

1 Bob: 2015-2016 USQRA AGM. 'preciate everybody being here. As you know, we got a lot
2 going on, so this is gonna be kind of a little bit different AGM, and I'll just lead you guys along
3 as we head.. Uh I think everyone does have an agenda. Um so I'm gonna go ahead and get it off
4 going. Uh, first, before we get started before anything, I wanted to just take this time. If you
5 could please join me for a moment of silence for all that we've lost this year; of our membership,
6 those who have departed, and especially for Dan McCully. Uh people may not know Dan
7 McCully; outstanding athlete, he'd very much involved in his community, actually serves as well
8 as part of this board as well as internationally. Uh, to me, Dan McCully is the epitome of what
9 we want from our membership; people that play, involved in their community, get people
10 involved in the sport as well as serve on the board. So, please, for a moment of silence for Dan
11 and all the departed. (Moment of silence). Thank you very much. Okay, um alright. For a little
12 bit..

13 Dave: Wait! Um, we are recording this and someone is going to transcribe it later. So, please say
14 your name when you speak and be vocal. I know.. especially in the back of the room, it's hard to
15 project and have everybody hear you. And this little recorder, I don't know what it's capabilities
16 are. Um, somebody just came in and dropped it on the table, so.

17 Bob: Doing something new, so.

18 Dave: Do your best to try and project. Thanks. I'm done.

19 Bob: Alright. Before we move on to the role calls, um on a more positive note, just up here we
20 want to recognize somebody that is actually celebrating a birthday. So, please join me in singing
21 happy birthday to our own Emily Shryrock. So, 1, 2, 3.. (Everyone sings "Happy Birthday").
22 And how does it feel to be 21? (Everyone laughs). Alrighty. Take her out for her first drink.

23 Alright. Well, thank you very much again. Our next order is to do a team role call, and I think
24 Carolyn handles this. Alrighty, very good.

25 Carolyn: I'll take it right here. Alright, so um the Akron Rhinos are not here in person, but they
26 did send in an absentee ballot. Who do I have from Boise?

27 Josiah: Josiah Sullivan

28 Carolyn: Awesome! Brooks?

29 Bob: Please say a name.

30 Carolyn: Okay. I'm gonna announce quickly. So when we do the voting, there needs to be one
31 person from each team just so nothing gets confused. So, as I'm doing this role call, the person
32 who is going to be actively voting on behalf of your team, if I could get you.

33 Steve: Brooks, Steve Kenny.

34 Carolyn: Perfect. Alright, next. Carolina.

35 Nathan: Nathan (?).

36 Carolyn: Chicago.

37 Mike: Chicago, Mike (?).

38 Carolyn: Perfect. Denver and (?) Mobility's (?) are both absentee. Grand Rapids... Grand
39 Rapids?

40 Bob: They're still trying to find the place. They are not here.

41 Carolyn: Beautiful. Alright, Great Lakes.

42 Hanbock: (?) Hanbock.

43 Carolyn: Alright, Lakeshore.

44 Austin: Austin (?)

45 Carolyn: Alright, um McGee, they have Robby Beckman as their proxy. Is Robby here? ...

46 They're on the way? Alright. Um, Maryland.

47 Ryan: Ryan Major

48 Carolyn: Perfect. Um, Milwaukee, absentee ballot. Minnesota?

49 Ken: Present. Ken Walsh

50 Carolyn: Alright, Northeast Passage. Dan, you're their proxy?

51 Dan: Yes.

52 Carolyn: Perfect. Um NorCal sent in an absentee ballot. Northridge?

53 Mike: Mike, Northbridge.

54 Carolyn: Alright, Dallas.

55 Daniel: We're their proxy.

56 Carolyn: Perfect, Daniel. Um Capitol Punishers?

57 Trisha: Trisha Nelson.

58 Carolyn: Perfect. Alright, um Ohio, I have a proxy from them. Phoenix?

59 Bob: They have a ballot.

60 Carolyn: Sorry.

61 Scott: Yup! Scott (?).

62 Carolyn: Um, Pittsburg.

63 Katie: Katie Smith.

64 Carolyn: Perfect. Uh, Portland? Troy?

65 Troy: Yeah.

66 Carolyn: Awesome. Uh, Reno.

67 Seattle: Oh, I'm sorry. I have the proxy for Reno.

- 68 Carolyn: Do you have Reno or do you have Seattle? They are different this year.
- 69 Seattle: Or I'm sorry. Seattle.
- 70 Carolyn: Okay cool. Um, Seattle's absentee. Sharp?
- 71 Troy: Troy
- 72 Carolyn: Shepherd
- 73 Scott: Scott Stokes
- 74 Carolyn: South Florida Rattlers
- 75 Ryan: Uh we had to (???)
- 76 Carolyn: Awesome, and are you going to be, Ryan; are you going to be the um..
- 77 Ryan: Yes.
- 78 Carolyn: Perfect. Alright. Alright, St. Louis is absentee ballot. Um, Tampa. That's you again
- 79 Ryan?
- 80 Ryan: Yup.
- 81 Carolyn: Perfect. Texas Stampede?
- 82 Daniel: Daniel Curtis
- 83 Carolyn: TIRR Texans.
- 84 Eric: Eric Ingram
- 85 Carolyn: Tucson. Tucson Renegades
- 86 Dave: (Dave McNeil?).
- 87 Carolyn: Perfect. University of Arizona?
- 88 Brad: Brad McFaddon

89 Carolyn: Utah sent in a proxy.. er an absentee ballot. And that's it. Fantastic, so that gives us a
90 total of 36 teams represented at the AGM either by an absentee ballot or a proxy or here in
91 person. Alright.

92 Bob: Alright, so we do have a quorum. Alright, we will have an official meeting, so thank you
93 very much.

94 Unknown: Do we have a form for friendly amendments as well?

95 Carolyn: We do.

96 Bob: Yes we do.

97 (5:46)

98 Bob: Okay, the next step is the approval of the minutes. Now, before we actually begin the
99 approval of the minutes, one of the things I actually wanted to bring up, and it's a motion that
100 I'm going to move right now, propose right now. Uh, considering all the issues we had last year
101 without an AGM forum and elections and things of that nature, what I want to do is propose a
102 motion that the membership accepts every USQRA board member that is up here today, as well
103 as Debrah who unfortunately couldn't be with us. Um, so I'm proposing this motion for the
104 membership to accept. Do I have a second?

105 Smith: I second.

106 Bob: Awesome. Smith seconds the motion. Alright. I'm just gonna do it verbally. All in favor,
107 say yay. (People say yay). All oppose, nay. (Silence). Okay the yays..

108 Unknown: ..What are we accepting? I'm not quite sure on what you're.. can you clarify that?

109 Bob: Okay. Alright, here's the clarification. Everyone that you see up here that is part of the
110 USQRA board that you, as membership, are accepting our positions as members of the USQRA
111 board.

112 Dave: This is related to the fact that there were positions last year that weren't voted on, and so
113 the positions that we carried on because there was nobody else in the position because it wasn't
114 voted on, but because of a gray area, we just figured that it's best that we make sure that this is
115 kosher with everybody. So, you wanna re-vote?

116 Bob: Okay. Let's do it. Alright, so we're all in agreement?.. Okay.

117 Dave: Maybe as for nays first.

118 Bob: Alright, I'll ask for nays next time. You got it.

119 Dave: I mean first. Sorry.

120 Bob: First. Okay. Alrighty.

121 Dave: Did anybody oppose that because we kinda got interrupted in the middle.. No? Alright.

122 Bob: Alrighty.

123 Dave: I just want to make sure we're clear.

124 Bob: We're clear. Thank you. Alrighty. The next is the approval of the 2015 minutes, and again,
125 these minutes were posted I believe on the website at the end of last year's..

126 Dave: Do we have minutes because we didn't have a..

127 Carolyn: There were minutes.

128 Bob: Yes, there were minutes kept.

129 Dave: Oh, we started and didn't..

130 Carolyn: Correct. And the minutes are up on the website.

131 Bob: Exactly. The minutes are up on the website. So, uh all approval of the minutes, say nay.

132 (Silence) All accepting of the minutes, say yay. (People say yay). Alright, they yays have it.

133 Thank you. Um, the way this is gonna go since we are on a crunch time, what we are gonna do is
134 with the reports and my reports, the first one, what I'm basically gonna do is I'm not gonna read

135 my report because I know yall can read. So, it's there. If there's any questions on my report,
136 when I come to the person's name, if you have an interjection or questions, please go at that
137 time. If not, we'll go on to the next person. So, the president's report is first. It's mine, Bob
138 Lujano, and I'm not going to read it, but I will open any discussion or questions anyone has...
139 Okay. We'll go on next to Kevin Crombie. Kevin, do you want to red your report or do you have
140 any questions or..

141 Kevin: Does anybody have any questions?

142 Unknown: What is your report?

143 Unknown 2: Yeah, your report's not in here.

144 Kevin: It's not.. It's detailed in there.. No I'm just kidding. There is no report.

145 Bob: (Laughs) Okay. I guess, Kevin, do you wanna make a few remarks or..

146 Kevin: I'll just make a few.. Uh, everybody that's wanting to host a clinic, I'll be picking that up
147 pretty seriously after this AGM and this weekend's over. Um, I thank everybody for your
148 patience and as well with all these proposals, so.

149 Dave: It's worth noting that we got a significant amount of money from a grant to help with
150 clinics: referee clinics, player clinics, classifier clinics. And we have to allocate that money
151 sometime before or during June. So if you are considering doing this, the amount of money that
152 we have available means that we will be able to help more than we normally would. So, please
153 take advantage of this if you're thinking about having a clinic and you're worried about the
154 funding. We will be able to do much more than we have in the past. And if you have any
155 questions, you don't have to commit, but talk to Kevin and he will help you get what you need.

156 Bob: Any questions for Kevin Crombie? (Silence) Okay. Emily Shyrock?

157 Emily: So, I've got my report here that outlines a couple different things. Obviously, fundraising
158 is kind of my main role, so you can read there kind of the update on sponsors as well as grants.
159 So, we're still managing the Nielsen grant from last year that we will finish that grant out over
160 the summer, and we also did get the Christopher and Dana Reves Foundation grant, which
161 provided funding for a number of you to actually be here at the AGM. So, we're excited about
162 both of those opportunities. Um, we're also really working on trying to get a better
163 understanding of the league as kind of individuals of what's going on. It's really hard to go to
164 sponsors or funders and make a convincing case to why they should fund us if we can't kind of
165 give them an idea of what they're.. who they're reaching um.. the impact the sport has on
166 individuals, on communities. So, we're really trying to get some more of that information. The
167 tournament evaluation for one way um to do that, so look for more of that to come and just
168 understand that that's why you may be asked to survey information, fill out surveys, because we
169 need to know more in order to be able to go to different funders and make a kind of a convincing
170 case for why we need this money and what we use it for.

171 Bob: It also helps us to help you. If we don't know what your struggles are, if we don't know
172 what your successes are, we can't help you as much. And if you fill out these surveys, it's helped
173 us. Even the surveys that we've done so far, we've had decent response, and it's helped us
174 distribute money, it's helped us try and figure out what we're gonna do this year in order to help
175 teams.

176 Emily: Absolutely. And then there's definitely opportunities to get involved in the fundraising
177 process. One person cant realistically do all of this, especially on a part time volunteer basis. Um,
178 over the summer, we are going to be revisiting really our entire sponsorship program, really
179 make some pretty big changes, and input and help on that would be greatly appreciated. So, if

180 you have any interest, any skill, any time you can give to that, please let me know. I'm gonna be
181 here al weekend. Come up and chat with me. Um, we have to have money in order to help the
182 league run, but we have to have people to help in order to go out and get that. So, the rest of the
183 details are in the report, but just want to really put out there that this is an area that is important
184 because we hear from the league that you need things from the association that we are not able to
185 provide if we don't have the funding for it.

186 Bob: Any questions for Emily? (Silence) Okay. Carolyn?

187 Carolyn: Everything's listed out pretty well in this.. my very, very brief report. Just thanks to
188 everybody for coming this year. Thanks to everybody on the board. This is my last year on the
189 board. I've been on since um.. on and off since 2009. So, best of luck to Mike moving forward.
190 You're gonna have a good time. (Everyone laughs)

191 Bob: Any questions for Carolyn? (Silence) Okay. Commissioner?

192 Dave: I don't have anything to add. IF anybody has a questions for me, hit me up either now or
193 later.

194 Bob: Alright. Uh, for myself, again, I just also want to say thank you to the membership for your
195 efforts on and off the court, as well as a big thank you to the board members up here. Uh, (???)
196 for Emily and Carolyn. They're very much um.. you know, seem to get things done whenever it
197 seems like they're at their bleakest. Dave, thanks for all your incredible ideas, and Kevin for
198 coming on and filling in. 'Preciate your efforts. We gave him a boat load of work when he first
199 joined in, so we appreciate your efforts. And uh, at the end of the day, we're here to serve you to
200 the best of our abilities. It is a volunteer job. We all pretty much have also have full time jobs.
201 Some of us are married with kids and things of that nature. So, again, our effort is really to servie
202 you to the best of our ability. And uh, just want to thank you for that. Okay, uh we're going next

203 to the racks. Again, the rack reports are there. If anyone wants to add any additional comments,
204 they can if there are any questions. So, Bill Belford?

205 (14:10)

206 Dave: Maybe just see if there's a rack here that wants to raise their hand, who has something to
207 say, and otherwise, we'll just pass it.

208 Bob: Sure. Any racks want to make a comment, that are here?

209 Dave: That didn't submit a report? ... (whispers) Is she here? Oh, she's not here.

210 Bob: Okay. Yes! We do have a hand. Who do we have?

211 Brad: I just wanted to ask. Are the racks actually up to date on the website?

212 Carolyn: They are, yes.

213 Brad: And the contact information?

214 Carolyn: It's the contact information we were given from the racks.

215 Brad: Oh, okay.

216 Carolyn: Is there one in particular we should maybe double check?

217 Brad: Uh, throughout the whole season, it's been kinda difficult for me to get information. So,
218 I'm.. So that's all.

219 Dave: Is Ernie a rack?

220 Unknown: Ernie is a rack and Ernie's email address is incorrect on the website.

221 Dave: It is incorrect?

222 Bob: Okay. Well that would be..

223 Dave: Alright, well I'll get with him this weekend and uh... Oh, he's not here.

224 Bob: No.

225 Dave: I'll get with Ernie ASAP and get that straightened out. Thank you for bringing that the my
226 attention.

227 Bob: Any other questions for any racks, or statements to be made?

228 Dave: He should be communicating with you throughout the season, so the fact that you don't
229 have his email address says that we need to figure out what's going on there.

230 Unknown: There's a couple of times that he did communicate through messenger or text
231 message. Um, whenever I reached out sometimes, it was unclear who I was supposed to talk to..

232 Dave: Okay. If you're not getting a response from someone, and if everyone in here doesn't have
233 my cell phone number, it's all over the place and I'd be happy to give it to you.

234 Bob: Okay, um I guess next would be referees? Um, Karen Banefield?

235 Karen: Hello!

236 Bob: Hello.

237 Karen: I would just like to take a minute to thank the USQRA board, um, for allowing us to do
238 two advanced clinics for our existing officials. Um, we did one in Birmingham out of Lake
239 Shore, and we also did one in Pheonix, and I think they were very successful and it was great to
240 be able to take some of our mid-level officials and just give them some extra training, one on
241 one, where we didn't have to have the basic training going on at the same time. So, thank you
242 guys for allowing us to do that. We feel that's made a huge impact on our sport and we would
243 like to continue doing that moving forward.

244 Bob: Emily..

245 Emily: Alright. Next, classifiers.

246 Phyllis: Hi! Um, I just want to say we were able to make it to 8 tournaments and bring on 45 new
247 athletes, which is awesome. And then we, um, we were supposed to get 6 trainees for

248 classification, um, dealing with level ones, which we appreciate that support. And um I felt like
249 we made it to as many tournaments as we could make it to within our (??). So, definitely feel
250 free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

251 Bob: Thank you, Phyllis. Any questions? (Silence) Okay. With post season, I guess we really
252 don't need to argue..

253 Dave: Well I think it's worth noting that of the 42 registered teams, only 25 participated in post-
254 season. I don't know why? We had places where there was discussions of not even holding a
255 sectional, which... floors me. So, um if someone has thoughts on as to why we're having trouble
256 getting teams to.. You know, 3 of the teams got \$10,000 this year in a grant, didn't participate
257 post-season.

258 Unknown: Wow.

259 Dave: Three! So, something's wrong there, and we need to figure out what it is. So, if anybody
260 has information.. any ideas on who we can encourage people to move forward with this, to be
261 involved and be invested, I'd love to hear.

262 Unknown: Do you know how many participated last year?

263 Dave: No, I don't know. More.

264 Carolyn: Lots more.

265 Unknown: I mean cuz I think..

266 Dave: Well you look at the specifics, there were 8 teams last year and there were 5 this year.

267 Um..

268 Unknown: We did 9 in the Atlantic last year versus 6.

269 Dave: Right, and the Atlantic is the biggest section. The Heartland North is the biggest region.

270 Although, the Heartland North had 100% turnout at 9.. Because we're all close. It makes it

271 easier. Most of us drove. And I understand that that's a factor; when all the teams have to fly in,
272 it's harder for the host, it's harder for the teams. Um, so we have distinct advantage there, but it's
273 just the numbers are staggering to me.

274 Bob: Any other comments about post season? Questions? Yes, Scott?

275 Scott: Um, our team was one of the teams that wrote a letter to protest against having a sectional
276 time just because of the weird circumstance that went on this year with the US team ban and
277 Paris and all that, and I thought it would be a good time not to have it just because of that reason.
278 And we all know that money kind of fuels this league, this sport, and um for the last 5 years, our
279 sectional, everything's been predetermined before the first tip of the ball. And that's where it was
280 kinda.. where I decided like, "Hey, we need to write this letter and hopefully not have the
281 sectional so people can save money on their flights and then direct that money somewhere else."
282 And um I've said this to a lot of people, but I think the whole post season needs to be revamped.
283 And um, I didn't put it in writing this year because I was kind of bummed out about the protest
284 and not getting accepted, but I think sectionals needs to go away and there needs to be some type
285 of point system like NASCAR where you travel to tournaments and you cumulate points. And
286 um where you get the points from first place, points for second place, as well as third. And then
287 you get points for hosting and then at the beginning of the season, you declare whether you're
288 D1 or D2. And then you go form there. Each team has to host and at the end of the year, you add
289 up the points and then that's where you fall in for post season. Do away with the sectional event.
290 It's meaningless, but that's just my two cents.

291 Dave: And I think you have valid concerns with both the finances and the fact that it feels like
292 everything's predetermined. And when we made the ruling that we made, it's based on, from our
293 understanding, that the league wants us to have the games and that we're going for legitimacy

294 and, you know, in order to have this post season the way we structured it. To move forward, we
295 need to do it. If the membership wants to do it differently, somebody has an idea, we bring it up
296 and we vote on it and we go a different way, fine. I'm not geared toward one specific thing,
297 really. I'm just trying to make sure we do what I believe is the will of the membership. So, if
298 you're interested in, like, trying to put something together and getting some people together with
299 some ideas and try and formally put a proposal together to give to the competition committee and
300 discuss where we would go with that, I think that's a great idea.

301 Scott: Yeah, it's just tough for us because we're so spread out that all the teams have to fly to
302 determine.. which causes it to be very expensive for everyone involved.

303 Dave: And that's.. you get into the.. there's lots of discussion. You know, Lakeshore wants to be
304 part of the Atlantic South because they're much closer to that than they are to any other Portland
305 team. Um, regionally, we're gonna have issues. Depending on where you happen to live, if there
306 are less rugby teams, you're gonna have to fly a lot. You know, Utah.. can Utah drive anywhere?
307 Reno? Um, I can drive to 5-6 tournaments in 5 hours. It's just a matter of where the population
308 happens to be, and it makes yours more challenging because of where you happen to be. Um,
309 unfortunately, as a board, we can't do anything about that. But we can try to accommodate you
310 more if we can come up with something that works for the league.

311 Scott: It just seems like the good teams get penalized and the teams that bail out, which we seem
312 to lose a lot of teams when it comes to post-season in our section, they kind of get what they
313 want out of the league or they get their games in and then don't have to pay the money to go to
314 post season, which just kills our sectional because, you know, 3 teams, 4 teams that show up
315 each year, it's just tough.

316 Dave: Understood.

317 (22:52)

318 Steve: As the head of the competition committee, uh... One thing that I've considered being that
319 our bylaws strictly spell out that we have 4 sections and regional tournaments and that structure's
320 built right into our bylaws. So, in order to change that, it's gotta come down to putting together a
321 proposal of a different format, but um I think there is definitely an opportunity for a possible
322 realignment or a different structure, whether it's a, you know, tournament structure. But I think
323 there's.. its time to start thinking out of the box and coming up with some different ideas and not
324 just falling into that structure.

