



Board of Directors Meeting

Via Teleconference

Tuesday, February 6th, 2024

6:03 PM – 6:58 PM EST

Board Members

Alex Grassi

Billy King

Cathy Bessant

Dan Friedberg

Jeanne O'Brien (joined the call at 6:09 pm)

Lauren Liska

Mike Barminski

Richard Hayden

Ron Hawley

Stef Fee

Stephen Martin

Will Holt

Additional Attendees

Danielle Beaman, Secretary

Janet Paden, CFO

Simon Hoskins, Executive Officer

Emily Hewitt, Director of Membership, Governance & Safesport

1. Call to Order: Cathy Bessant
2. Roll Call – Danielle Beaman
3. Declaration of Conflicts Solicitations – Danielle Beaman
 - a. There were no conflicts of interest identified based on the approved agenda.

Jeanne O'Brien joined the call at 6:09 PM

4. CEO Report – Simon Hoskins
 - a. Olympic Activation – Discussed the opportunities that were presented at the Olympic Qualifiers (i.e. revisiting funding with USOPC, CBS coverage, soft launch of Dare to Differ campaign). We will not be broadcasting the matches when Argentina comes to play in April. Planning on hosting an Olympic send off dinner for the team. Many of the activities that will arise in preparation for the Olympics will cost; funds that were not budgeted for.
 - b. Kit Deal – Osaka wants to continue, but we have also received bids from additional companies.
 - c. Sport Development – Supporting documents are on the Board Portal revolving around current trends in sports, boy/girl high school development, and local, accessible, affordable groups.

- d. Dare to Differ – Official launch is set to take place in March. Good feedback was provided from the soft launch that took place during the Olympic Qualifiers. “Dare to Dream” is a shorter version we are working on revolving around athletes and the Olympics.
- e. USPC Agreement – Shared that the agreement is currently being modified to include the men’s national team as well. More information to come. We will work on a presentation to provide the men’s team regarding the possibility of relocating the team to Charlotte.
- f. Hockey 5’s World Cup – Many countries chose to not participate, but we did. Outcome was good, teams performed well and much was learned along the way. It is felt that 5’s are a good opportunity for our teams/organization in order to succeed internationally. Athletes will be providing feedback regarding their experience with the equipment, dry turf, play, etc.
- g. LA28 Task Force – Have met with both Paris and LA in regard to taking the next steps. Packets are available on the board portal and committees will be made to tackle the four objectives that have been outlined in the provided packet.
- h. Disney – Largest year yet with 273 teams.

5. Governance – Emily Hewitt

- a. Grievance Procedures – Update – Current cases can be found on the board portal. Three cases have been appealed and the others have been closed.
- b. By Laws Update – Working to update the bylaws, hoping to provide an update soon.

Emily Hewitt leaves the call at 6:52 PM

6. CEO Review – Cathy Bessant

- a. Survey will be sent out soon and results will be reviewed at the next in-person meeting.

7. Board Schedule – Cathy Bessant

- a. Survey will be sent out to the board regarding what dates are best suited for in-person meetings.

8. Other Business – Cathy Bessant

- a. 2023 and 2024 COI’s are due to Janet; please be sure to send them in if you have not already done so.

Cathy Bessant adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM EST