italy.

Mr. Matt Mortensen reported that he was recently in Lake Placid and was impressed by the work being done by both the athletes and coaches getting ready for the season.

Ms. Clukey reported that as a member of the Athlete's Advisory Committee (AAC) she is continuing her work within this group focusing on the various issues related to SafeSport initiatives. The continued focus of the AAC is to make sure all athletes have the ability to compete in a safe environment.

In Person Board Meeting – Ms. Warren

Ms. Warren reminded the Board of the upcoming in person meeting of the Board in Lake Placid on Saturday, September 29. The meeting will be a joint meeting of the USLA Board and the USLF Trustees. The in person meeting will be followed by the USLA Annual Meeting of Member.

New Business – Mr. Leahy

Mr. Leahy discussed the bios of two nominees being presented to the Members at the Annual Meeting to fill Board positions that have been vacated by Mr. Dwight Bell and Ms. Mary Ann Deignan.

After a discussion Mr. Leahy was authorized to invite both nominees to the Board meeting in September.

Ms. Warren stated that she and Mr. Leahy are working with the USOC to potentially find a nominee to replace the seat vacated by Mr. Terrence Burns.

With no other business to discuss, Ms. Warren asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Matt Mortensen, second by Mr. Adam Berlew. PASSED.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:55PM.