325 Bob: Oh, I think Steve and Scott need to get together.

326 Dave: Oh there should be a lot of voices. All these committees are supposed to have
327 representation from at least one person from every section, if not one from every region. And at
328 this point, most of the committees have very little representation from anywhere at all. So, while
329 I'm.. I think having a conversation start with two people is a great place to start, I really think it's
330 in everyone's best interest to get input from the entire league so we get the entire leagues.. You
331 know, when it comes up and it comes to a vote, you're not gonna get blindsided by 80% of the
332 membership who have no idea what you are doing and then they hate the idea, and we didn't
333 consider their thoughts. So, take that into consideration.

334 Bob: I'm sure you can get people involved because people care about this. You just need to find
335 people who are willing to get on a conference call.. 4 times a year. (Silence) Yes.

336 Brad: Um there's actually a bunch of proposals today that could help us with the realignment.
337 And also about being able to make rule changes outside of the AGM. Um, so there's definitely
338 (??) to make some changes. I'd like to help with that in any way I can.

339 Bob: Okay, good. Thank you, Brad. Any other comments about post-season or questions,
340 concerns, thoughts? (Silence) Okay. Next step is to move to the committees. Um, again, we just
341 kinda talked about how it only seems like a few people. But in regards to any of these, I guess if
342 there's any committee members that want to make any comments, um now's your time to raise
343 your hand.

344 Carolyn: And this is also going off of what Dave just said. This is an excellent opportunity for
345 anybody who would like to join any of the committees here. Please let me know now and we can
346 make sure you are included on those mailing lists.

347 Bob: Anyone for wheelchair committee? Equipment? Anyone interested? ..Or even names you
348 could maybe recommend? That would be great.

349 Troy: (???) international (???)

350 Bob: Thank you, Troy. Anyone..

351 Unknown: I'm interested but I'm not sure where I.. (??).

352 Bob: Okay.

353 Dave: The equipment committee is really not a very active committee, but when there are issues
354 that come up, there need to be people who can address them. So, yeah. I appreciate you
355 volunteering.

356 Bob: Hall of fame committee?

357 Dave: I think that's just Brad and his hall of fame members.

358 Bob: It's just Brad. I think it's Brad, Clif Chun, Eddie Crouch... Okay, competition committee?

359 Anyone?

360 Steve: Yeah, that's me actually. And um, getting back.. Steve Kenny, the chairperson for the
361 competition committee. Getting back to emails is um.. it says not submitted. I do have my email,
362 March 31st with my report attached.

363 Bob: (Laughs) We will amend the minutes.

364 Steve: Um, yeah. If you would like to add it, rather than.. um I can pull it up and read it
365 verbatim, but I don't see there's a need for all that. Um, but let me just introduce myself as I
366 haven't been involved in the league as long as many of you. But uh, I was asked to take over as
367 the chairperson for the competition committee. Rick Basin was the former chairperson, and I just
368 kind of jumped into it this year. I was able to put out a mid season ranking thorough the
369 competition committee with input from.. Actually, the committee consists of just basically
370 myself, the racks, and the commissioner. Um, so just one mid season top 20 ranking. I would
371 actually like to do a pre-season, mid-season, end of season just to keep communication up. But
372 also, in my letter, I do address the creation of subcommittees. So look at realignment and other
373 opportunities as looking to the general membership rather than just putting it on some of the
374 same people on the same racks. Creating some subcommittees to think out of the box and kind of
375 look at ways we can improve the playing field so it's fair for everybody. Um, and uh... I think
376 that's about it.

377 Bob: And just want to take this time to recognize Steve and his efforts cuz, you know, there are
378 times when.. there's some jobs on here that aren't maybe appealing to some people, but he'd
379 definitely put his heart into it and filling in, stepping in for Rick who also has made a big
380 commitment to this. So, um any..

381 Steve: Um, last thing also that was in the letter was, obviously, this year was unique for the
382 competition committee seeding for nationals. Obviously, with the change of rosters and missing

383 players, um. So, uh it made it a little bit more challenging, but again, I do like the ideas of
384 looking into point systems and other ways. We basically just went from the input from the
385 committee members. We got some input from general membership. Went to head to head
386 competition. After head to head competition, then it was just mutual (employments?),
387 (employed?) differential, and then, you know, just kind of had to make the best of it.

388 Bob: Mmkay, any other comments or questions for competition or interests? (Silence) Okay. Uh,
389 rules committee? In some of these.. I don't know. (????). (Silence) Um, web committee?

390 (30:14)

391 Carolyn: We desperately use people on the web committee. I know that's one of the biggest
392 complaints that people have is about the website. But again, limited funding, limited time.. Um,
393 anybody who is interested on joining that committee and helping us revamp the website.. This is
394 another area that can tie...

395 Dave: Do we have a web committee?

396 Carolyn: Yeah! Well..

397 Dave: I mean I know that we have people on the webmaster list who do updates to the site, but I
398 don't even know that there's a formal committee for that.

399 Carolyn: There was previously, and it pretty much went away from lack of interest.

400 Dave: When we built the new site, there were people involved in that, but I think it just all..

401 Carolyn: Mhm. But absolutely. And this is a greay opportunity also in terms of fundraising. This
402 is a great opportunity for a sponsor to come forward and sponsor the website. If we have a strong
403 website and people are going to it, that's a great way for a sponsor or major sponsor to be
404 recognized. So, anybody who is interested in participating, please, please let us know. I have a
405 question here..

406 Austin: No, I don't mind being on that.

407 Carolyn: Oh, awesome!

408 Unknown: Count me in too, please. I think that's like a major thing, like, visibility,
409 communication.. I think what you guys have done with the Facebook stuff has been huge. I think
410 someone posted on the USQRA website recently that it's a dead site and it needs to be a beacon
411 for bringing in interests and fundraising and new players. And people go there and it's not giving
412 them information or its hard to navigate or.. we're dead in the water when it comes to extending
413 our marketing and PR and fundraising. So..

414 Dave: We got a curveball this year. We'd had some money set aside that Neilsen had said we
415 could use for capacity building, etc. And the person who was managing our grant left, and the
416 new person said, "No, you can't use the money for that." So, we had basically \$10,000 set aside
417 to build the new site and the intention was we would present it to membership at this meeting.
418 And then they told us we couldn't do it. Uh, so it's.. it comes down to money and involvement,
419 and some of that we can do if we can get people involved in planning what we want to do and
420 then somehow figure out to then gear those people and that effort toward fundraising so we can
421 actually build that site. Cuz doing the job isn't the hard part. It's paying for it and getting people.
422 You know, theoretically, somebody could do it, but again, we're volunteers. And so, unless we
423 have the money to pay someone else to do it, then it has to be on the side, right?

424 Austin: I built websites for a living, so I don't mind.

425 Dave: What kind of technology do you use?

426 Carolyn: You should not have said that.. (everyone laughs)

427 Dave: Yeah! How do you think I got stuck with the website? What technology do you use?

428 Ausint: Um, mostly like content management systems: Joomla, or Word Press, generally
429 speaking.

430 Dave: Joomla is a open source?

431 Austin: Yeah.

432 Dave: Word Press, I know is. Okay. Alright. Do you do things that are highly interactive, like
433 database interaction, etc. or..

434 Austin: A fair amount of that. I mean I mostly use like free tools.. whatever's available. But I
435 mean..

436 Dave: Sure. I mean if I have a database of classifier information that I want to present on the site,
437 can you interact with the data and get that to come back?

438 Austin: Yeah, sure.

439 Dave: Okay.

440 Carolyn: Thank you, Austin! Austin Smith. It's on the list! It's right here. We got it. (everyone
441 laughs)

442 Bob: Okay. Any other questions or concerns?

443 Dave: I got a hand.

444 Bob: Uh, hold on.

445 Hannah: Do you think you can count me in too? Hannah Richard with the TIRR Texans.

446 Carolyn: Awesome, awesome. Thank you, Hannah.

447 Bob: Thank you very much.

448 Unknown: And ideally, a website, most non profit websites, have a button for donating.
449 (Inaudible speaking)

450 Unknown: Yeah, just an easy way to..

451 Dave: Not just a button, but a funnel. (Everyone laughs) No, seriously. To funnel your traffic
452 toward that button, to get them to that page. And, you know, when the first site that we had was
453 built, it was to replace a site that John Bishop built in his bedroom. And we lived on for several
454 years and it was a good transition site and it improved things a lot. Uh, it also showed us where
455 there are some weaknesses in the technology that we chose, and also the fact that we're using a
456 technology where we can't find a programmer to do it. So, uh Word Press is really out in front
457 now. There's a lot of people doing it. And if we can build a site in something like Word Press or
458 Joomla that there are people out there that can do it and we have people available to, then that's
459 the type of technology we want to go to.

460 Austin: Yeah, and even in that, it can be built for other people to update very easily as well. So,
461 messages..

462 Dave: Content management has always been important to us because of the.. primarily because
463 of the turnover. You know, all the committees, all the board, we're all volunteers. People don't
464 stay in these jobs very long. So, you lose a lot of knowledge going from person to person. So,
465 there's a chasing game there, but a good content management system will help us with that. And
466 the one we have now is not something I would call user friendly. I don't know if anyone has used
467 it besides Carolyn and I that's in this room, but..

468 Unknown: You need to go with user friendly and accessibility too. Like for screen readers..

469 Dave: It's accessible. Your mouse works, right? (People laugh). Well as soon as we start taking
470 on blind players, then we'll start worrying. (Bob laughs). Yeah, that proposal, by the way, is not
471 on the agenda.

472 Bob: And some of them could be wanting to donate. What if Stevie Wonder wants to donate?

473 Okay. Alrighty. We were passing web. Um, under fundraising, any questions on fundraising? If

474 there's a fundraising committee? Yes?

475 Carolyn: Thank you, Daniel.

476 Hannah: "Do you want to do fundraising?" Is that what you guys said?

477 Carolyn and Bob: Yes.

478 Hannah: I'll join that one.

479 Carolyn: Awesome, thank you, Hannah.

480 Unknown: Same thing.

481 Unknown 2: Me as well.

482 Carolyn: Alright, I'm sorry..

483 Mike: Mike.

484 Dave: I'm seeing a lot of the same hands..

485 Carolyn: I see.. (Fleek?). Awesome.

486 Dave: And again, some of these committees didn't event meet this year. So, the responsibility for

487 some of these is not significant, but there need to be people there in order to make sure that

488 things can get done when it needs to be done. Otherwise, it puts the power in somebody's hands

489 who isn't supposed to have that power. And, you know, you don't want me to have too much

490 power (chuckles).

491 Bob: Okay. Constitution and bylaws? Anyone? Questions or interests?

492 Unknown: Well, you can add me to the (????).

493 Carolyn: With the C&B? Awesome.

494 Dave: That's a.. That committee has actually got several people on it, which is a good thing. The
495 more regions we have represented, the better.

496 Unknown: You're gonna need...

497 Carolyn: (???) someone for it.

498 Dave and Bob: There is.

499 Unknown: (inaudible)

500 Carolyn: Awesome. Is anybody else interested in constitution and bylaws committee? (silence)

501 Mike: I might as well throw my hand in there.

502 Carolyn: Awesome.

503 Bob: Oh my goodness, Mike.

504 Unknown: Try them all, that way you can find out what you like, right? (Laughs)

505 (Inaudible conversation)

506 Bob: There is a Team USA committee, which uh.. again, I don't know if anyone is interested in
507 that, but..

508 Carolyn: It's not a committee. It's Gumbie and Manny.

509 Bob: Oh, it's just Gumbie and Manny.

510 Dave: I did some investigation this year on what the IPC or at least the USOC feels our
511 relationship should be with the national team, and they don't have any documentation or any
512 feelings on it whatsoever. Um, and I know that when Gumbie was wearing both hats, there was
513 always communication, but it was always happening between his ears. So, right now, we're
514 trying to get a better relationship with Team USA so that there's communication. I'm not trying
515 to get somebody on the board to be involved with picking the athletes, but I think it's important
516 we support them strongly and they support us strongly. Yes?

517 Unknown: Are we officially the national governing body?

518 Carolyn and Bob: No.

519 Unknown: How do we go about doing that?

520 Dave: Uh, that's something that we've talked about quite a bit. Um, first thing we need is an
521 executive director... which is leading us into our next topic.

522 Bob: I think in a nutshell, in regards to that, it's usually the USOC sometimes will actually go to
523 an organization then call them out and then say, "Hey, you can apply," but, I think, in regards to
524 us as a league, we probably might not be at that level to where USOC will say "Yeah, let's have
525 these guys do it." And so, again, it's just something to where we can get to that level, but as of
526 right now, we haven't really had a national sponsor if you will. Uh, you know. There are things
527 that have to be met before the USOC is gonna come to you and say, "Hey, we want you to be the
528 AGB," or, "We want you to take over." We could be someone the look at in the future. Uh, but
529 as of right now..

530 Dave: Lakeshore has some strong feelings and ideas on this, and I think they would be very
531 helpful. Beth Courie, is that correct?

532 Beth: Absolutely.

533 Dave: AS I have talked to her several times about this and she would be happy to help us do this
534 in a way that it needs to be done if that's what we want to do, um, and make sure that we can do
535 it based on all of the other influences, so. You know, when it comes to that, if you want to be
536 involved in that conversation, I'm all for it.

537 Bob: Any other questions or comments? Okay, well it looks like we're very much ahead of
538 schedule. Um, so I guess we're ready for our next venture. Alright, this is basically how it's
539 gonna go, ladies and gentlemen. What's going to happen is I will state the proposal, and even

540 read a little bit about what it's about in case some of you aren't sure. Uh, and then some of my
541 board members up here will make sure that I'm saying the right thing as well. Um, then what I'll
542 do is I'll make a motion for the proposal. Once I've made a motion for the proposal, it has to be
543 seconded. If it's not seconded, I'm going onto the next proposal. But once it's seconded, then I
544 will say, do we have a discussion. And if the discussion goes on, you know again, feel free to
545 make comments and ask questions. Um, some of these proposals are very important that we
546 could be here for a good time, but I'm gonna make sure that we're not saying the same things.
547 Once I feel like we're saying the same things or the same person's talking for 20 minutes, then
548 I'll call a motion to vote. And once we call a motion to vote, we will then make a vote. Um,
549 there's also something called an "Amendment" to where, "Hey, why don't we think about this."
550 If that does happen to where a motion for an amendment is called, the proxies do not come into
551 play.. Excuse me. The absentee ballots do not come into play. The proxies do, but the absentee
552 ballots do not come into play. It's only the people that are here that can make that decision on an
553 amendment to a proposal. But, that's only if that is called. Does anyone have any questions
554 before we move forward in regards to this?

555 Carolyn: I do have one comment off of what Bob just said. If somebody proposes a friendly
556 amendment to any of these proposals, it has to be accepted by the individual who initially
557 sponsored this proposal. IF that person is not here, there cannot be a friendly amendment.

558 Dave: We don't have the sponsors listed on here, do we?

559 Carolyn: We do.

560 (41: 31)

561 Bob: Some of them are, yes. Majority..

562 Dave: But the ones that aren't, the committee..

563 Bob: So where there's not a name, the committee is..

564 Dave: Gotcha, sorry. There were two though that didn't.. do we know who those sponsors were?

565 Carolyn: Hey, Austin.

566 Austin: Does the uh.. Will the quantity of members increase to the point where we couldn't vote
567 on an amendment if we lose all the proxy votes?

568 Dave: No, we're not losing the proxies. The proxies will be represented in the room. It's the
569 absentee ballots that go away.

570 Austin: Okay.

571 Dave: So the people in the room that have voting are individuals who actually came and
572 individuals who are representing another team. So, we have quorum based on the number of
573 teams that actually have a vote represented in the room.

574 Austin: Okay.

575 Dave: Whether or not physically present.

576 Bob: Okay.

577 Dave: We as a board have made the mistake of confusing the terms proxy and ballot. Proxy is
578 when you give someone else the opportunity to vote on your behalf. A ballot is a piece of paper
579 that you submit in advance and that's your vote. And if we change things, you're not involved
580 any longer. So, that's our bad. We're trying to clean that up to help alleviate confusion.

581 Bob: Any questions before we move forward? (silence) Okay. Is this where we take a break? No,

582 I'm just kidding. Alright, here we go. Just trying to lighten the moment (chuckles).

583 Dave: I'd like some water if someone is by that cooler and wants to chuck it here (Bob laughs).

584 Got any one fives?

585 Bob: (laughs) it has to be a one five.

586 Dan: I'll go grab some waters for them.

587 Dave: Thanks, Dan! Can you get 5 for us, Dan? At some point, people are gonna

588 wanna...(inaudible).

589 Bob: Alrighty, here we go! Can I get everyone's attention? Alright, the first proposal: removal of

590 international players. Again, this is basically to remove any player who plays, I guess,

591 internationally. The player plays for IWF, recognized on the national team, besides our US team,

592 are not allowed to be legally rostered on the USQRA team. Um, so I think we kind of have an

593 idea of international players and the teams that they're on, and they're very much talented

594 players. Um, so I have a motion, removal of international players. Do I have a second? We have

595 a second recognized by..

596 Carolyn: The second was Dan Caldwell.

597 Bob: Dane Caldwell? Okay. We have a discussion. Any questions, thoughts, concerns? (silence)

598 Okay.

599 Dave: Man, this is gonna be a quick meeting. (laughs)

600 Bob: I guess so. Yes! We do have a question.

601 Someone from Phoenix: Um, I think it's silly to remove international players. If we claim we're

602 the best in the world, why not? I mean others bring them in from other countries, train them,

603 which makes the league better, which will make our USQRA players better as well as the world,

604 which would make the league better or the game better.

605 Bob: Um, Eric Ingram recognized.

606 Eric: Uh, yeah. Um, I'm speaking separately from my team real quick. Um, we uh.. what other

607 sport, especially if we're gonna become a national domain body and try to mainstream it as much

608 as we can.. is there any other sport that bans international players from their leagues?

609 Unknown: Do others not actually?

610 Eric: Right. Baseball, basketball, football.. that's..

611 Dave: When you say international players, I mean.. I don't know that you're comparing apples to
612 apples here.

613 Eric: Well I'm not trying to necessarily compare apples to apples. I'm comparing apples to the
614 seed from our apple...(rest is inaudible)

615 Dave: (saying at the same time) I mean, a guy who came from Cuba who played in the MLB.. I
616 don't think that's the same thing, right?

617 Eric: Well, if we talk about at the collegiate level, you bring in international players all the time.

618 It's something where, overall, that you're talking about taking a sport globally. You bring in
619 people in to this league, which is the best in the world, and then you send them on packing.

620 Then, that's why you (???) quad rugby around the world on the (?) idea of (?) of, um, the ability
621 to (?????) teams because then people end up sitting and not playing because you have these lead
622 athletes coming in and taking their spots. That's the only team you're talking about though.

623 Someone from Tampa: Absolutely! It's team specific. Like, with Tampa, (???) actually gave us

624 three more (????) play the other game. Whereas if we did (?) international, there are some guys

625 that would just sit on the bench the whole time. We have A single players start the line up, we

626 wouldn't have two equal line ups that can (???) the whole game. I mean, that's team specifics.

627 That's not.. I mean if you are on a team and you want to work harder to get on to the starting line

628 up, work harder to get on the starting line up. It's what sports is all about.

629 Unknown: I agree fully on that. It makes our practices better. It helps develop the younger guys,

630 and uh it gives us more line-ups as well. And to be honest, there's no reason not to have them.

631 There's more positive than just negative about it. The only reason that I can think to not have
632 them is that, uh, USA balls scared them from developing the world.

633 Unknown 2: They're not developing the world. They're helping us at the same time to keep our
634 league strong and uh, the sport fast and fun to watch. Keeps our competition at a league level...

635 Unknown 3: (Inaudible). We fundraise and bring our team to nationals. I think it's fair to include
636 everybody.

637 Dave: Anybody else have a thought?

638 Unknown 4: Yeah, I got a thought. I agree with a lot of what you said. Uh, I still think, you
639 know.. Yeah, every team can bring one in, but you know, not all teams were created equal, and
640 uh most international players, you know, they have a choice where they're gonna go too. And if
641 a team who is competing for a national championship wants to bring in that same player who's a
642 developmental player obviously, he's gonna go to the team who's already competing whose
643 players are already there. So, you know.. I feel like there's a difference between promoting better
644 competition in the US and doing what's good for the broad base membership of our sport and the
645 handful of teams that are bringing in international players that compete for national
646 championship, you know, maybe that's the player they need or whatever and that's a great thing,
647 but how is that helping.. (??) a weak level of competition better, but the bulk of our membership
648 that are D2, D3 rugby teams, how is that helping them? And that's kind of what I question about
649 international players cuz it seems to me like it's basically just creates a bigger gap between the
650 league rugby teams and what the bulk of our membership actually is.

651 Unknown 5: At the same time, you get added, uh, an import to that D2 or D3 team and then all of
652 a sudden, they're a D1 or a D2 team. It makes them a lot better.

653 Unknown 4: How many D3 teams are able to be at the league international imports? I mean it's
654 just.. I know you can do that but realistically, that is not what happens?

655 Unknown 5: Why not? Why not?

656 Unknown 4: Because it's not.

657 Dave: I can tell you one good way of not being able to do that.

658 Unknown 6: That's not necessarily true.

659 Katie: (inaudible). But what kind of importer would we get? We wanna get somebody who's
660 gonna help us develop our team and somebody that's been playing a while that..(inaudible)

661 Dave: (at the same time as Katie) Katie, you can marry someone from Belgium.

662 (Katie continues talking)

663 (50:01)

664 Bob: We have a question. Go ahead, Dan.

665 Dan: Uh, wheelchair rugby, because of our popular around the world and Team USA is going
666 and promoting all that, would there be more elite players and countries.. pardon my English, but
667 international players, they don't play as much or as many tournaments as we do. So, with
668 countries, and here I guess it goes to are we advancing rugby or just folding envelopes, would
669 those countries be interested in finding a US team to send these players to develop a little bit too
670 so the sport.. so their teams get stronger worldwide.

671 Dave: South America is a good example there. There are very few players in South America who
672 play in tournaments. The number of tournaments that we have here is a sheer number, you
673 know? There are three teams in Argentina, there might be three in Columbia, and Brazil has a
674 decent sized league; I don't remember what the number is. But you look at Peru and Uruguay
675 and Paraguay, those.. They play in one or two tournaments a year, whereas when those guys

676 come here, they get the opportunity. And one of the reasons that they come here is so that they
677 can play 6-8 tournaments a year.

678 Dan: So, maybe those countries say, "You're looking for import? We gotta person that would fit
679 you."

680 Carolyn: Awesome.

681 Unknown: Wait, wait, but.. but if for that person.. like if a team like Pittsburg's tryna bring in an
682 international player to help them develop, bringing in some guy from Peru who, you know, just
683 started playing.. Yeah, he's an international player, but that's not helping them develop.

684 Unknown 2: Well that's when you do your homework when you're shopping for international
685 players.

686 Unknown 3: Are we gonna have the leverage to pull in that international player that we want or
687 are they gonna go Lakeshore or Tampa..

688 Unknown 2: Depends on the level of the player on your team. I mean they.. it depends on how
689 that player is actually gonna fit into your line up.

690 Unknown 4: Can I say one thing on that?

691 Carolyn: Actually, I'm gonna interrupt just really quickly. Again, before you speak, if you could
692 announce your name. We are recording this, just so for whoever ends up transcribing these
693 minutes. It's gonna be a little bit of a cluster.

694 Dave: We should probably go back to the hand raising too.

695 Scott: Um, kinda what I'm getting from you is that you're worried that all of the imports go to,
696 like, the top teams, right? Is that what you're saying? That's not necessarily true. And for
697 example, like Jim Roberts. Uh, 3 years ago, came to Phoenix to my team. He had never played in

698 a rugby tournament. He was the greenest player I had ever come across in my entire life. I
699 developed him from the bottom all the way to the top.

700 Dave: Did Riley do the same thing? He was looking for a team and nobody wanted him and
701 Sharp picked him up cuz nobody knew who he was?

702 Unknown (name was inaudible): Um, we knew exactly who Riley was. (Everyone laughs). And
703 honestly, on the USA side, I learned more about Riley, who played in Australia, than he learned
704 from us playing in the USQRA. But..

705 Scott: Yeah.. Like, Jim was so green. We had to develop him to..

706 Unknown: But look what you did. You developed.. You developed (Gb?).

707 Scott: Not really.

708 (Overlapping conversation)

709 Bob: We have a question from Gabe Norakin. Gabe?.. I'm sorry, Austin. I'm sorry. Go ahead.
710 Austin.

711 Austin: I guess, I mean, there are different situations where you bring in a guy and he extends
712 your line up and it's wonderful, but by and large, people are shopping for the best guys to boost
713 their team to be the.. you get the developmental, but by and large, hey, we want to win. Who are
714 we gonna pick up? It seems.. do you want the league to go in a way where you have less players
715 on each team and make it niche and powerful or are you really scoping to invite more people to
716 play. Honestly, I've only been playing for a couple of years. I've had a great time, great
717 comradery, but I'm further down on the bench and I know at a four man score, the odds of me
718 ever getting to play, even though I work out 3-4 days a week, are pretty minimal. So, if you're
719 looking to develop the people in the US who legitimately have an interest, by importing people,
720 you diminish that. You say, "Hey, we have a 5 man team. One guy subs in, they run thw whole

721 game, we win by 10 or 15 every time.” You know, 10, 15, 20 quads in your local are who might
722 want to play are just waiting...

723 (Overlapping conversation)

724 Unknown: That kinda goes with any sport right now. I mean, whether it’s imports or the
725 basketball players (???) move down the line just cuz of the game and function and all that.

726 Austin: Well that’s what I’m saying. Where do you want the direction of your sport to go?

727 Would you like a 6 man roster that are all league players or do you want to reach out to the
728 community and have more involvement? I guess that’s the ultimate question.

729 Dave: Gabe, you had a question?

730 Gabe: Well, I had a comment. Um, no, I think ultimately, it really.. wait, I think the guys were
731 saying that it’s really a team decision in a lot of ways. If it’s a good move for your team, great. If
732 not, then don’t do it. The bigger question is: does Tampa importing a player hurt Grand Rapids
733 or Pittsburg? If yes it does, then that’s the conversation that we need to have. If it doesn’t, then
734 what’s the point of banning international players from any team that wants to try to pick them
735 up? And I think last season was a really good example of the success of import players coming to
736 the league where we had 10-11 (??) teams, something like that of import players?

737 Dave: 11 I think.

738 Gabe: Teams that didn’t even make it to nationals with their import players. Some of them are
739 the strongest it’s ever been.

740 Bob: Good, Steve. Question?

741 Steve: I go back and fourth on my decision about international players all the time. Um, and just
742 speaking to Gabe’s comment is we all wanna win. You know, that’s a no brainer, but at what
743 cost? Um, and if Tampa bringing in an international player, that’s fine, that’s their decision.

744 Doesn't hurt another team, doesn't hurt the league. Well, um, it can. The help of any sport is the..
745 a level playing field, fair play that everybody has an opportunity in the beginning of the season to
746 win. That's why most sports are structured that the last place team gets the first round draft pick.
747 That's why the NY Yankees paid a lot to win, but it's gonna cost them in luxury tax. Um, in our
748 sport, it has to happen. There's teams that have good connections with international players that
749 their coaches or their players have been in the league a long time. So, they have the channels to
750 improve these players where many new teams don't have that connection. Um, and then there's
751 the cost involved. It's not just the cost of league, let's be honest. These guys ask for flights back
752 and forth, they ask for visa, they ask for residence. And it's more than just the (??). Not everyone
753 has those fees. But it does force teams that want to win just as much as you do. Milwaukee, they
754 got edged out of post season forever. So, what did they do? They went out and reached out for an
755 international player that they knew nothing about (???)

756 Dave: Well, they knew about his history.

757 Steve: But they took a chance.

758 Dave: They did take a risk, but they knew about it.

759 Steve: They took a chance. But, again, on a team by team basis, I can understand. So, as I said,
760 we go back and forth. For my particular team, I've got a great sponsor. My sponsor is
761 considered, you know.. it's a community based program. An international player is not gonna be
762 the face of our rehab's community based program. So, that is something that they are going to
763 put money into, and that's not what they are in it for. Um, and I mean we all know what the
764 benefits of the sports can do for an individual, um, dealing with paralysis. But we also (??). So,
765 there are definitely two sides.

766 Bob: Trey?

767 Trey: When we first brought in international players is because we wanted to develop the world.
768 And now we're at the point where the world is developed and now we have to go back and
769 redevelop the USQRA and USA. That's how I look at it. Team.. er Canada wheelchair sports,
770 they just made a (friending?), so nobody's gonna bring in international player with where they
771 are at today. And they're just developing the world.

772 Bob: Dave Mengan.

773 Dave: Uh, I guess there.. when you make your vote, there are really two things to consider in my
774 mind. Is this good for your team and is this good for the league? Um, I think those are the
775 questions you need to ask yourself, and whatever that answer is, that'll lead you to where you're
776 going, so.

777 Bob: Scott Hoggset

778 Scott: Well I say.. we so badly want this to be a legitimate sport and, you know, last year, like
779 Gabe was saying, we had 11-12 teams that were extremely strong. If we choose to not have their
780 imports at all, they'll go down to.. teams will start piling up players, taking them from Alabama
781 to Texas and wherever from here to there. There will be maybe 4 good teams because they're all
782 gonna pile up on one team here and there. And it's gonna really hurt the league.

783 Dave: I think this is the most competitive field I've ever seen at a nationals. I think if you take
784 the teams at the bottom 2/3rd of D1 and the top half of D2, any one of those teams could then
785 break out and beat any one of those other teams, which I don't think I could say at another
786 nationals that I've been to. Not even close.

787 Unknown: At this nationals?

788 Dave: Yeah.

789 (1:00:48)

790 Unknown: Well a lot of it's based on the fact that we don't have the USA players here.

791 Dave: True!

792 Unknown: And we all know that.

793 Dave: The talent level now is more equalized.

794 Unknown: If the top 2 teams were here, I think it'd be more of a gap.

795 Dave: Yeah, I think there's a decent gap at the top still but not (?).

796 Unknown: The circumstances have created this nationals. You know, last year was based on all
797 the elite athletes being here as well as with the teams. So, yeah.

798 Bob: Okay. We've been going at it for 15 minutes. I heard some similar arguments. We'll go one
799 more.

800 Unknown 2: Ten seconds.

801 Dave: 25 left.

802 Unknown: It depends on what you define as the health of our league here. Like, if the health of
803 our league is having the best teams play and highest level of competition and increasing that high
804 level of competition, then that's one thing. If the health of our league is growing our
805 membership, growing our teams.. and that's good. All of us want competitive rugby, but we
806 don't want to be a sport.. you know, we don't want to be an inspirational sport. We're all athletes
807 and whatever, so you want that kind of competition, but seems to me like there's two things.
808 Like there's health in terms of fostering, increasing our level of competition, but also health in
809 like growing our membership, growing our league. And it's not that those things can't exist
810 together. It's just how to get them to exist better in the best way possible.

811 Bob: Okay, comment from Emily.

812 Emily: I know this was brought up for (??) from the kinda (?) perspective is that it's not
813 physically stated in here, but recognizing that international players do bring in revenue to the
814 USQRA that is used for clinics and developmental.. you know, developing athletes here. So, just
815 recognize that last year, we had 11-12 imports that each paid a \$500 fee. If we don't have
816 imports anymore, we lose out on that money. So, just to put that out there that that is something
817 that comes along with that.

818 Dave: Although, that money is specifically ear marked for clinics.

819 Emily: Right.

820 Dave: So it's not like we can use it to build a website or to do other things.

821 Emily: Right, but it's still money that we would not have without international players. So, just
822 something to keep on the table.

823 Steve: Could you take.. You said ear marked specifically for the clinics..

824 Dave: It's in the bylaws.

825 Steve: Okay.

826 Dave: Yeah, it's not a decision that we made. It was made by the membership.

827 Unknown: There's also.. if we put out international players, there's also (?) international players
828 that live here in the US that practice regularly with their rugby teams. So, are we saying that they
829 can't play with their teams? Dual passports, uh getting citizenship.. I mean, right now, the laws..
830 the rules say that if they get on an international team, they are not allowed.. they are still
831 considered an import player.

832 Bob: Okay. Alrighty. We've been at it a good enough time, gentlemen. Um, I move a call..

833 Ladies and gentlemen.. move a call to vote. Do I have a second motion?

834 Mike: Second.

835 Bob: Second motion from, I'm sorry. Who was that?

836 Mike: Mike Pence. Sorry.

837 Bob: Okay, um this is how it's gonna go. Since this is a pretty big vote, only the people that were
838 listed as voters, we're gonna call your name, and you say.. just so we can be clear, you'll say yes
839 to remove the international players or you'll say no to remove the international players. So,
840 either yes or no. Um, so go ahead Carolyn.

841 Carolyn: Alright, Boise.

842 Boise: No.

843 Carolyn: Brooks.

844 Brooks: Yes.

845 Carolyn: Carolina.

846 Carolina: No

847 Carolyn: Chicago

848 Chicago: No

849 Carolyn: Grand Rapids

850 Grand Rapids: No

851 Carolyn: Great Lakes

852 Great Lakes: No

853 Carolyn: Lakeshore

854 Lakeshore: Yes

855 People in the crowd: Wait, wait.

856 Unknown: I'm Great Lakes.

857 Carolyn: Whoa.

858 Bob: I'm sorry? Alright, who's the Great Lakes voter?

859 Dave: Andy.

860 Bob: Andy, go ahead.

861 Andy (Great Lakes): No

862 Carolyn: No? Alright. Uh, We have Lakeshore.

863 Lakeshore: Yes.

864 Carolyn: McGee. (Silence). Robby Beckman, are you here?

865 Unknown: Abstaining. Abstaining. Abstained.

866 Carolyn: They're abstaining? Do we have..

867 Dave: He's not here yet.

868 Bob: Oh, he's not here yet. So..

869 Dave: He doesn't have a vote.

870 Carolyn: Alright. Great. Alright. Maryland.

871 Maryland: Yes

872 Carolyn: Minnesota

873 Minnesota: No

874 Carolyn: North Ridge

875 North Ridge: No

876 Carolyn: Dallas

877 Dallas: No

878 Carolyn: Uh, Capitol Punishers

879 Capitol Punishers: No

880 Carolyn: Phoenix\

- 881 Phoenix: No
- 882 Carolyn: Pittsburg
- 883 Pittsburg: No
- 884 Carolyn: Uh, SHARP
- 885 Sharp: Yes
- 886 Carolyn: Shepherd
- 887 Shepherd: Yes.
- 888 Carolyn: South Florida Rattlers
- 889 South Florida Rattlers: No
- 890 Carolyn: Tampa
- 891 Tampa: No
- 892 Carolyn: Texas
- 893 Texas: Nope
- 894 Carolyn: TIRR
- 895 TIRR: Yes
- 896 Carolyn: Tucson
- 897 Tucson: No
- 898 Carolyn: U of A
- 899 U of A: No
- 900 Carolyn: Alright, so we had a total of 13 yes and 22 no. It is a no vote on disallowing
- 901 international players.
- 902 Bob: Okay. Alrighty. Some of these proposals actually have effect for others. This was one of
- 903 them, and because of that we now will go on to the second proposal, which is to raise the

904 international fee. Um, again the object of this is in Article 1, Section 3 of our bylaws. Um, there
905 will be a team fee of a thousand dollars per international player for every USQRA team.. every
906 USQRA team that rosters international player. Again, this is a change in our.. what will be
907 changed in our rules and bylaws if this proposal is passed. Um, I have a motion to raise the
908 international player fee. Do I have a second?

909 Eric: Second.

910 Bob: Second by Eric Ingram?

911 Eric: Correct.

912 Bob: Okay, discussion on yes to or no to raising the international player fee.

913 Ryan: Is this, uh, still.. is the thousand dollars still gonna go straight to clinics? Is it still gonna be
914 set aside directly for that or is this money actually gonna go to something else?

915 Bob: Yes

916 Unknown: Actually, no. The way this was written was the extra 500 would go to improve the
917 league, which is stated down..

918 Ryan: I mean doing clinics is improving the league technically, but I mean..

919 Unknown 2: But the reason is it's not part of the bylaw.

920 Dave: Well half of it is designated to go where it already goes and the other half is to general use
921 in the league.

922 Eric: Uh, but clarification. It doesn't say it in the bylaw itself. That's just a general..

923 Dave: It's in the reason the proposal should be passed.

924 Eric: Reasoning is not..

925 Dave: Oh, reasoning is not..

926 Eric: Yeah.

- 927 Dave: You're right. So we would have to amend this. (?), is there a suggestion, right, that uh..
- 928 Unknown 3: So, yes. Right now, how it's written, all thousand dollars would go to clinics.
- 929 Dave: This was done by the competition.. or the constitution bylaws committee, so if somebody
- 930 has a suggestion we can..
- 931 Unknown 4: I'll handle it. (People laugh)
- 932 Unknown: I'd like to state that the extra 500 dollars does go to the league. So, 500 would go like
- 933 it is going and the other 500..
- 934 Bob: At the discretion of the board? Is that the wording you're prepared to use? (inaudible
- 935 conversation from others)
- 936 Unknown: to the general fund, 500.
- 937 Bob: Alright, so the was it's stated is, I guess we have an amendment but I guess we need to
- 938 propose an amendment to this. Um..
- 939 Dave: I don't know how to do that.
- 940 Bob: Yeah, I think that's.. cuz we're looking to make it..
- 941 Unknown 2: Motion to propose an amendment from the bylaws committee to change the bylaws.
- 942 Bob: Yeah, right. Do we have a motion to amend this..
- 943 Dave: He just made one.
- 944 Bob: Alright, do we have a second to amend this proposal?
- 945 Dan: Second.
- 946 Bob: Second by, um, Mr. Brooks.
- 947 Dave: Dan.

948 Bob: Dan. (laughing) Okay. Um, I guess the next step then is to see how it would be written. I
949 guess the way we're wanting to change it, to amend it is to have 500 going to the clinics and 500
950 going to extra issues..

951 Dave: General discretion of the board..

952 Bob: General discretion of the USQRA board.

953 Dave: ..For betterment of the league.

954 Bob: For betterment of the league. Uh, so that's how this amendment is to be amended.. this
955 proposal is to be amended.

956 Dave: Can you fill Andy in? Can you fill Andy in so he knows what we're doing?

957 Bob: Okay, do we want to have further discussion on this new amendment of this proposal?

958 (Silence). Open for discussion, questions, concerns?

959 Steve: Yes.

960 Bob: Yes, Steve?

961 Steve: Um, I guess just chiming off what we just discussed previously about international players
962 is, you know, if you wanna win, at what cost? Well now the cost is potentially \$1000. Um, as my
963 experience with international players is only once.. was approached by an international player.
964 And their request was far more than just pay the \$500 towards the league. Um, so again, this is
965 just asking if you want to win, at what cost? You know, if you want to be the NY Yankees, pay a
966 large luxury tax. Um, I'm guessing that's why the rules and bylaws committee put this together.

967 (1:10:12)

968 Unknown: That was. It was intended to.. for the teams that wanted to win, bring them in to win a
969 championship.. kinda to make it a little but more difficult.

970 Unknown 2: I'd just like to point out the other end of that. We were just talking about, say that
971 Pittsburg and my old Indianapolis team, if we raise this to \$1000 and that's coming out of
972 people's pockets, it's gonna be much harder then for them to get one.

973 Bob: Ken?

974 Ken: Um, in Minnesota, we discussed \$1000 might be a little steep, especially for some of the
975 teams that maybe want one and don't have steep pockets. Um, we have entertained the idea of a
976 friendly amendment to \$750. How would people feel about that? Should I make that motion?

977 Bob: Yes. Alright, we have a motion on the table to amend the cost of \$1000 to \$750. Uh, do we
978 have a second for this?

979 Dave: Second.

980 Bob: It is seconded by Dave Jenkins.

981 Unknown 2: Who's in charge of bylaws committee?

982 Unknown 3: You need someone from the bylaws committee, right?

983 Dave: Kevin's the chair, so he can just say yes he's willing to accept that. Right?

984 Kevin: I'm willing to accept it, and that would.. I would just like to note that that would be 250
985 would go into the general fund?

986 Unknown: Yes.

987 Bob: So, okay. We're making an amendment now to..

988 Dave: Further discussion?

989 Bob: Yes, further discussion on this amendment.

990 Unknown: So um, going off of what Ken was talking about, I think that if you are going to make
991 sure that international folks coming in.. if we're talking about development of our league, then
992 they do sponsor those clinics. That's how you get those players (hilltop?). I think it's only fair

993 to.. as.. I mean how much does it cost to run a clinic? It costs like \$3000. (????), we can get
994 maybe 2 more clinics or you can get more players, you get more skilled players. I think that
995 would make all the difference in the world to our team this year. I think that we know that
996 USQRA is strapped for cash.. that the folks are willing to spend money on this, the extra \$250
997 shouldn't be that big of a deal because you're not only saying you want to win, but you want the
998 USQRA to win. That you want the entire league to go up. So, I think it gives more of a positive
999 tension to folks who are bringing in international players. I think we should stay at a thousand.

1000 Dave: Anybody else?

1001 Unknown: I second.

1002 Dave: No. I mean thoughts.

1003 Bob: This is for the thoughts, discussion only.

1004 Dave: We're gonna vote on the amendment.. er the proposal as it's been amended, which is that
1005 we would have \$500 of a \$750 fee go where it goes now, toward clinics, and \$250 go into the
1006 general fund for the USQRA.

1007 Bob: Any discussions on this? Questions, concerns?

1008 Dave: Motion to vote?

1009 Bob: Do we have a motion to vote?

1010 Unknown: Motion to vote.

1011 Bob: Second to motion to vote?

1012 Ryan: second.

1013 Bob: Second by Ryan.

1014 Dave: Please say your last name for the recorder cuz a student's gonna be typing this up, not
1015 Carolyn. Otherwise, Carolyn would be typing it up right now.

1016 Bob: Um, with this being another important rule, I'm gonna go to each person that's scheduled to
1017 vote and get your yes or no. Um, so Carolyn?

1018 Carolyn: Alright, first off, I do want to note that since we have this friendly amendment, I have
1019 12 proxies.. I'm sorry, 12 absentee ballots that I received, and um, those are all out now. I just
1020 want to make that..

1021 Dave: We do have enough people.. enough quorum here to vote on this, so.

1022 Carolyn: Yeah, we'll get there. I want to make sure that these are all..

1023 Unknown: Can you clarify what we're voting on?

1024 Bob: Yes, we're..

1025 Dave: I thought I just did..

1026 Bob: I'll made it one more time.

1027 Unknown: Quick question on the vote. So, we're voting only on the amendment and if that
1028 passes or fails, then we will not revert to the original?

1029 Carolyn: No.

1030 Dave: We're voting on the amended proposal.

1031 Unknown: Okay. That's 750 or the thousand?

1032 Dave: Bob's gonna clarify right now.

1033 Bob: Here we go. WE're voting on raising the international players fee on the amendment to 750
1034 in which 500 will go to clinics and 250 will go to general USQRA issues.

1035 Unknown 2: So, wait. We're not gonna do a thousand? Like usually we vote on..

1036 Dave: We don't vote on that. The sponsor of the proposal says yes I will accept that as an
1037 amendment and now that is the proposal that is in front of the membership.

1038 Bob: Question, Mitch? Yes.

- 1039 Mitch: I'd like to re-amend it back to a thousand.
- 1040 Unknown: Second. (laughs)
- 1041 Dave: We get that very quickly. We could probably finish the discussion before we.
- 1042 Unknown 2: We already close the discussion. So there can't be amendments or anything..
- 1043 Dave: Agreed.
- 1044 Bob: Yes, the motion is to raise international fee..player fee to 750. That what it was amended to,
- 1045 um, again. Um, again, Carolyn will go to each individual person and get your vote.
- 1046 Carolyn: Alright, Boise.
- 1047 Boise: Yes.
- 1048 Carolyn: Brooks.
- 1049 Brooks: Yes
- 1050 Carolyn: Carolina.
- 1051 Carolina: Yes
- 1052 Carolyn: Chicago
- 1053 Chicago: Yes
- 1054 Carolyn: Grand Rapids
- 1055 Grand Rapids: Yes
- 1056 Carolyn: Great Lakes
- 1057 Great Lakes: Yes
- 1058 Carolyn: Lakeshore
- 1059 Lakeshore: Yes
- 1060 Carolyn: McGee. (Silence). And they're not here.
- 1061 Carolyn: Alright. Maryland.

- 1062 Maryland: Yes
- 1063 Carolyn: Minnesota
- 1064 Minnesota: Yes
- 1065 Carolyn: North East Passage also listed Dan as their proxy.
- 1066 North East Passage: No.
- 1067 Carolyn: North Ridge
- 1068 North Ridge: No
- 1069 Carolyn: Dallas
- 1070 Dallas: Yes
- 1071 Carolyn: Uh, Capitol Punishers
- 1072 Capitol Punishers: yes
- 1073 Carolyn: Phoenix
- 1074 Phoenix: yes
- 1075 Carolyn: Pittsburg
- 1076 Pittsburg: yes
- 1077 Carolyn: Portland
- 1078 Portland: No
- 1079 Carolyn: Um, Sierra. Jeff..
- 1080 Sierra: No
- 1081 Carolyn: Um, SHARP
- 1082 Sharp: Yes
- 1083 Carolyn: Shepherd
- 1084 Shepherd: Yes.

1085 Carolyn: South Florida

1086 South Florida Rattlers: Yes

1087 Carolyn: Tampa

1088 Tampa: Yes

1089 Carolyn: Texas

1090 Texas: Yup

1091 Carolyn: TIRR

1092 TIRR: Yes

1093 Carolyn: Tucson

1094 Tucson: No

1095 Carolyn: University of Arizona

1096 U of A: No

1097 Carolyn: Alright. That gives..

1098 Sierra: Can we hang on a second and change mine to yes? I'm Sierra.

1099 Carolyn: Yes, no worries. Alright, that gives us a total of 20 yes and 5 no.

1100 (1:17:00)

1101 Bob: Alrighty. That goes to our next proposal, um, which is domestic imports. And I guess the.. I

1102 guess the issue on this one is um.. domestic import is defined as a USQRA player who is a

1103 member of a different team per the existing residency rules. No player will be allowed to qualify

1104 as domestic import if leaving their current team would cause the team to disband. The cost of

1105 importing a domestic player would be \$1000 payable to the USQRA.

1106 Dave: I think the first thing we're saying is we should consider making that equal to the

1107 international player fee, but let's not make that decision until after the discussion.

1108 Bob: So, this is the proposal. Do I have a second for this domestic import proposal?

1109 Troy McGirk: Second.

1110 Bob: Second. Troy McGirk. Alright, we're open for discussion. Again, let me reiterate on the

1111 discussion. The person who's voting needs to be the one talking. Uh, if you have a question if

1112 you're not voting, get that to your person that's voting and then they can propose your question.

1113 This helps from preventing people from being all over the place and that's basically what we

1114 need to do to keep it moving along schedule, so. So, open for discussion. (Silence). Yes, go

1115 ahead Bryan. Excuse me, Brad.. Excuse me, Brad. Sorry.

1116 Brad: Um, first of all, I'd like to say that it doesn't seem like we enforce a lot of the rules about

1117 where people live. So, any of these rules about (?) having to transfer to meet certain requirements

1118 for residency, I think they're pointless because we don't enforce residency rules as they are

1119 already.

1120 Dave: I don't think they're not enforced. I think that people are..

1121 Carolyn: Creative.

1122 Dave: Like if you look at the situations where.. we all know that there are situations where

1123 people are doing things that are outside of the intent of the rule, but they have fulfilled all the

1124 requirements that were set for them. All of the residents whose paperwork is submitted and been

1125 validated, that's all that we have. I mean we can't hire a private investigator to sit outside

1126 somebody's house and make sure that they are actually there. But, you know, if someone were to

1127 present us with some evidence to say that, "I have this that clearly says this person does not live

1128 there," we would have to investigate it.

1129 Brad: After reading those.. Sorry, go ahead, Eric.

1130 Eric: So, uh, right now, there's nothing in the bylaws on why anyone should challenge the
1131 residency of a player, unless they are transferred as a player, which is overseen by the (team?).

1132 There's no way to protest that due to the rules being removed when some other bylaws
1133 (continues talking; Dave interrupts)

1134 Dave: Not entirely. There is no formal process, but if you were to present the board with
1135 compelling information that someone was violating the rules, we would be compelled to
1136 investigate it.

1137 Eric: I'm also going to clarify that in Proposal X, it does outline a specific method for doing that.
1138 Clearly, any (??) exists.

1139 Dave: I think the intent of this is to offer teams a legal way of doing what they're doing already.
1140 It's just..

1141 Eric: When I said B2 (inaudible).

1142 Bob: Any other discussions or questions or comments? Yes? Andy.

1143 Andy: Um, just something to keep in mind too, like the international (??) this is just gonna make
1144 it easier for, you know, more competitive teams to start developing players off of less
1145 competitive teams. And I realize that could be great for.. if we have a young guy and Chicago
1146 has a young guy that's been playing for two years.. and you know, he's got a lot of potential and
1147 whatever. He's also really freaking important to Chicago's team and it would probably be good
1148 for him in terms of his development to go to a more competitive team. But what's that gonna do
1149 to the Chicago team going forward? So, you know, it's a balance between what's good for an
1150 individual, or an individual team, and what's best for our membership.

1151 (1:21:25)

1152 Bob: Yes, go ahead.

1153 Unknown: I really feel strongly about.. I mean, I don't want to give legitimacy to people that are
1154 going to go be mercenaries within our league. I think that you end up with a few super bans and
1155 then you end up killing, absolutely killing, development of younger teams. And I think it's (?)
1156 for the league as a whole. I think that there's so many other ways of doing this. I think that if
1157 we're gonna have the international folks, I think that's totally cool. I mean I voted for it. But I
1158 think that if you end up, you know, pulling off.. I mean look at professional sports. I mean look
1159 at the guys from the New York Yankees. That;s what you're gonna end up having. You're gonna
1160 have 2-3 teams with super super line ups and then everyone else is just sitting and not competing,
1161 and that's not good for our league cuz you end up like.. And Chicago is like in the basement
1162 right now, and we're not gonna draw another player if we don't have at least some pull. So, just
1163 asking you not to kill our team. (People laugh).

1164 Bob: Yes. Steve Kenny. Go ahead, Steve.

1165 Steve: My advice at Andy's comment is yeah, what's good for your team, what's good for the
1166 league? And what's good for the league is competitive games. No one likes blowouts. Fans don't
1167 like blowouts, players that get blown out are discouraged and less active unless you play the
1168 sport. So.. (inaudible conversation from other people.) Yeah, we're not gonna draw fans, we're
1169 not gonna draw sponsorship. The best game, an I don't care cuz two D3 teams that have 10
1170 turnovers each quarter, but the game is 46-45, and the people are on the edge of their seats at the
1171 end of the game, that's a quality game. I don't care if the other game that you're watching is a
1172 D1 stats team that wins 70-15. That's not a good game. That's not helping the league.

1173 Bob: Mmkay. Dave Mengyan.

1174 Dave: So, my thought on these domestic import things is there's a lot of discussion of trying to
1175 develop a player who's interested in maybe making it to Team USA. Um, there are a lot of

1176 people in this room who understand the commitment that it takes to be able to play for Team
1177 USA, and if you can't make the commitment of moving to where the team is you want to play
1178 with to make you better, then you're never going to be able to make the commitment that it takes
1179 to make Team USA. So, in my mind, this doesn't really get you what that intent was.

1180 Ryan: Well you if don't move there, you're not practicing with the team.

1181 Dave: Agreed! Or if you live in Japan and you come in the week before a tournament, I mean are
1182 you practicing with your team? I'm not saying that that's wrong, I'm just saying..

1183 Ryan: If he stays for a very long (?), he can practice with us... (continues talking. Dave
1184 interrupts).

1185 Dave: I understand. I'm just poking at you because you were there.

1186 Bob: Any other questions? Yes, Troy McGirk.

1187 Troy: So, I think the teams are already doing it anyway. They're bringing a player in and getting
1188 them all this; their driver's license, their (?), and all this stuff that they have to say that they live
1189 there. USQRA wouldn't be making a thousand dollars off them. The guys wouldn't go
1190 anywhere.

1191 Unknown: The team can cheat and not pay the \$1000 or they can (inaudible conversation from
1192 other people).

1193 Dave: I think it's worth clarifying that the board has talked internally about if someone is found
1194 to be providing false information and we can prove it without a doubt, that both the team, the
1195 coach, and the players are all complicit in that, because there's no way you can have a player on
1196 your team that you do not know is not living in your area, all 3 of those would be suspended
1197 from post-season and for the next season. (Inaudible conversation from someone). Right, they
1198 have to understand the risk, but the penalty will be severe.

1199 Unknown: The problem is, no one has ever been busted...ever.

1200 Dave: Nobody ever protests. I've never had anybody file a protest about that, even when it was
1201 in the bylaws that you could file a protest.

1202 Carolyn: At least since 2009 while I've been on the board, we've never received a single
1203 presidency protest. We've had lots of people complaining and I said, "Please, file a protest." I
1204 know for a fact that..

1205 Dave: I came close. North Ridge almost submitted one.. 2 years ago? It was related to Las
1206 Vegas, but they never did.

1207 Bob: Close to the very back? Next to Norm?

1208 Daniel: Yeah, Daniel. (???) for the sake of, you know.. If it's already happening, then the
1209 USQRA, the league, might as well benefit from it. Um, but there's a either/or clause in this. It
1210 says, "If you either have an international or domestic import," and so I would propose that we
1211 amend it to get rid of the "either/or" for the sake of.. Cuz now, the USQRA just got \$1500 if
1212 you've got international and domestic as opposed to just one.

1213 Bob: Okay, I guess there's a motion to amend. Is there a second?

1214 Dave: No, there's no seconding. It's the sponsor who can agree or not agree.

1215 Bob: Who is that? That would be..

1216 Dave: As a member of that committee, I would be against that, but that's up to you.

1217 Unknown: That was outside the intent that we were planning on, so I'm not going to accept that.

1218 Bob: Okay, motion denied to amend. Uh, further discussion, yes. Go ahead, Ken. And I get you
1219 next, Scott.

1220 Ken: In Minnesota, we discussed this and we just were pointing out that in this discussion, it
1221 makes it sound like it's widespread, but in reality, it's not terribly widespread. We have our ideas

1222 and it's a high profile.. they're high profile people, but it's not.. it's not like something we are
1223 gonna start getting ten or twenty thousand dollars because of this. It's few people that do it, so
1224 it's not as widespread as it sounds.

1225 Dave: But allowing it will make it spread farther. The ones who are going under the radar, and
1226 there are only a couple of them, but I think we all have ideas of who those people are. (Inaudible
1227 conversation from someone). But now you're just opening it up, and I'm not saying it's a bad or
1228 good thing. I'm just saying that I know that if we say that it's okay you pay a fee, then it will
1229 expand.

1230 Bob: Scott Stokes.

1231 Scott: I know I emailed Dave about (????) people under the radar, and I was told that I could not
1232 protest that.

1233 Dave: There's no official protest process. That's what I was saying earlier. There's no official
1234 way to protest. Now, it was taken out of rule two years ago, um, or the year that I became
1235 commissioner. And I don't know why it was taken out. I just know that it was taken out. And
1236 like I said, if you have evidence that I cant ignore, then I will have to investigate it. I will go
1237 and..

1238 Scott: That's easy, but if you're telling me that I can't protest then..

1239 Dave: There's no process.

1240 Scott: (Inaudible)

1241 Dave: Well even when there was a process, nobody did it. That's what we're saying. And this is
1242 the only thing that I know of that had a form of protest process that went away. Um, people
1243 protest things informally, but they don't go as far as filling something out and saying, "I protest
1244 this."

1245 Bob: Mike, did you have something? Mike, go ahead. Mike had a comment first.. Or Ken had a
1246 comment first..

1247 Mike: Just to clarify, there's just not paperwork, but you can bring up this information and say
1248 that this should be investigated, another person should be..

1249 Dave: I.. well, again, I don't know why the protest process was taken out of residency. I have no
1250 idea. What I do know is that if you were to put something on my desk that shows me someone's
1251 wife works at this place in a different state, their kid goes to school in a different state, they're
1252 training at a facility 5 days a week in a different state, then I would have to go to that player and
1253 investigate that. Because there's.. It's clear to me that something is not right, and as
1254 commissioner, my job is to enforce the rule. So, not a formal protest process, but even if it was
1255 anonymous and was to drop this on my desk and I don't know where it came from.

1256 Unknown: We're off topic.

1257 Bob: Yes, we're off topic.

1258 Dave: We are way off topic.

1259 Bob: Follow up, follow up.

1260 (1:30:22)

1261 Unknown: Um, I think that we cannot legitimize this at all. I think that, like what you guys are
1262 talking about, it then becomes widespread. Then it becomes a thing where it completely destroys
1263 the league. Um, I think that just because something is not being caught and enforced doesn't
1264 mean that we should say, "Well, it's okay." And we can set this really strong. We're gonna
1265 make, maybe, maybe a thousand bucks off of this if we pass this rule. So, a thousand bucks is
1266 what (?) our league. That's what we're saying.

1267 Bob: Eric

1268 Eric: Okay, um just to get things back on topic of it, there's two proposals on this. So, if you like
1269 the language of the second one better, um check that out. This isn't stopping the lesser team from
1270 also getting a domestic import; I'll just throw that out there. So, you look at it from one way,
1271 someone's gonna take your player. What if you were able to bring a player back to complete
1272 your team? So, that's what I'm gonna say to that. Also, apparently the Yankees haven't gone to
1273 the World Series since 2009, um..

1274 Unknown: Touché.. (People laugh)

1275 Bob: Okay, any other comments or call to vote? Oh, okay. One more. Troy

1276 Troy: I know at one time basketball was a free agency and they flew teams in.. er everybody flew
1277 their players in and everything else like that. After a year of that, teams got together and said,
1278 "What are we doing? I'm going to practice everyday, and you're flying in a guy." And it all
1279 worked its way out. Teams ended up moving there.. er players ended up moving and stuff like
1280 that, but you didn't have to jump through hoops to do what you have to do to move somewhere
1281 now. You know, so it will work its way out if you do go.. if USQRA does go to free agency.
1282 People are still gonna have to move, and they're still gonna, you know, do what they're going to
1283 need to do to better themselves. So, no matter what, it's gonna happen.

1284 Bob: Okay. Uh, a motion to call to vote.

1285 Unknown: Wait, hold on. Before we do that, do we want to consider making this a thousand to
1286 750 so it's the same as the international team before we vote, because right now, we got this
1287 domestic transport fee that's gonna be higher than what an international, you know, fee would
1288 be.

1289 Dave: I think it's worth thinking about. I mean maybe we should talk about that because the
1290 chances that you're gonna take somebody from the US and move them around are higher than..

1291 It's easier for me to fly in the best player from Chicago than it is for me to fly in a player from
1292 Tokyo, right? Way less expensive, it's way less disruptive to that person's life, although it's way
1293 more disruptive to the team. Um, because an international player still plays with their team,
1294 right? So, maybe there should be a higher penalty to the team who is taking in a domestic import.
1295 Just a thought.

1296 Unknown: Even international players, you want (??) than the USQRA players.

1297 Bob: Okay, call to vote.

1298 Unknown: Motion.

1299 Dave: Well, the sponsor of the bill hasn't decided if he wanted to accept the friendly amendment.

1300 Bob: Is there a motion to this, I guess, friendly amendment? But I guess it goes to him. Yeah, it
1301 goes to Kevin anyways to decide whether he wants to do this friendly amendment.

1302 Dave: Would you be interested in amending this?

1303 Kevin: Um, I'm not one on the big dollar amount. It doesn't.. sure. We can lower it.

1304 Unknown: It will also throw away all the absentee ballots.

1305 Carolyn: It will throw out all these proxy votes.. or all the absentee ballots.

1306 Dave: That's worth considering.

1307 Kevin: I mean, as part of this committee, there was a reason this was written this way. I think we
1308 should leave it the way it's written, honestly. That's why.. We had a lot of discussion while we
1309 were..

1310 Bob: So do you want to change it and..

1311 Dave: Bob, as far as the two different things that are very similar, how do we deal with that?

1312 Kevin: Yeah, do we need to discuss B2 before we..

1313 Dave: What we really should have done as a committee is.. is picked one of these or combined..
1314 amalgamated them and only had one.

1315 Bob: Okay.

1316 Carolyn: Let's discuss this quickly then. Alright, so Eric, you had proposed the next one, which
1317 is very closely tied. It's actually titled B2, um since it is so close to B1. Eric, could you please
1318 explain to us what is the difference between um the two proposals?

1319 Eric: One, it's not all loosey goosey and swiss cheese like the rest of our constitution. So, it
1320 clarifies some things. One, it allows the adjustment of the fee to be less than the international fee
1321 but not less than 1/10th of the international fee. And the reason that is is to encourage
1322 development domestically. So, if you're on a team that's considered an import and stuff like that,
1323 there's concern around the league about (?) imports and bettering the rest of the world. This is
1324 encouragement to better the (??), and there are teams that doing that under the radar, apparently,
1325 which (?) the legal avenue and provide the revenue for the USQRA itself. Um, if you have
1326 specific questions about my proposal, I am (???)

1327 Andrea: Um, uh just that it.. also if.. if X passes.. This is Andrea Jensen. Um, if the X passes,
1328 which does more strict residency rules, which provides a more structure for protesting residency,
1329 then this is kind of a way for people that do want to bring someone in, but would otherwise be
1330 doing it illegally and then be protested, this is what they would be doing legally.

1331 Eric: Yeah, so uh proposals.. I need to propose my (??) with or without each other, but we want
1332 to start to examine and vice versa. Uh, just some things to consider, and I'm agreeable to
1333 changing the initial fee if someone wants to propose. I think that might work better for the
1334 league.

- 1335 Carolyn: Excellent. Now that we have a little clarification about that, we can go back to B1
- 1336 proposal.
- 1337 Bob: So it's a call to vote on the domestic imports.
- 1338 Unknown: For which..
- 1339 Bob: B1, excuse me. B1? Call to motion to vote?
- 1340 Eric: Motion
- 1341 Bob: Seconded by Eric.
- 1342 Dave: No, he motioned.
- 1343 Bob: Oh, he motioned. Uh, second. I need a second.
- 1344 Katie: Second.
- 1345 Bob: Second by Katie.
- 1346 Dave: Katie Smith?
- 1347 Bob: Katie Smith seconds.
- 1348 Carolyn: Alright, excellent. So we're voting on the proposal as written. Boise.
- 1349 Boise: No.
- 1350 Carolyn: Brooks.
- 1351 Brooks: No.
- 1352 Carolyn: Carolina.
- 1353 Carolina: No.
- 1354 Carolyn: Chicago
- 1355 Chicago: No.
- 1356 Carolyn: Grand Rapids
- 1357 Grand Rapids: No.

- 1358 Carolyn: Great Lakes
- 1359 Great Lakes: No
- 1360 Carolyn: Lakeshore
- 1361 Lakeshore: No
- 1362 Carolyn: McGee. (Silence). Still not here. Alright. Uh, Maryland.
- 1363 Maryland: No
- 1364 Carolyn: Minnesota
- 1365 Minnesota: No
- 1366 Carolyn: North Ridge
- 1367 North Ridge: No
- 1368 Carolyn: Dallas
- 1369 Dallas: Nope
- 1370 Carolyn: NRH
- 1371 NRH: No
- 1372 Carolyn: Phoenix
- 1373 Phoenix: No
- 1374 Carolyn: Pittsburg
- 1375 Pittsburg: No
- 1376 Carolyn: Uh, SHARP
- 1377 Sharp: Yes. I like (?). (People chuckle).
- 1378 Carolyn: Shepherd
- 1379 Shepherd: No.
- 1380 Carolyn: South Florida

- 1381 South Florida Rattlers: No
- 1382 Tampa: No
- 1383 Carolyn: Beautiful, and that was a no for Tampa.
- 1384 Carolyn: Texas
- 1385 Texas: Nope
- 1386 Carolyn: TIRR
- 1387 TIRR: No
- 1388 Carolyn: Tucson
- 1389 Tucson: No
- 1390 Carolyn: U of A
- 1391 U of A: No
- 1392 Carolyn: Alright, that gives us, with the proxies, a total of 8 yes and 27 no.
- 1393 Bob: Okay, uh this leads us right into the domestic free agent, B2, which Eric had touched about.
- 1394 Um, a motion for this B2 domestic free agent?
- 1395 Unknown: Motion for what?
- 1396 Bob: Motion to discuss the domestic free agent?
- 1397 Eric: Motion seconded.
- 1398 Bob: I have a second. Eric seconded. Okay, alright. Discussion on the part 2 domestic free agent.
- 1399 Dave: Who seconded? Who motioned?
- 1400 Bob: Well I made the first motion.
- 1401 Dave: Oh, you motioned.
- 1402 Bob: I motioned it and then Eric seconded it.
- 1403 Dave: Oh, can you do that?

1404 Bob: Yeah, I guess. Yeah, go ahead Ken.

1405 Ken: Ken Walsh, Minnesota. Um, it sounds like what we went through only on a smaller scale;
1406 one at a time instead of opening it up. So, we would have similar problems, just one at a time
1407 instead of mass.

1408 Eric: How so?

1409 Ken: Um...If we open it up, the other one would be a domestic.. People could go wherever they
1410 wanted. This is the same idea, but just one at a time. Go and get widespread, but we still have..
1411 one at a time, people could pick and choose teams. If you have one good player on your team can
1412 probably choose to leave, and then again, the same thing. Your team is left without because they
1413 chose to fly to other places to play.

1414 Eric: I would say, um.. Just to clarify, this isn't always just the taking of players. This is also the
1415 receiving on players. It's a two way street. Um, so if everybody and every team in the country is
1416 losing a player, clearly, there's something wrong with the rules. Um, cuz there's, what, 40
1417 missing players. So, think of it as a two way street. I think we're looking at it unilaterally as
1418 opposed to from both sides.

1419 (1:39:59)

1420 Bob: Yes, go ahead, Dave Mengyan.

1421 Dave: Um, looking at these domestic free agent rules, um while I see benefit and detriment, I
1422 think the harm done to the team that loses such a player is much more significant than the benefit
1423 to the team. And the harm done to the league is much more significant than the benefit to the
1424 league. Like, if you talk about Mike's situation or mine.. If I was to lose.. I'm not one of those
1425 people that would pulled to another team but all the other 3 guys around me could be, and that
1426 would decimate my team. It would totally change what we could do, and I don't see that it really

1427 benefits anyone on my team except for the one player. And I don't see anybody being someone
1428 who is going to develop. They are just going to maybe wanna go here and win a championship
1429 this year.

1430 Unknown: Dave, this I would like to point out, it is their right to develop as well.

1431 Dave: Understood.

1432 Unknown: I've been on situations.. team situations where players have been stuck on a team that
1433 could care less. They'd just rather go to a bar and the player wants to develop into a USA player,
1434 if you will, and they do not provide that opportunity.

1435 Dave: But they're unwilling to commit to going to a place where they can play with a team.. I
1436 mean, I understand some situations you can't, but uh.. If you're looking at Team USA, moving is
1437 the least of your problems. You've got a lot of work to do.

1438 Bob: Good. Ken?

1439 Ken: Ken Walsh, Minnesota. As you pointed out earlier, if Team USA is your goal and you're
1440 committed to it, then you would be committed to pick up route and move to a stronger program.

1441 Um, and I had one more thought but I just had a brain freeze. Alright, I forgot.

1442 Eric: That's a big jump there. Commitment (?) Team USA (inaudible).

1443 Ken: Oh, I remember my thought. If you are one strong player and you have a team of not strong
1444 players, this can be your opportunity to build your leadership skills and get your team to step up.

1445 I can say that in Minnesota, we had a bunch of developing players and Chuck (?), who moved
1446 back to Minnesota, has been coaching us. And I will say that the level of play of the lower ones
1447 is raised up because he accepted the challenge of making his situation better. Um, and it

1448 strengthened the team, him staying there.

1449 Unknown: And the only point that I'm making, it doesn't have to be that high level player. It just
1450 has to be that player that wants to compete. Doesn't want to go out. And there's cultures around
1451 that that's the sole reason those teams exist. And right now, they're not (??) to go and complete
1452 (speaking becomes inaudible, Dave interrupts).

1453 Dave: And you also have a situation where you have a guy sitting behind three other guys who is
1454 never gonna get any real play time, who just wants the opportunity to play.

1455 Eric: Are we still doing the hand raising thing?

1456 Bob: Yes, go ahead, Eric. Eric Ingram.

1457 Dave: Oh, sorry!

1458 Eric: Um, I lost my train of thought on that one. Alright, uh.. what was I gonna say? Okay, so..
1459 we're kinda looking at it.. I mean, we are league made of approximately 40 teams, but we are
1460 also a league made of approximately 500 players. And it's kind of like.. it (chuckles).. player's
1461 rights versus team rights as this point. Um,

1462 Dave: And league.

1463 Eric: Huh?

1464 Dave: I mean, you can look at the league too as a whole, but go ahead.

1465 Eric: Yeah, I mean so it's not just the best player leaving. It's the guy being overshadowed by
1466 Aoki coming back that is now on the bench that may want playing time somewhere else.

1467 Dave: That's what I was going at.

1468 Eric: Yeah, so I mean, it goes on with that. Also, it's not always feasible to move your.. uproot
1469 your life to go play a sport, especially a sport that doesn't play.. er pay, excuse me. So, looking at
1470 it entirely, "well if you want to make USA, then you should just move" is a little bit shortsighted
1471 and I think a little bit broad stricken. Um, just things to consider, and if anyone did want to do a

1472 friendly amendment for the price of the player fee on this amendment specifically.. er this
1473 proposal specifically, uh let me know.
1474 Bob: Was that a motion?
1475 Eric: That was not a motion.
1476 Bob: Okay, alrighty. Any other questions or discussions on this? (Silence). Do we have a call to
1477 vote?
1478 Unknown: I'll motion to amend it up to the 750 from the other.. thousand or..
1479 Bob: So, a motion to 750. Ingram..
1480 Dave: Well it's not really a motion. You're making a request. Request sponsor.
1481 Bob: ...Amend
1482 Dave: That's a discussion between the two of you.
1483 Eric: What is the.. what is the..
1484 Dave: He's asking you if you'd be willing to amend..
1485 Eric: That's not the question. What is the price we set at the international fee?
1486 Bob and Dave: 750.
1487 Eric: Okay, so it should be equal to or less than. I would be agreeable to 750.
1488 Bob: Okay.
1489 Carolyn: Alright, we have to hold on one second because I have to dispose out all the proxies, so.
1490 Bob: Yeah. Okay.
1491 Dave: Absentee ballots. Proxies are (??)
1492 Carolyn: It's always been that way. It's always been that way. Stop confusing me.
1493 Dave: Well just because we're wrong before doesn't mean we can continue to be wrong.
1494 Carolyn: I understand. Alright.

1495 Bob: Okay, we have a call to vote on the amended proposal.

1496 Dave: Do we have a motion to vote?

1497 Bob: Do we have a motion to vote?

1498 Ken: Motion to vote.

1499 Bob: Motion to vote by Ken. Okay, um..

1500 Carolyn: Do we have a second?

1501 Daniel: Second!

1502 Bob: Yes. Second by um..

1503 Carolyn: Daniel Curtis

1504 Bob: Daniel Curtis, thank you.

1505 Carolyn: Alright, excellent. So we have Boise.

1506 Boise: Yes.

1507 Carolyn: Brooks.

1508 Brooks: No

1509 Carolyn: Carolina.

1510 Carolina: No

1511 Carolyn: Chicago

1512 Chicago: No

1513 Carolyn: Grand Rapids

1514 Grand Rapids: No

1515 Carolyn: Great Lakes

1516 Great Lakes: No

1517 Carolyn: Lakeshore

- 1518 Lakeshore: No
- 1519 Carolyn: McGee.
- 1520 Unknown: Which one are you voting on?
- 1521 Dave: B2.
- 1522 Bob: Domestic free agents.
- 1523 McGee: No?
- 1524 Bob: Oh, they just got here.
- 1525 Carolyn: Yes, perfect. Maryland.
- 1526 Maryland: No
- 1527 Carolyn: Minnesota
- 1528 Minnesota: No
- 1529 Carolyn: North East Passage.
- 1530 North East Passage: No.
- 1531 Carolyn: North Ridge
- 1532 North Ridge: No.
- 1533 Carolyn: Dallas
- 1534 Dallas: Nope
- 1535 Carolyn: Uh, Capitol Punishers
- 1536 Capitol Punishers: Yes.
- 1537 Carolyn: Phoenix
- 1538 Phoenix: No
- 1539 Carolyn: Pittsburg
- 1540 Pittsburg: No

- 1541 Carolyn: Portland. (Silence) Troy!
- 1542 Portland: Yes.. or no, excuse me. I forgot what we were voting for. My bad.
- 1543 Carolyn: Alright. No worries. Um, Sierra Storm.
- 1544 Sierra: No
- 1545 Carolyn: Um, SHARP
- 1546 Sharp: Yes
- 1547 Carolyn: Shepherd
- 1548 Shepherd: No.
- 1549 Carolyn: South Florida
- 1550 South Florida Rattlers: No
- 1551 Carolyn: Tampa
- 1552 Tampa: No
- 1553 Carolyn: Texas
- 1554 Texas: Nope
- 1555 Carolyn: TIRR
- 1556 TIRR: No
- 1557 Carolyn: Tucson
- 1558 Tucson: No
- 1559 Carolyn: University of Arizona
- 1560 U of A: No
- 1561 Carolyn: Alright, that gives us 3 yes and 23 no.
- 1562 Bob: No domestic free agents. Okay. Alrighty, we're on to C: A player without a team.
- 1563 Dave: The unofficial Chance rule.

1564 Bob: Yeah, the unofficial Chance rule. Basically, the.. it's gonna change the language. Basically,
1565 if there is no team or player is banned from playing with the teams within 150 miles of his
1566 permanent address, that player would be required to roster with one of the next two closet teams.
1567 So, I have a motion uh to.. for this proposal, I need a second for this proposal.

1568 Andy: Second.

1569 Bob: Seconded by Andy. Alright, open to discussion.

1570 Dave: May I?

1571 Bob: Uh, Dave.

1572 Dave: While we've effectively called this the "Chance rule", this does not just affect a person in
1573 Chance's situation. It also affects the person who does not have a team within 150 miles at all.
1574 So, the idea is that we would bring back the language that was taken out previously saying that if
1575 you do not have a team within 150 miles, you have to play with one of the two closest teams. It
1576 takes away the ability for someone who happens to live somewhere with no team to play
1577 wherever the heck they want.

1578 Bob: Uh, Eric Ingram?

1579 Eric: I would like to propose a friendly amendment that we change the language from "his" to
1580 "his or her permanent address".

1581 Carolyn: That does not need to be a friendly amendment. We can.. we do not need to fill out the
1582 proxies for that, but yes we can do that.

1583 Bob: Andy Zimmern.

1584 Andy: I want to understand a little bit better, um, how we determine that a player is banned from
1585 playing with their team closest to them, and what proof.. Like, is it enough for a player to say,
1586 "Oh, sorry. They banned me, so I'm gonna go play with these other two," or is there proof.

1587 Dave: I can tell you what I do now. If someone comes to me and says I cant play with my team,
1588 then I go to the team and I ask them if that's the case and I ask them if there is any way that we
1589 can reconcile this. And if they say, "No, we do not want this player on our team," then that
1590 player does not have that team as an option.

1591 Andy: But if, like.. Is that.. That's how you're handling it. Is that confined in anyway because if
1592 we pass this, whether you're commissioner or not in the future, this is part of our bylaws. So, I
1593 just.. I feel like it's super important for us to understand what our defining thing..

1594 Dave: At this point, it is not defined. That's how I interpret the definition.

1595 Bob: Ken?

1596 Ken: Ken Walsh, Minnesota. We just had a question about language also. Is it the two.. within
1597 the two closest teams or the two closest teams that will accept this individual?

1598 Dave: Well, at this point, it's the same situation. If a team is not an option for a player and there
1599 is no way that team can be considered as an option, uh then I wouldn't be able to consider them
1600 as one of the two teams, unless we were to write something that changed how that worked. But
1601 there's clearly a problem if someone is being banned from every team in their area.

1602 (1:50:18)

1603 Bob: Any other questions or discussions?

1604 Unknown: Motion to vote.

1605 Carolyn: Actually, sorry.

1606 Bob: Go ahead, Carolyn.

1607 Carolyn: Really quickly, Carolyn Odom here. I just want to point out cuz this discussion has
1608 come up before. First off, everybody please, one person talking at a time. We've got this tape
1609 recorder. Um, so thank you. This discussion has come up previously and one of the things that

1610 was pointed out before was that what's stopping a team from saying their banned. You know,
1611 let's say you've got a team that isn't very strong and they know they're not very strong. They've
1612 got a great player who wants to go better himself somewhere, him or herself, um somewhere
1613 else. So, what's stopping the team from saying, "Oh yeah. We don't want Dave to play with us
1614 anymore because the team wants Dave to go play somewhere else for his own good." So, just a
1615 point of consideration because that's come up multiple times before.

1616 Dave: And worth mentioning to Andy's point, while there is not additional definition, this is a
1617 glaring hole in our rules that needs to be closed. And even if we don't close it a hundred percent,
1618 this closes at 95% and I think it's worth doing.

1619 Bob: Any further discussions?

1620 Eric: Motion to vote?

1621 Dave: Otherwise, it's up to me.

1622 Bob: Do we have a second to vote?

1623 Mike: Second.

1624 Bob: Who seconded?

1625 Mike: Mike.

1626 Bob: Mike seconded. Alrighty, um go ahead Carolyn.

1627 Carolyn: Alright, fantastic. Boise.

1628 Boise: Yes.

1629 Carolyn: Brooks.

1630 Brooks: Yes

1631 Carolyn: Carolina.

1632 Carolina: No

- 1633 Carolyn: Chicago
- 1634 Chicago: Yes
- 1635 Carolyn: Grand Rapids
- 1636 Grand Rapids: Yes
- 1637 Carolyn: Great Lakes
- 1638 Great Lakes: Yes
- 1639 Carolyn: Lakeshore
- 1640 Lakeshore: Yes
- 1641 Carolyn: McGee.
- 1642 McGee: Yes
- 1643 Carolyn: Maryland.
- 1644 Maryland: Yes
- 1645 Carolyn: Minnesota
- 1646 Minnesota: Yes
- 1647 Carolyn: North Ridge
- 1648 North Ridge: Yeah
- 1649 Carolyn: Dallas
- 1650 Dallas: (inaudible)
- 1651 Carolyn: MedStar
- 1652 MedStar: Yes
- 1653 Carolyn: Sorry, I keep calling you guys by a billion different names. What do you guys call
- 1654 yourselves? You've written down different places.
- 1655 Medstar: The Punishers.

- 1656 Carolyn: The Punishers? You're Punishers from here on out. Thank you. Uh, Phoenix
- 1657 Phoenix: Yes
- 1658 Carolyn: Pittsburg
- 1659 Pittsburg: Yes
- 1660 Carolyn: SHARP
- 1661 Sharp: Yes
- 1662 Carolyn: Shepherd
- 1663 Shepherd: Yes.
- 1664 Carolyn: South Florida
- 1665 South Florida: Yes
- 1666 Carolyn: Tampa
- 1667 Tampa: Yes
- 1668 Carolyn: Stampede
- 1669 Stampede: Yup
- 1670 Carolyn: TIRR
- 1671 TIRR: Yes
- 1672 Carolyn: Tucson
- 1673 Tucson: Yes
- 1674 Carolyn: U of A
- 1675 U of A: No
- 1676 Carolyn: Alright, that gives us a total of 26 yes and 10 no.
- 1677 Dave: Is that including the absentee?
- 1678 Carolyn: Correct.

1679 Bob: Including the absentees. Okay. Alrighty, we're gonna move on to the next one. We're
1680 getting close to lunch. I think we can kind of get through these couple pretty quickly. Um... A
1681 player without a team, letter C. Again, just looking to change.,

1682 Dave: We just did that.

1683 Bob: Oh, I'm sorry. D, hosting team nationals, sorry. Basically, uh, looking to change the
1684 language. Uh, if a nationals host has been selected, they may note at the time of selection that
1685 they represent or are in partnership with a local team which must be housed within 100 miles of
1686 the proposed nationals site. If the team qualifies post-season, then the structure for nationals
1687 remains unmolded.. or unmodified. If that team attempts to qualify through traditional post-
1688 season mechanisms and fails, the host site will be included in a play in a game with the A seeded
1689 team, which qualifies for nationals. Whichever team wins will be included as an A team for
1690 Division 2. Um, I guess really the objective of this one is to create opportunities for playing.
1691 Um..

1692 Dave: It also offers opportunities for people to host. If people don't want to host tournaments
1693 then their team isn't playing it. That's one of the reasons this proposal came up.

1694 Bob: Alright, I motion this host team nationals qualification. Do I have a second?

1695 Carolyn: Second. Carolyn Odom.

1696 Bob: Second Carolyn. Okay, open for discussion. Any ques.. Yes, go ahead.

1697 Ryan: I think it's a great thing. I think that it's so hard to get. I think there's a few folks out there
1698 willing to host nationals, and (??) will go for three years and here we have a really great set up,
1699 but why not set up and really get ourselves more visible in different areas? And you do that by
1700 offering a little cookie to lower level teams. I mean, you look at Chicago.. it would be a great site
1701 for nationals, but.. I mean other than us losing a lot money on it, you know, what does it do for

1702 us? So, it would be nice to (???) slate the first day, so what. We get to be there, we get to bring
1703 folks out, expose folks to it. I think it's a really good proposal.

1704 Bob: Any uh.. Gabe?

1705 Gabe: Ryan, I think you kinda did a key point right there that you think that a team might want to
1706 bite the bullet and pay to host nationals just to be exposed to national in their community, but
1707 we've got teams that can get into nationals and didn't even choose to accept. Be knowledgeable
1708 of that. I don't see that as incentive for a team really considering possibly hosting nationals, just
1709 because the local team can get in automatically. I don't see that as a really big incentive.

1710 Bob: Uh, Eric.

1711 Eric: Yeah, so while I agree that not every team would want to participate in this manner, this
1712 just gives the opportunity for that to even be a thing in the first place. I think it could be
1713 encouragement for a team like Chicago or teams in big cities that can get a lot of media and
1714 return all their investment in a team that may be lack luster on the court. So, um it's just another
1715 way to, you know, expand and grow. And um (inaudible).

1716 Bob: Uh, yes. Troy?

1717 Troy: Yeah, the team who has an A seed qualifies in A seed and then they come to nationals and
1718 you play one game and you're done. You know, you already went through the hoops to qualify
1719 for nationals. So, if you're gonna do something like this, you're gonna say put 15 teams and
1720 automatically (??) for those teams. Well, that's if you got beaten by this team from Chicago.

1721 Like, that team from Chicago deserves to be in the national championship and you don't.

1722 Unknown: If you go to sectionals and you qualify, and the process is made, then you're being
1723 pulled out, you qualify, you get to play in the nationals. Playing one game, if you win that game,
1724 you (inaudible. Overlapping conversation).

1725 Unknown 2: (inaudible response)

1726 Unknown: But no one going in there doing that, you know, is one thing, but to go qualify for

1727 something, that's..

1728 Dave: Yeah, that's a.. the way that we handled that other team is a concern to me. I feel like it

1729 might be better served if we were to define that whatever section that team is in, they would

1730 automatically qualify if they didn't qualify on their own as the 4th team out of that section. And

1731 that way, we don't have to worry about making a team fly to nationals to play one game.

1732 Gabe: But then you're also putting that.. Otherwise, that team that would've otherwise qualified,

1733 you're putting them out.

1734 Dave: There's a team that's gonna be put out no matter what, right?

1735 Gabe: Right, but you're just gonna put out a team that competitively would have qualified that

1736 didn't because of this rule.

1737 Unknown: So you have a section with 5 teams. The top 4 teams in the country are in that

1738 section. So that means that 4th team gets knocked out and they're number 4 in the USQRA

1739 Dave: That's also a potential outcome. We've had that happen in the past where the Pacific or the

1740 Mountain have had 5 teams that.. or when we had D1 and D2 specific, we had a team that got

1741 knocked out that would've beaten most of the teams that they would've faced. Um, it's not an

1742 elegant solution, it's an alternative. That's all.

1743 Bob: Ken.

1744 Ken: Ken Walsh, Minnesota. Just a question, and I don't know if anybody can answer it. Had we

1745 had people interested in hosting nationals come up and say, "We'd like to host it, but only if we

1746 can get our team in there for sure"?

1747 Dave: It happens at the post-season, yes. It has. And I'll tell you right now that there's not a lot
1748 of competition for earning the bids for nationals or sectionals. I often get one proposal
1749 occasionally to.. Rarely more than that.

1750 Bob: Eric.

1751 Eric: So, we've had playing games at nationals in prior years. Uh, I would like to see if there is
1752 anyone here who participated in those games to throw in some input about that experience.

1753 Dave: Kevin, you did. Didn't you? Brooks did.

1754 Kevin: We did because our sectional was cancelled due to weather. And without a sectional,
1755 there was not an opportunity for.. the top 3 teams were pretty certain but the remaining two
1756 teams, the 4th and 5th seeds wanted the opportunity to play to get in. So, they both agreed to take
1757 that risk and fly and play and (?) that tournament play.

1758 Dave: There was also the potential of a playing game this year when we didn't get a 4th team out
1759 of the pacific. Despite having 4 teams qualify, um, there was an open slot. And it could've had a
1760 playing game between the only other two teams that came in 5th in their section, which is
1761 Philadelphia and St. Louis, but rather than do that, I picked the team that was clearly the better
1762 team in my mind, and I just offered them that bit. And I don't know if that's the right answer, but
1763 that's what I did this time. I don't know that anybody wants me or anyone else on the board
1764 deciding who gets to advance, but in some cases, you may say that we do in the.. in this.. if there
1765 are 16 teams that qualify and the host team gets whatever that 16th spot is and the 16th team is
1766 out. Um, I think that, at least, lends itself more toward if we're gonna have to make that decision
1767 instead of making people fly to Houston to play a playing game. It's a better option than just
1768 having me pick a team..

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1770 Bob: Mr. Hogset

1771 Hogset: Um, it's weird. Just talking about blowouts, you know, no one wants to be at either end
1772 of a blowout. And having the host team be part of it (??) level of the Paralympics. Uh, the host
1773 nation gets an automatic bid. So, like, Beijing for example in '08, they just got thumped, you
1774 know. Across the board in every game they were in, they got thumped, and I don't know if it
1775 necessarily that great of an experience for them. So, you gotta be careful when we, you know..
1776 prepare to consider that. I don't think it's a good option.

1777 Bob: Eric

1778 Eric: So if we were to do the hosting gets automatic 16th spot, would that be post the seeding or
1779 would you just drop someone?

1780 Dave: Well we would have to decide that. I mean if we were to amend this to say the host team..
1781 if they do not qualify on their own, they would take the 16th slot and knockout the 16th team.
1782 That would be my.. if we were going to take that path, that's the way I would suggest doing it.

1783 Bob: Troy.

1784 Troy: Most of our conversations today have been about having the best possibly rugby, and
1785 that's what we've talked about in the course of everything else. But now we're turning around
1786 and saying, "Alright, we don't need the best possible rugby. We just need a team."

1787 Unknown: It is the national championships where it's supposed to showcase all of the elite teams
1788 that qualify, and that's what it's about.

1789 Dave: True, but our playoff structure isn't structured that way. We take the best teams from each
1790 section and put them together. If we were to take the top 16 teams, I think we would have a
1791 different list of teams here. Anybody disagree with that?

1792 Bob: Go ahead, Steve. Steve? I'm sorry. Dan.

1793 Dan: Um, just as a team with a big sponsor, for instance, if I was to go to my sponsor and say,
1794 “We want to host national championships, but there was a chance that we wouldn’t have a dog in
1795 the race,” there’s no way they would approve. Just, you know, as an example. For teams that do
1796 have a big sponsor that might be willing to host, there’s no way they’re gonna get by their
1797 sponsor if they’re not able to at least have a dog in the race. So, that’s kinda the reason for this
1798 because.. And, you know, it could potentially open up possible hosts, which is a problem that the
1799 league has. I mean, we went down to the wire just trying to get a host for Atlantic sectionals, you
1800 know. And we ended up bringing it into Jacksonville and a bunch of teams bowed out just so we
1801 could host it with 6 teams because.. you know, we had more teams that probably wanted to play,
1802 but we couldn’t get a host. So, you know, and I’m not saying just for nationals, but any type of
1803 season. I’ve been approached in the past about hosting sectionals when we couldn’t even get
1804 through our regional tournament, but I couldn’t qualify hosting a sectional tournament if I
1805 couldn’t ever qualify for it. You know, and spending a (??) all that money.

1806 Dave: There was a host.. There was a host. Maryland was gonna host and they backed out when
1807 they decided they weren’t going to participate in post-season.

1808 Bob: Gabe.

1809 Gabe: I think this conversation is getting a little tangential, way from what it actually written in
1810 this rule. So, if we could just take a step back and look at what we’re actually talking about in
1811 this rule. In this circumstance that you’re talking about where let’s say this is an unranked team
1812 that has a chance to get in to nationals like playing against the 16th seeded team, the likelihood of
1813 them actually getting in is pretty slim. It’s not guaranteed. So, even though you’ve gone through
1814 all these segments to get a nationals sponsors and hosted in your city, you’ve got a less than
1815 50/50 chance of even competing in nationals because you’re playing in one playing game to even

1816 get into the tournament. So, I think we need to focus on what we're actually voting on here and
1817 this rule because there's a lot of discussion about.. this rule's not even talking about that.

1818 Bob: Right. Yes, go ahead, Mitch from Austin.

1819 Mitch: It's pretty similar to the one game playoff in baseball. Teams can be 20 games outside,
1820 but they're the next team, so get one game playoff shot to get in.

1821 Dave: True, but they have a lot of money and the teams.. the 16th teams and the 17th team, they
1822 are not those teams.

1823 Bob: Andy. Go ahead, Andy.

1824 Andy: Yeah, I think that, like.. this creates.. this basically is a way to address the issue that we
1825 consistently have year after year of not being able to get people to host nationals. It's a big
1826 tournament that costs a lot of money and whatever and yeah. I mean, we want the best
1827 competition possible, but to be able to do that, we gotta get the tournament hosted to begin with.
1828 To me, this seems like a way to address that issue; that year after year issue. And uh, you know,
1829 we wouldn't even have this amendment if we consistently had people that were popping up that
1830 were willing to host national. This wouldn't be an issue, but it is and that's why we have this.
1831 You know, I guess do you want to put competition before hosting the tournament.

1832 Unknown: So it's back to that what's best for the league and what's best for the team.

1833 Bob: Go ahead, Mike.

1834 Mike: Mike from Chicago. Going on what Andy was saying here is that say we don't have a host
1835 for nationals, what happens to the legitimacy of our league? And if there's anything we can do,
1836 even if one team goes away butt hurt because they lost in the first round, I think that the overall
1837 benefit of making sure that these events are hosted is so huge to the longevity of this league. I
1838 think.. you miss a sectional or you miss a national tournament, it makes us look really bad. We

1839 need that consistency and we need people to step up and this seems like a good measure of doing
1840 it. And that goes beyond my personal feelings as my team. I think as a league, I think this is very
1841 helpful. And we can find other ways to do it like funding wise, but that funding isn't there right
1842 now. So we get that we maybe take this away, but for right now, I think it's a decent measure to
1843 increase interest in this.

1844 Bob: Okay, I have a motion to vote.

1845 Ryan: Seconded.

1846 Bob: Seconded by Ryan. Okay, Carolyn.

1847 Carolyn: Alright, Boise.

1848 Boise: No.

1849 Carolyn: Brooks.

1850 Brooks: Yes

1851 Carolyn: Carolina.

1852 Carolina: No

1853 Carolyn: Is that a no, I'm sorry?

1854 Carolina: No.

1855 Carolyn: Thank you. Uh, Chicago

1856 Chicago: Yes

1857 Carolyn: Grand Rapids

1858 Grand Rapids: No

1859 Carolyn: Great Lakes

1860 Great Lakes: Yes

1861 Carolyn: Lakeshore

- 1862 Lakeshore: Yes
- 1863 Carolyn: McGee.
- 1864 McGee: Yes
- 1865 Carolyn: Maryland.
- 1866 Maryland: Yes
- 1867 Carolyn: Minnesota
- 1868 Minnesota: Yes
- 1869 Carolyn: North Ridge
- 1870 North Ridge: Yes
- 1871 Carolyn: Uh, RISE. (Silence). Dallas, sorry.
- 1872 Dallas: Yes
- 1873 Carolyn: Punishers
- 1874 Punishers: Yes
- 1875 Carolyn: Phoenix
- 1876 Phoenix: No
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- 1878 Pittsburg: yes
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- 1880 Sharp: No
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1887 Carolyn: Texas

1888 Texas: Nope

1889 Carolyn: TIRR

1890 TIRR: Yes

1891 Carolyn: Tucson

1892 Tucson: No

1893 Carolyn: University of Arizona

1894 U of A: No

1895 Carolyn: Alright. Sorry, give me just one second. Alright, it was very close. It was 19 yes and 17

1896 no.

1897 Bob: Alrighty. Okay, we're gonna go take a break and then we'll come back and start this.

1898 Dave: 4 down, 22 to go.

1899 Bob: Yeah, 4 down, 22 to go. We will start back up again at 1 o'clock.

1900 Carolyn: It's a working lunch.

1901 Bob: I'm sorry. We're gonna keep working through lunch. Sorry. Hang on a second. We're not

1902 breaking yet until we know for sure.

1903 Dave: Please don't leave the room yet before we figure out what's going on.

1904 Bob: Sorry, we'll get back at 12:30, just to let you know.

1905 (Break)

1906 (2:09:47)

1907 (Return from break)

1908 Bob: Yes, go ahead, Dan.

1909 Dan: Um, I'll say I was kind of behind this one being on the rules and bylaws committee and
1910 basically, it just came up. It's not a huge fee, but it's a small fee to kind of help us get some post-
1911 season hosts, since that's such an issue. So, it will help that post-season host recoup their losses
1912 for hosting. So, that was the reason that we proposed this.

1913 Bob: Any other further discussion? Yes, Ryan.

1914 Ryan: So, I think this is.. Like you said, Dan, this is actually pretty good because there's a lot of
1915 teams that don't have the funding to host sectionals or regionals that would if there was some
1916 kind of help from a team. Like, when you host a regular tournament, these teams put in what,
1917 four or five hundred dollars a piece to register. So that helps offset some of the cost of the
1918 tournament. So, I think \$250 is absolutely reasonable for post-season tournaments.

1919 Bob: Okay.

1920 Unknown: Motion to vote?

1921 Unknown 2: Second.

1922 Bob: Alrighty. Here we go Carolyn. We're voting.

1923 Carolyn: Alright. Boise.

1924 Boise: Yes.

1925 Carolyn: Brooks.

1926 Brooks: Yes.

1927 Carolyn: Carolina.

1928 Carolina: Yes.

1929 Carolyn: Chicago

1930 Chicago: Yes.

- 1931 Carolyn: Grand Rapids
- 1932 Grand Rapids: Yes.
- 1933 Carolyn: Great Lakes
- 1934 Great Lakes: Yes.
- 1935 Carolyn: Lakeshore
- 1936 Lakeshore: Yes.
- 1937 Carolyn: McGee.
- 1938 McGee: No.
- 1939 Carolyn: Maryland.
- 1940 Maryland: Yes.
- 1941 Carolyn: Minnesota
- 1942 Minnesota: Yes.
- 1943 Carolyn: North Ridge
- 1944 North Ridge: No
- 1945 Carolyn: Dallas
- 1946 Dallas: Yes.
- 1947 Carolyn: Uh, Punishers
- 1948 Punishers: Yes
- 1949 Carolyn: Phoenix
- 1950 Phoenix: yes
- 1951 Carolyn: Pittsburg
- 1952 Pittsburg: yes
- 1953 Carolyn: Um, SHARP

- 1954 Sharp: Yes
- 1955 Carolyn: Shepherd
- 1956 Shepherd: Yes.
- 1957 Carolyn: South Florida
- 1958 South Florida Rattlers: Yes
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- 1960 Tampa: Yes
- 1961 Carolyn: Texas
- 1962 Texas: Yes
- 1963 Carolyn: TIRR
- 1964 TIRR: Yes
- 1965 Carolyn: Tucson
- 1966 Tucson: Yes
- 1967 Carolyn: University of Arizona
- 1968 U of A: Yes
- 1969 Carolyn: Alright, that give us 30 yes and 6 no.
- 1970 Bob: So, we will have a post-season registration fee. Okay. The next proposal is for bench time-
- 1971 outs. Again, by the rules committee. Um, typically teams have coaches that are on the floor, and
- 1972 you know, for them to want to use that bench time out is having that ability to do that while their
- 1973 coach is playing on the floor. I have a motion for bench time outs. Do I have a second?
- 1974 Dan: Second.
- 1975 Bob: Second by Dan. Karen Bandfeild has a.. Yes, Karen. Thoughts on this?

1976 Karen: Hello! Um, so as referees, we discussed this and we agreed there's no rule control over
1977 the quality and experience of volunteers that we have at tournaments. We have seen an
1978 improvement over the past few years with coaches going to the table and asking for bench time
1979 out. As referees, we try to manage the situation and work with newer tables, but we also try to
1980 work with coaches on the court or on the sidelines and say, "Remember going to the table," and
1981 telling the table, "Blow the horn, blow the horn," and trying to get our partner's attention as well
1982 to wait until that horn is blown so that we can go ahead. So, that's really our two cents. We have
1983 seen an improvement in people remembering to go to the table.

1984 Dave: Is that.. are you basically supporting or?

1985 Karen: I'm against it only because a lot of times, as referees, we try to.. I don't want to say tune
1986 out the sidelines, um but we are trying to listen to what's going on on the court and obviously, if
1987 a player or a coach is on the sideline calling for a time out during my play, we can't acknowledge
1988 that during dead play. We try to acknowledge but we may miss it as well. If you go to the table,
1989 it's guaranteed that they will..

1990 Troy: It is not guaranteed. (people laugh)

1991 Bob: Troy McGirk.

1992 Dave: Increases your chances maybe.

1993 Karen: But we also see you going to the table and understand something may be going on. It's
1994 another difficulty for us.

1995 Bob: Alrighty, Ken.

1996 Ken: Ken Walsh, Minnesota. I was instructed to ask if there would be any interest in amending it
1997 so any PLAYER on the court can call a bench time out.

1998 Dave: I don't know.

1999 Unknown: Yeah, I don't think so. Actually, so this was kind of created more by Joe on the rules
2000 committee, and I think it would have to be a designated person that's on the floor. So, whoever
2001 that person is, would need to let the refs know, "I'm the coach and I will be the one calling time
2002 outs." It couldn't just be any player on the court, you know, because yeah. That's not the
2003 intention of that.

2004 Bob: The proposal to amend has been denied by the person that wrote it. So, further discussion
2005 on bench time outs?

2006 Unknown: Motion to vote?

2007 Bob: Motion to vote. Do we have a second?

2008 Unknown 2: Second.

2009 Bob: Second from Daniel. Okay, Carolyn.

2010 Carolyn: Alright, Boise.

2011 Boise: (Inaudible)

2012 Carolyn: Brooks.

2013 Brooks: Yes

2014 Carolyn: Carolina.

2015 Carolina: No

2016 Carolyn: Chicago. (Silence).

2017 Chicago: Sorry, Yes.

2018 Carolyn: Grand Rapids

2019 Grand Rapids: No

2020 Carolyn: Great Lakes

2021 Great Lakes: Yes

- 2022 Carolyn: Lakeshore
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- 2039 Pittsburg: Yes
- 2040 Carolyn: SHARP
- 2041 Sharp: Yes
- 2042 Carolyn: Shepherd
- 2043 Shepherd: Yes.
- 2044 Carolyn: South Florida. (Silence). South Florida?

- 2045 South Florida Rattlers: Yes, Sorry.
- 2046 Carolyn: No worries. Tampa
- 2047 Tampa: Yes
- 2048 Carolyn: Texas
- 2049 Texas: Yes
- 2050 Carolyn: TIRR
- 2051 TIRR: Yes
- 2052 Carolyn: Tucson
- 2053 Tucson: Yes
- 2054 Carolyn: University of Arizona
- 2055 U of A: Yes
- 2056 Carolyn: Motion passes. The final vote was 32 to 4.
- 2057 Bob: Great.
- 2058 Carolyn: Proposal passes, excuse me.
- 2059 Bob: Alrighty. Where are we at now?
- 2060 Carolyn: Registration due dates.
- 2061 Bob: Alrighty, we're going on to Proposal G. We will have, I guess.. What was that last one?
- 2062 Registration..
- 2063 Carolyn: We're on registration due dates now.
- 2064 Bob: So, we will be able to have a coach that is on the court to be able to call a bench time out.
- 2065 Alright, the next one is registration due dates. Basically, membership dues and team rosters
- 2066 would be submitted after September 1 of each year. Uh, dues and rosters would be considered
- 2067 delinquent after September 30th and fined of a hundred dollars would be levied. This fine would

2068 be waived for new teams. Any team whose registration fees are not paid by November 1 will not
2069 be eligible for post-season. Okay, you're to pay membership dues by December 15th. Shall result
2070 in team's removal from membership in the USQRA.

2071 Dave: So the only change here is that you're adding "If not post marked by," and for the record,
2072 that is how we treat the rule now. It's just not in the.. this is just a clarification of wording.

2073 Bob: okay, I have a proposal.. I'm proposing registration due dates. Do I have a second?

2074 Dan: Second.

2075 Bob: Second by Dan. Discussion. (Inaudible conversation). I'm sorry? Oh, we have a motion to
2076 vote. Do I have a second?

2077 Unknown: Second.

2078 Carolyn: Boise.

2079 Boise: Yes.

2080 Carolyn: Brooks.

2081 Brooks: Yes

2082 Carolyn: Carolina.

2083 Carolina: Yes

2084 Carolyn: Chicago

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- 2096 Carolyn: Minnesota
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- 2098 Carolyn: North Ridge
- 2099 North Ridge: Yes
- 2100 Carolyn: Dallas
- 2101 Dallas: Yep
- 2102 Carolyn: Uh, Punishers
- 2103 Punishers: Yes
- 2104 Carolyn: Phoenix
- 2105 Phoenix: Yes
- 2106 Carolyn: Pittsburg
- 2107 Pittsburg: Yes
- 2108 Carolyn: Um, SHARP
- 2109 Sharp: (inaudible)
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- 2111 Shepherd: Yes.
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2116 Carolyn: Texas

2117 Texas: Yes

2118 Carolyn: TIRR

2119 TIRR: Yes

2120 Carolyn: Tucson

2121 Tucson: Yes

2122 Carolyn: University of Arizona

2123 U of A: Yes

2124 Carolyn: Unanimous.

2125 Bob: Alright, unanimous vote to have a fine for, um.. (??) to register basically. Alright, on to

2126 proposal H: roster cap removal. I guess it would be amendment to the law basically say that at

2127 the beginning of each season, each team member shall present to the commissioner a roster of

2128 team's players. The roster shall contain a minimum of 4 active players. Rosters may contain

2129 more than 15 players, but only 15 post-season eligible players will be allowed to play post

2130 season. I have a proposal for roster cap removal. Do I have a second?

2131 Eric: Second.

2132 Bob: I have a second by Eric. Alright, discussion... Yes, Dave, go ahead. Dave Mengyan.

2133 Dave: Um, I don't see a reason for this. We do not disqualify games because recreational players

2134 who are on your roster participate. Um, it doesn't change anything.

2135 Bob: Yes, go ahead Gabe.

2136 Gabe: I guess I'm not completely up to date on this rule, but isn't it you pay per player after 15
2137 on your roster to have them included?

2138 Dave: Not for post season.

2139 Carolyn: No, so basically, the background to this is just it's clarification of what's already in
2140 there. So the way it works right now, um you can only have 15 post-season eligible players on
2141 your roster. This is gonna keep that all the same. At the moment, in the way that it's worded,
2142 you're supposed to only have 15 players. Obviously, some teams have more than 15 players;
2143 You might have a guy that just turns up once a month just to play a little rec ball. They need to
2144 be rostered in order to be covered by the USQRA insurance. So, you can have more than 15
2145 people rostered because we want to make sure that everybody's covered by insurance, but only
2146 15 of those guys can actually be post season eligible.

2147 Dave: We also don't want the hosts transporting 25 players for a team, you know. If you're the
2148 local team and you bring 25 guys in, that's a little ridiculous. They can be here but not on the
2149 bench, right?

2150 Unknown: Why is it ridiculous? Aren't we trying to get more (??)?

2151 Dave: I expect them to be there, but are you really going to pay to bring 25 guys here?

2152 Unknown: I mean, I brought 15 and I wish I could've brought 16. We left two at home.

2153 Dave: I think you could bring them, but you.. As the rule stands, you can't allow them to play.
2154 But I see your point. I'm not against it. I'm just saying that's where we are.

2155 Bob: Eric Ingram.

2156 Eric: Well even if this passes, you'd still only be able to bring 15 to post season tournaments.

2157 Unknown: Okay.

2158 Eric: Just saying.

2159 Unknown 2: This is mainly just to make sure that everyone you have participating in practices
2160 are on your roster and are covered by insurance. That's basically what this is stating.

2161 Dave: But it doesn't change anything.

2162 Carolyn: No, it doesn't change anything. It's just clarification.

2163 Dave: Well the reasoning for the rule here is so that games wont be disqualified if you have
2164 recreational players who are not eligible for post-season. But that's not an issue. If you play
2165 recreational players in a game, we're not gonna not count that toward your post-season
2166 eligibility.

2167 Unknown 2: Well technically, if you have a player that's not on your roster that plays on your
2168 team..

2169 Dave: If they are unrostered. You can roster as many people as you want. You can only have..
2170 But you have to choose which 15 are gonna be playoff eligible at the end of the season.

2171 (2:21:51)

2172 Eric: To be clear, that part's only the last sentence of the reasoning. It's not actually in the
2173 proposal though. So, um we should clear to separate the language of the specific proposals and
2174 the language of the reasoning to describe them when we're talking. Just to make things easier.

2175 Unknown: Ready to vote?

2176 Dave: It doesn't show what the language used to be.

2177 Bob: Do we wanna..

2178 Unknown: Motion to vote.

2179 Bob: We have a motion to vote. Do we have a second?

2180 Unknown: Second.

2181 Bob: Second. Alright.

- 2182 Carolyn: Alright. Boise.
- 2183 Boise: Yes.
- 2184 Carolyn: Brooks.
- 2185 Brooks: Yes
- 2186 Carolyn: Carolina.
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- 2209 Phoenix: Yep
- 2210 Carolyn: Pittsburg
- 2211 Pittsburg: Yes
- 2212 Carolyn: Um, SHARP
- 2213 Sharp: Yes
- 2214 Carolyn: Excuse me. One second. Shepherd
- 2215 Shepherd: Yes.
- 2216 Carolyn: South Florida
- 2217 South Florida Rattlers: Yes
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- 2219 Tampa: Yes
- 2220 Carolyn: Texas
- 2221 Texas: Yes
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- 2223 TIRR: Yes
- 2224 Carolyn: Tucson
- 2225 Tucson: Yes
- 2226 Carolyn: University of Arizona
- 2227 U of A: Yes

2228 Carolyn: Alright, excellent. Motion passes.

2229 Okay. We will remove the cap..er the roster cap removal. Alright, the next one is a staff position
2230 proposal, and actually, I would like to have Eric Ingram talk about it. Um, but first, let me give a
2231 motion to staff positions. Do I have a second?

2232 Unknown: Second.

2233 Bob: Yes, thank you. Alright, Eric. Go ahead and give a Reader's Digest version of your staff
2234 positions please.

2235 Eric: So, the fact that our board is only made up of voted in board positions and there's things
2236 that are in.. that need to be done that aren't specifically allocated or aren't fully capable of being
2237 dealt with by those board positions. This allows USQRA to get either paid or unpaid staff
2238 members to perform certain duties. And the first.. this proposal just allows the creation of staff
2239 members. Then, I have two separate proposals, which are actual staff members. Any questions?

2240 Bob: Okay.

2241 Unknown: I have a question.

2242 Bob: We have a motion.. er a discussion. Go ahead.

2243 Unknown: I have a specific question on an element of his..

2244 Bob: Yeah go for it.

2245 Unknown: Alright, just when I was.. we figured on there.. what was your.. Part D in here where
2246 it says that these requirements are agreed upon by the president and first vice president, how
2247 come you (??) rather than, like, "Agreed upon by the board," or.. I just want to understand the
2248 reasoning behind it.

2249 Eric: So, that's just the (?) to take in the (?). So, um, it's just a filtering process to specify to
2250 people that meet the basic qualifications so people don't go and apply for it themselves.

2251 Unknown: I'm saying why is it just in the hands of those two people as opposed to, like..

2252 Everything else is done.. is voted on by the board, a 2/3rd vote or whatever. I'm just wondering

2253 why president and vice president are deciding whether or not that person is qualified.

2254 Eric: So, the reason I wrote it like that was just to give more responsibility to the president and

2255 first vice president because I was looking at the rule.. er the responsibility distribution. I mean,

2256 it's an intermediary step that I thought would just take some of the stress off the total board.

2257 Unknown: Yeah, I guess I fully agree with your point, but I think, you know, president and first

2258 vice president need to evaluate what responsibilities and roles they have. I guess my concern

2259 about this was you're putting that decision, whether this person is qualified, in the hands of two

2260 people on a board that consists of more than that.

2261 Eric: Yeah, it was just a filtering step.

2262 Dave: Are they just prescreening, Eric? Is that what you're saying?

2263 Eric: Yeah.

2264 Dave: That is? Okay.

2265 Eric: There's nothing on actually..

2266 Dave: So they would basically take the pool of candidates and say to the board, "Here are the 6

2267 that I think are qualified. Let's pick one."

2268 Eric: Absolutely.

2269 Dave: Okay.

2270 Bob: Any other discussions or questions?

2271 Dave: Did we start the recorder yet by the way?

2272 Bob: Yes, we have. Alright, do we have a motion to vote?

2273 Unknown: Motion to vote.

- 2274 Bob: We have a motion. Second motion to vote?
- 2275 Eric: Second.
- 2276 Bob: Second. Okay. Alrighty. Go ahead, Carolyn.
- 2277 Carolyn: Boise.
- 2278 Boise: Yes.
- 2279 Carolyn: Brooks.
- 2280 Brooks: Yes
- 2281 Carolyn: Carolina.
- 2282 Carolina: Yes
- 2283 Carolyn: Chicago
- 2284 Chicago: Yes
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- 2286 Grand Rapids: Yes
- 2287 Carolyn: Great Lakes
- 2288 Great Lakes: Yes
- 2289 Carolyn: Lakeshore
- 2290 Lakeshore: Yes
- 2291 Carolyn: McGee.
- 2292 McGee: Yes
- 2293 Carolyn: Sorry, give me one second. Alright, McGee. (Silence). McGee?
- 2294 McGee: Uh, Yes.
- 2295 Carolyn: Sorry. Uh Maryland?
- 2296 Maryland: Yes

- 2297 Carolyn: Minnesota
- 2298 Minnesota: Yes
- 2299 Carolyn: North Ridge
- 2300 North Ridge: Yes
- 2301 Carolyn: Dallas
- 2302 Dallas: Nope
- 2303 Carolyn: Uh, Punishers
- 2304 Punishers: Yes
- 2305 Carolyn: Phoenix
- 2306 Phoenix: Yes
- 2307 Carolyn: Pittsburg
- 2308 Pittsburg: Yes
- 2309 Carolyn: SHARP
- 2310 Sharp: Yeah
- 2311 Carolyn: Excuse me?
- 2312 Sharp: Yes, sorry.
- 2313 Carolyn: No worries. Um, Shepherd
- 2314 Shepherd: Yes.
- 2315 Carolyn: South Florida
- 2316 South Florida Rattlers: Yes
- 2317 Carolyn: Tampa
- 2318 Tampa: Yes
- 2319 Carolyn: Texas

- 2320 Texas: No
- 2321 Carolyn: TIRR
- 2322 TIRR: Yes
- 2323 Carolyn: Tucson
- 2324 Tucson: Yes
- 2325 Carolyn: University of Arizona
- 2326 U of A: Yes
- 2327 Carolyn: Passes.
- 2328 Bob: Okay, this proposal passes. Alright, the next proposal is to establishing fundraising
- 2329 positions, and um.. does it need a Reader's Digest again? (laughs)
- 2330 Dave: Yeah, I would say that the person who proposed it should probably speak to it.
- 2331 Bob: Okay, first, let me put a motion for the establishing of fundraising positions. I need a
- 2332 second.
- 2333 Dan: second.
- 2334 Bob: Second by Dan. Eric, what is the Reader's Digest of the establishing fundraising positions?
- 2335 Eric: So, did we clarify the thing with the..
- 2336 Dave: Well, Eric and I discussed the, uh, the name of this position. Right now, it's fundraiser,
- 2337 and he was going to propose a different name, but he's not changing the responsibilities. Um, I
- 2338 think that we can do that without invalidating the absentee ballots. Does anybody disagree with
- 2339 that?
- 2340 Bob: A motion to change the name I guess.
- 2341 Dave: What's the name that you wanted to use?

2342 Eric: So, it would go from “fundraiser” to “development specialist,” but the role would be
2343 exactly the same. And the secondary amendment would change the word in line 4 from
2344 “commission” to “compensation” because that was actually a typo on my part.

2345 Carolyn: That would require a friendly amendment.

2346 Eric: That would require an amendment.

2347 Carolyn: Yeah, that’s a pretty significant change.

2348 Eric: Well this is a necessary change, so.

2349 Carolyn: Absolutely.

2350 Eric: I will accept my own friendly amendment.

2351 Bob: Can he do that?

2352 Carolyn: Yeah, absolutely. Um, okay. So, in that case, then two just below every other part
2353 where it mentions commission..

2354 Eric: What? No. That is reason it should be passed. That is not language of the proposal.

2355 Carolyn: So, just to be clear then on what we are voting, so you.. WE are not looking at this on a
2356 commission basis in any way. This is compensation only, like a paid compensation, cuz that’s
2357 pretty significant.

2358 Eric: The compensation as we discussed in the previous proposal would be established by the
2359 executive committee and is not laid out in this specific proposal. The committee has the power to
2360 establish the compensation and structure, if any, for each position as it comes along. Um, and in
2361 further reading, it is not technically illegal, but a little unethical, to have a commission based..

2362 Bob: Yes it is.

2363 Carolyn: Absolutely. We discussed that extensively.

2364 Dave: Well that's where we ran into trouble here where people were having concerns, just the
2365 mistype of that word.

2366 Eric: Yeah, so it was carried on in the absentee ballot by that one liner, which was not a proper
2367 description of it.

2368 Dave: Understood. Okay.

2369 Bob: Okay, any further discussions or comments or questions?

2370 Katie: What was the title that you picked?

2371 Eric: Development specialist is what I came up with. If anyone has a better title, I'm all ears, but
2372 fundraiser should probably not be the official title.

2373 (2:30:13)

2374 Dave: I think, you know, if we want to change the title later on, we don't need to have a AGM
2375 vote to change the title of it. It's really just semantics as long as we have the job description laid
2376 out, then we can worry about what we call that person later.

2377 Eric: Well then, the only description would be changing that mistype from "commission" to
2378 "compensation."

2379 Dave: Okay.

2380 Bob: Mike.

2381 Mike: Uh, development officer?

2382 Eric: Well..

2383 Mike: I'm just saying it sounds cool. (people laugh)

2384 Eric: As far as the meat of it goes, no one has any questions or thoughts? (Silence). Cool, good
2385 talk.

2386 Dave: Any other thoughts?

2387 Unknown: Motion to vote?

2388 Bob: We have a motion.. Oh, we do have a thought. Yes, go ahead.

2389 Unknown: The only (???) compensation of this individual, many grants and funders are not
2390 gonna be a part of.. you know. I want to get it specifically written so that you cant get a certain
2391 percentage given to an individual or (????). And then (???) from my perspective as a sponsor.
2392 Um, the fact that (??????????????).

2393 Dave: To be very clear, there will not be a commission based fee structure for whoever this
2394 person is. They will not get a percentage.

2395 Unknown: Okay.

2396 Dave: It is unethical, it's very clearly by all the organizations that represent fundraising. So, it
2397 will be a fixed fee structure for a person to do a job that will include fundraising, or primarily
2398 include fundraising.

2399 Bob: Andy Zimmern.

2400 Andy: One thing to add is since this is part of the previous proposal, which gives the board some
2401 degrees of freedom to figure out how they want to structure this, maybe just.. what you guys or
2402 Don and there's a whole new crop of people for us that we don't trust..

2403 Dave: Hey, you voted them in. (people laugh)

2404 Andy: Maybe it's worthwhile also adding that at no point the fundraising position.. just
2405 specifically mention there will not be a commission. Just say we're not doing that.

2406 Eric: Well, I think we'd run into legal problems if there was ever a commissioned based thing.
2407 So, it's.. I don't know if that necessarily.. I mean I agree that..

2408 Dave: The compensation structure is in the previous proposal that's already passed.

2409 Eric: The compensation structure has not been approved thus far.

2410 Dave: I mean, the ability to create a compensation structure by the board, right?

2411 Eric: Yes.

2412 Carolyn: Yeah.

2413 Dave: There's really no discussion obstruction.

2414 Andy: But if a previous board decided to make that commission based, currently they have the

2415 power to do that because they're not restricted from doing that. If we're concerned that that

2416 makes us, you know, do things that are unethical or whatever, why not address it here and say

2417 that this fundraiser position, or whatever you want to call it, will not operate on a commission

2418 basis?

2419 Dave: Well, it's up to Eric.

2420 Eric: Um, yeah. That would only be set for this position. Would it be set for every subsequent

2421 position too?

2422 Andy: No, just this fundraising one that..

2423 Eric: Okay.

2424 Dave: This is the only one where we run into an ethical problem because it's the raising of

2425 money and then taking a piece home.

2426 Eric: I will be agreeable to a fifth line where it says that it may not be.. um.. this position may not

2427 receive a compensation basis..

2428 Andy: Yeah, a compensation structure can't take the form of commission.

2429 Eric: Yeah, whatever word I'm supposed to say, is the one I want to change.

2430 Carolyn: Alright, we need to make sure we have the language absolutely correct here.

2431 Eric: Yup, line 5. The title of the position may not receive compensation on a commission basis.

2432 Carolyn: Perfect.

2433 Eric: Everyone agreeable?

2434 Bob: Sounds good.

2435 Carolyn: Awesome.

2436 Bob: Okay. Uh, I have a question from Austin Smith.

2437 Austin: In terms of like if this does pass, who will be the authority figure for this fundraiser? Is it
2438 just you work with the fundraising committee or does he work directly under the president?

2439 Eric: It would be directly under the board. It's a staff position (??) the board.

2440 Dave: It would work heavily with the fundraising committee.

2441 Eric: Yes.

2442 Austin: Okay. That's fine.

2443 Eric: But it wouldn't be the head of the fundraising committee, not necessarily. Um.. yeah. If that
2444 answers your question. And also, just establishing this position doesn't mean that they have
2445 filled. It just gives the board the ability to make and fill these positions.

2446 Dave: Right, I can't hire somebody if I don't have the money to pay them.

2447 Eric: Yeah.

2448 Dave: Or we can figure that out. If we have the ability to do so, then we can try and figure it out.

2449 But at this point, there's nothing in the rules that allows us as a board to say, "We want to hire a
2450 person to do this job so that we can raise more money and so that we can grow the league."

2451 Unknown: Motion to vote.

2452 Bob: I have a call to motion to vote. Do I have a second?

2453 Dan: Second.

2454 Bob: Second by Dan. Go ahead, Carolyn.

- 2455 Carolyn: Alright, so just a note for everybody since we did have an amendment, the absentee
- 2456 ballots are out. Um, alright. Boise.
- 2457 Boise: Yes.
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- 2486 Carolyn: Portland
- 2487 Portland: No
- 2488 Carolyn: Uh, Sharp.
- 2489 Sharp: No
- 2490 Carolyn: Shepherd
- 2491 Shepherd: Yes.
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- 2493 South Florida Rattlers: Yes
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- 2495 Tampa: Yes
- 2496 Carolyn: Texas
- 2497 Texas: Yes
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- 2499 TIRR: Yes
- 2500 Carolyn: Tucson

2501 Tucson: Yes

2502 Carolyn: University of Arizona

2503 U of A: Yes

2504 Carolyn: Alright, yes passes. That was 22 to 2.

2505 Bob: Okay. The USQRA board will have the ability to establish a developmental specialist.

2506 Okay, uh, on to Proposition K: establish a PR specialist. Again, a motion to this proposal to

2507 establish a PR specialist. I need a second.

2508 Dan: Second.

2509 Bob: Second by Dan. And Eric?

2510 Eric: It just kind of follows the same thing. We don't have anyone that's specifically focused on

2511 PR. I think it would benefit the league a lot that someone could devote 5-10 hours a week, even

2512 if it's on a volunteer or unpaid intern basis, just to post stuff on FB and make sure the public

2513 facing part of this organization stays public facing.

2514 Bob: The motion is set. Any other discussion from anybody?

2515 Carolyn: I do have one thing since we do specifically mention compensation for the previous

2516 position, for the fundraising position. Um, do we need any mention of compensation in this

2517 language?

2518 Eric: So, in what way?

2519 Carolyn: So, within the language of the previous proposal, you know, we specifically say that

2520 they can opt to receive a commission.. er compensation and we don't say anything about

2521 compensation in the language here. It's mentioned in the reasons why the proposal should be

2522 passed, but there's no mention that will go within the constitution.

- 2523 Dave: Does adding that change anything? I mean, we're still saying they may or may not by not
2524 putting it in there? Yes or no?
- 2525 Eric: And the board, the executive committee, has control over the compensation. Um,
- 2526 Dave: Per the..
- 2527 Carolyn: That would cover this too?
- 2528 Eric: Yeah.
- 2529 Carolyn: Okay, I just want to clarify.
- 2530 Eric: These are subpoints within the first proposal.
- 2531 Bob: So, you're not really adding any new language. Just the proposal's as is.
- 2532 Dave: Discussion?
- 2533 Bob: Any further discussion on this?
- 2534 Unknown: Motion to vote?
- 2535 Bob: Okay, motion to vote. Second?
- 2536 Unknown 2: Second.
- 2537 Bob: Second. Alrighty. Go ahead, Carolyn.
- 2538 Carolyn: Alright, Boise.
- 2539 Boise: Yes.
- 2540 Carolyn: Brooks.
- 2541 Brooks: Yes
- 2542 Carolyn: Carolina.
- 2543 Carolina: No
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- 2579 TIRR: Yes
- 2580 Carolyn: Tucson
- 2581 Tucson: Yes
- 2582 Carolyn: University of Arizona
- 2583 U of A: Yes
- 2584 Carolyn: Alright, that is 28 in favor, 8 opposed.
- 2585 Bob: Alright, the USQRA board will have the ability to establish a PR specialist if chosen.
- 2586 Alrighty, going on to Proposal L: definition of international player. Um, I guess, basically this is
- 2587 just a proposal to change the international rule of a player playing in the United States
- 2588 internationally. Um, I guess, we're wanting to change the language. Um, it says, "Any
- 2589 international player or coach shall be defined as any player or coach that is currently or has ever
- 2590 played on an international national team or bylaws interpretations." Um..
- 2591 Dave: Do you want to let the person.. He's here if you want to have him speak to us.

2592 Bob: Oh, is Nick Long here? Okay. First, do we have a proposal.. I'm proposing this proposal:
2593 definition of international player. Do I have a second?

2594 Unknown: Second.

2595 Bob: Seconded. Nick, do you want to clarify on this proposal?

2596 Nick: This is basically the (Lars?) rule. We've got a player that's moved to the US, he's
2597 established residence here, he bought a house.. He hasn't really played on his national team for
2598 over 2 years and I feel that somebody that's basically established in the US should be able to
2599 play on our local team without paying the international fee. I looked at different ways to say,
2600 well, if they get their visa or all these other things, but it's so complicated for some of the
2601 countries, however, to get visas and to establish residency. Um and um, so that's (???) because if
2602 we get players form other countries, like Canada, somebody who was in (????). I think they.. If
2603 they move here, or they're here for a certain period of time, then I think they should be able to.
2604 (??) we don't want to have somebody to just moved to the US that's a national player (????)
2605 supposedly. But we've set the two year limit in there so that they (?) the national team from
2606 another country.

2607 (2:41:00)

2608 Bob: Any discussion questions? Yes. Go ahead, Andy.

2609 Andy: I want to propose a little bit of an amendment to it. And Nick, I understand maybe
2610 specifically for your team right now why you may not want to accept this, but I'd like to change
2611 it from 2 years to 3 years because what I see is if it's 3 years, a lot of international players maybe
2612 the year leading up to a Paralympic year and the Paralympic year, they'll play and the USA just
2613 play, you know, in their country. So, there's the two years that they technically.. oh no, wait. No,
2614 I've got that totally confused. Sorry. Oh yeah. So then.. but then, what happens is as a player

2615 takes two years off of their national team after that Paralympic year, and then suddenly they can
2616 become eligible to not be an international player with the USQRA team for a season or whatever.
2617 I feel like changing it to 3 years instead of 2 really ensures that that person isn't just looking to
2618 just jump over here, you know, as a higher (??) for a year, and really makes it that they're out of
2619 international competition.

2620 Bob: Uh, Dave.

2621 Dave: Um, there are several other points that define an international player, and this is only
2622 changing one. There are other things in here that say that if a person lives outside of the United
2623 States for more than a hundred and some odd days, there are.. This doesn't mean that just
2624 because you don't play on an international team you're not considered an international player.
2625 There are still other rules that help clarify that so someone couldn't do that. This..

2626 Andy: Okay, so we got stuff in place so that they can't?

2627 Dave: Right, cuz we don't have all that language in front of us, you'd have to look at the actual..

2628 Nick, do you agree with what I said?

2629 Nick: If you ignore what I said, then yeah.

2630 Dave: Alright, just a clarification.

2631 Bob: Go ahead, Emily.

2632 Emily: Perfect. So, in that case, the athlete would get classed in the US and would be playing
2633 with the USQRA classification rather than their IWRF?

2634 Dave: Absolutely. They are a US player. If they are not an international player, they will have a
2635 USQRA classification.

2636 Unknown: I don't know that that changes.. I mean, that's..

2637 Dave: Unless we.. Well, unless we use the rule that.. If we pass the rule that says I have an IWF
2638 card and that is going to be trumping a USQRA classification, then there is not reason for us to
2639 classify them. It's rather they are an international player or domestic player. If you're a domestic
2640 player with a IWF card and we say that that trumps, then who cares? Cuz is trumps. So, we can
2641 save that classification step theoretically. But that would have to pass later.

2642 Bob: Dan.

2643 Dan: Yeah, I feel that if this passes, then that player must play with the USQRA.

2644 Dave: Under our current rules, yes. Under our current rules, he would have to be classed, but
2645 these rules don't take effect this weekend. These rules take effect in June or something like that.

2646 Unknown: Well, even if we did pass a new one, because you wouldn't get seen again.

2647 Dave: Pardon me?

2648 Unknown: You wouldn't get seen again.

2649 Dave: Why not?

2650 Unknown: If you're.. cuz he was on the international playing field, now he's not. Being
2651 classified as a US player playing under IWRF. You wouldn't have..

2652 Dave: Most of our international players are gonna be that way. They're gonna stop playing
2653 internationally, right?

2654 Unknown: Just pointing that out there.

2655 Dave: I understand. But again, our current rules state that if you are a USQRA player and you're
2656 not an international, you will be classified by USQRA classifiers. That is how things stand now.

2657 Unknown 2: That's what I was saying is that if there is already other rules addressing that, so
2658 that (??????).

2659 Dave: Yeah, all this does is change this one definition of this one clause of this pretty
2660 complicated rule.

2661 Bob: Any other discussions? Questions? (silence). Okay, motion to vote?

2662 Scott: What if they go back..

2663 Bob: I'm sorry. Go ahead, Scott.

2664 Scott: If they go back to playing international, do they have to make it from the bottom?

2665 Dave: I don't see any language about that. I don't know.

2666 Scott: He's pretty young. I mean, he could go back.

2667 Dave: Who? Lars?

2668 Scott: Yeah.

2669 Dave: They wont take him back. (People laugh).

2670 Bob: Well, for any international player..

2671 Dave: Well, obviously, this is motivated by a player. The idea here is that this person has clearly
2672 committed to living in the United States, being a resident of the United States eventually, he's
2673 married, he lives here, he's got a job here, he's got a green card..

2674 Unknown: But you could still go back to call your international team.

2675 Dave: It's theoretically possible.

2676 Unknown 2: But then the next year, he wouldn't qualify because he would be an international
2677 player.

2678 Dave: Yeah, there is no language in this proposal that stops them or penalizes them fro becoming
2679 an international player again. In fact, Gumbie has reached out to Lars to see if he'd be interested
2680 in playing for Team USA. I don't know if that's even possible because he's technically not a
2681 citizen, but..

- 2682 Unknown: Yeah, it's possible.
- 2683 Dave: Is it? I know he's investigated it.
- 2684 Bob: Anything is possible.
- 2685 Dave: Otherwise he wouldn't have asked. Anyway, so the answer is no. There's nothing in there.
- 2686 Bob: Any other questions? Comments? Yes, go ahead, Gabe.
- 2687 Gabe: And this might just be a technicality, but we're adding (?) to this that at nationals a player
- 2688 within the last 2 years but is that allowing for Lars to fit into this rule?
- 2689 Dave: how so?
- 2690 Gabe: How so, because we're not saying explicitly if you have not played in the last few years,
- 2691 you are no longer considered a national.
- 2692 Dave: I don't understand the point.
- 2693 Gabe: Okay, so a player that's currently or has played on an international team in the past two
- 2694 years. Lars doesn't fit into that, but Lars doesn't necessarily explicitly classify as a domestic
- 2695 player..
- 2696 Dave: No, he also has to meet a bunch of other requirements.
- 2697 Gabe: Right, that's what I'm saying. Where does he get defined as not an international player?
- 2698 Dave: If he passes this and all the other clauses in this rule, then he will be a domestic player.
- 2699 This by itself.. This is not by itself.
- 2700 Unknown: I was looking for the bullet points and I couldn't find them. I was trying to find them
- 2701 for you, but yeah you're right. There's a..
- 2702 Dave: If it makes it easier for everybody, I'd be happy to pull it up and read them out. Do you
- 2703 have access to the bylaws? Are you connected to WiFi?

2704 Carolyn: Just a quick heads up for anybody who is interested, the USA France game just ended.

2705 USA won 54 to 45. Just ended about a couple minutes ago.

2706 Bob: All the domestic players are coming back. US players.. Okay, any other comments or

2707 questions about the international player rule? (silence). Okay..

2708 Carolyn: Alright, just a heads up for everybody. What we currently have listed as what is an

2709 international player, there are 4 parts to it. A, any player/coach that is rostered on an international

2710 club team and is a resident to that country; B, any, and this is the part that's to be changed, any

2711 player/coach that is currently or has ever played on an international/national team; C, any

2712 player/coach that maintains a residence and passport from the same international country; or D,

2713 any player/coach that resides in another country for more than 146 days in a calendar year.

2714 Unknown: So if he still has a passport from his country, he would be put in the (???)

2715 Dave: If he still has a passport, that's true. I don't know that that's the case, but if so, that's true.

2716 Emily: The original law says "they've ever played on an international team"

2717 Dave: right.

2718 Emily: Whereas this is only time limiting it. "If they've played on the past 2 years," so.

2719 Dave: We're only changing the one clause.. if it's changed in this proposal.

2720 Bob: Any other questions or comments? (no one responds). Okay, I call a motion to vote?

2721 Unknown: Second.

2722 Bob: Seconded. Alrighty, it's been seconded. Alrighty, Carolyn.

2723 Carolyn: Alright.. Okay, Boise.

2724 Boise: Yes.

2725 Carolyn: Brooks.

2726 Brooks: No

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- 2769 Carolyn: Alright, final was 27 to 9 in favor.
- 2770 (2:50:50)
- 2771 Bob: Okay, we will add the language to the definition of an international player for this
- 2772 upcoming year. On to Proposal M: Committee participation. Um, it's amendment of the rule

2773 Article and Membership. Basically, that each team shall appoint at least one representative to
2774 serve on a committee. That appointee shall be actively involved in the community.. excuse me,
2775 communities that he or she is serving. Um, I motion for this committee participation bylaw, er
2776 proposal. Do I have a second?

2777 Unknown: Second.

2778 Bob: Seconded? Okay, yes, it's been seconded. Uh, discussion. (silence). Yes, go ahead. I'm
2779 sorry. Go ahead.

2780 Andrea: Andrea Jensen. Um, there's no punishment, like uh.. What happens if they don't appoint
2781 someone or the person isn't active? Like, there's no reason.. (Chuckles).

2782 Dave: I guess that's up to me.

2783 Andrea: (Still chuckling). Yeah I guess so.

2784 Unknown: (??) membership, you wouldn't be a member.

2785 Dave: Oh, you lose your membership, is that what..

2786 Bob: Yeah, it's under "membership."

2787 Unknown: It's under the "membership" section, so you have to (?) membership requirement.

2788 Andrea: Okay.

2789 Dave: Oh, okay.

2790 Bob: So, yeah. This would be considered a membership requirement. Any other.. Um, yes,
2791 Dave?

2792 Dave: The.. In our constitution, and I don't remember exactly where it is, it says that the.. every
2793 committee will have at least one representative from each section.

2794 Carolyn: Yeah, it's already in there.

2795 Dave: Um. All this does is help us achieve what we're already supposed to be doing. Um, it also
2796 give all of the teams a voice of some sort on some committee. Like I said, most of these
2797 committees didn't even meet this year; um, partially because of lack of participation and partially
2798 because there was nothing for them to do. We didn't have any concerns about equipment this
2799 year, so there was no,, you know, there would be a.. coming down the pipe, they've eliminated
2800 internationally the single caster in the rear. We will address that at some point when somebody
2801 brings it up, but because it's harder for USQRA players who are not sponsored by a rugby chair
2802 company to get a new chair, we wouldn't just jam that down people's throats who would take
2803 time to do that. But that committee would be involved in that. Um.. this is.. appears to be
2804 designed to encourage participation and give people the opportunity to kind of pick where
2805 they're going to participate. Um..

2806 Bob: Any other discussion? Questions? Concerns?

2807 Unknown: Motion to vote.

2808 Bob: There's a motion to vote. We have a second? Yes, it's been seconded. Go ahead, Carolyn.

2809 Carolyn: Boise.

2810 Boise: Yes.

2811 Carolyn: Brooks.

2812 Brooks: Yes

2813 Carolyn: Carolina.

2814 Carolina: No

2815 Carolyn: Chicago

2816 Chicago: Yes

2817 Carolyn: Grand Rapids

- 2818 Grand Rapids: Yes
- 2819 Carolyn: Great Lakes
- 2820 Great Lakes: Yes
- 2821 Carolyn: Lakeshore
- 2822 Lakeshore: No
- 2823 Carolyn: McGee.
- 2824 McGee: No
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- 2826 Maryland: No
- 2827 Carolyn: Minnesota
- 2828 Minnesota: No
- 2829 Carolyn: North Ridge
- 2830 North Ridge: No
- 2831 Carolyn: Dallas
- 2832 Dallas: Yes
- 2833 Carolyn: Punishers
- 2834 Punishers: No
- 2835 Carolyn: Phoenix
- 2836 Phoenix: No
- 2837 Carolyn: Pittsburg
- 2838 Pittsburg: Yes
- 2839 Carolyn: Sharp.
- 2840 Sharp: No

- 2841 Carolyn: Shepherd
- 2842 Shepherd: No.
- 2843 Carolyn: South Florida
- 2844 South Florida Rattlers: No
- 2845 Carolyn: Tampa
- 2846 Tampa: No
- 2847 Carolyn: Texas
- 2848 Texas: Yes
- 2849 Carolyn: TIRR
- 2850 TIRR: Yes
- 2851 Carolyn: Tucson
- 2852 Tucson: No
- 2853 Carolyn: University of Arizona
- 2854 U of A: Yes
- 2855 Carolyn: Alright, and that final was 16 yes and 20 no.
- 2856 Bob: So no one is forced to be part of a committee participation.
- 2857 Unknown: What was the vote?
- 2858 Carolyn: 16 yes, 20 no.
- 2859 Bob: So, this added language will not be part of the membership. Okay, we're moving on to
- 2860 Proposal N: 100% AGM participation. I'm gonna do a motion first and then I'll have my friend
- 2861 take over. 100% AGM participation is the proposal. Do I have a second?
- 2862 Eric: Second.
- 2863 Bob: It's been seconded by Eric. Go ahead, Kevin.

2864 Kevin: So let me just open up by saying what we mean by this. The idea is now to participate in
2865 the AGM. You have to either physically come here, designate a proxy, and then, or, fill out an
2866 absentee ballot. That's your three options. So, written this way, you would be allowed to
2867 participate via teleconference if we can do a videoconference. Um, in different forms basically.
2868 Um, it's not so much saying you need to send a representative out here or you're going to get
2869 fined. That's not the intent, at least that wasn't my intent.

2870 Dave: Well, but there's nothing in this proposal that discusses alternatives. All it says is that you
2871 have to participate.

2872 Unknown: Everyone has to participate or they're subject to a \$200 fine.

2873 Dave: Meaning you're forcing people to vote in one way or another, even if that just means
2874 saying, "Dan, vote for me." And telling the secretary that that's your intent.

2875 Unknown 2: Filling out a ballot and sending it in.

2876 Dave: Right. There's really no undo harm ship in participating, but..

2877 Kevin: It's to avoid last year's circumstances.

2878 Bob: Ken.

2879 Ken: I just want to clarify. So, if you send a proxy vote with somebody or mail in your..

2880 Bob: Absentee ballot?

2881 Ken: ..ballot..

2882 Dave: Yes.

2883 Carolyn: Absolutely.

2884 Ken: ..you are considered..

2885 Dave: Participate, (?), voted.

2886 Kevin: Which we want everyone to participate because we want everyone's voice. So.. and
2887 what? There's six teams that have not participated this year?
2888 Carolyn: Seven.
2889 Bob: Seven teams.
2890 Dave: And that's only because Carolyn harped on a bunch of people and other people on the
2891 board went to other teams and said, "Please designate a proxy," "Please fill out your ballots,"
2892 "Please do something to participate and make your voice heard."
2893 Carolyn: Which has happened every single year since I've been.. since 2009.
2894 Dave: Although, we weren't as effective last year.
2895 Eric: Motion to vote?
2896 Carolyn: Yeah, I want here last year.
2897 Bob: Uh, wait. Any further discussion? Okay.
2898 Carolyn: I have one quick thing I do want to point out.. Well I want to ask.. Um, I'm not sure
2899 who submitted.. um who submitted the.. Um, N, O, M, P all seem very similar..
2900 Dave: that's the bylaws committee.
2901 Unknown: I submitted O and P without knowing..
2902 Dave: Yeah, they're together because.. I grouped them that way because they're similar.
2903 Carolyn: Okay.
2904 Unknown: Yeah ..without knowing that the committee was submitting them.
2905 Dave: You're welcome to withdraw them if this passes.
2906 Bob: (Laughs).
2907 Dave: Anyway..

2908 Carolyn: I just want to see if there's, um, if there's a need to discuss any of the other ones or how
2909 they would be impacted by this, or if one is..

2910 Unknown: I would be interested in discussing O. And P is identical.

2911 Carolyn: I was gonna say, yeah. P is Identical to N, so.

2912 Dave: The difference is the fine.

2913 Carolyn: Yeah.

2914 Dave: Should there be a discussion as to what people think the fine should be? Or maybe like by
2915 a raise of hands who is in favor of a \$200 as opposed to \$100?

2916 Eric: Is this from \$200?

2917 Dave: Raise your hand if you think 200 is the right fee for not participating. (Carolyn counts).
2918 Raise your hand if you feel that 100 is the right fee for this if this were to pass. Okay.

2919 Carolyn: So \$200? Okay, perfect.

2920 Dave: So that's N anyway.

2921 Unknown: So well then, I can rescind P.

2922 Bob: Okay.

2923 Dave: Cool. Now we're more than halfway done.

2924 Unknown: Well I would be interested in discussing O.

2925 Bob: Okay. Alrighty, so I guess next is a motion to vote.

2926 Eric: Motion to vote.

2927 Bob: And seconded by Eric, so we're good.

2928 Dave: We're halfway done!

2929 Bob: Alrighty, um Carolyn?

2930 Carolyn: Alright, fantastic. Boise

- 2931 Boise: Yes.
- 2932 Carolyn: Brooks.
- 2933 Brooks: Yes
- 2934 Carolyn: Carolina.
- 2935 Carolina: No
- 2936 Carolyn: Chicago
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- 2951 North Ridge: No
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- 2954 Carolyn: Uh, Punishers
- 2955 Punishers: Yes
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- 2975 U of A: Yes
- 2976 Carolyn: Alright, excellent. That is 22 yes, 14 no.

2977 Bob: Mmkay. You will be fined if you do not have a 100% participating in the AGM. It will be
2978 stated in our membership. Alright, going on to Proposal O: Requiring nationals participation at
2979 AGM. And um, I propose a motion for this proposal. Do I have a second?

2980 Dan: Second.

2981 Bob: Seconded by Dan.

2982 Unknown: What.. Steve, this is just..

2983 Steve: This is, um.. I received in P, which was the same as the one in the rules and bylaws
2984 committee. Yeah, um just an overview of what O is is obviously if you see, we have done a
2985 number of friendly amendments here, um, and changes to rules. That can't be accomplished
2986 unless there's actually people physically there or have a (?) their proxy. So, I'm trying.. my
2987 though was to try to encourage people to actually be there so we can accomplish friendly
2988 amendments like we've done many years today. But I was also looking for an avenue rather than
2989 just find people, money, money, money, money. Um, this proposal requires the 16 teams
2990 competing at nationals, that they are required to send a physical person to the AGM. Um.. if they
2991 do not send someone, then they would forfeit their first game, um, rather than hit them up with a
2992 fine. Um my theory is each team sends 10-12 people? They've got to be able to find one person
2993 that can come in a day early and actually participate in the AGM. Um, it is written that there is
2994 an excusal through the commissioner. (??) change extenuating circumstances, an excusal is
2995 written in there, so.

2996 (3:01:17)

2997 Dave: I think that's an important point that this is not an absolute rule. That if this were to pass, I
2998 would have the ability to say, "Okay, well this guy was coming and now he needs surgery." Or
2999 their flight was late and they didn't make it to the AGM. There are plenty of other reasons that

3000 somebody could not be here. Um, you know a team has a death and they are not coming or

3001 they're coming late. There's lots of possibilities, um but there is an out.

3002 Bob: Go ahead, Kevin.

3003 Kevin: I was just gonna say, uh, I'm not a big fan of being in here.. here in person. We're getting

3004 to a day in age where you can do the same thing online or in a different form. Um, maybe we can

3005 add some language to saying, "Hey, absentee ballot couldn't be placed.."

3006 Dave: Well it couldn't do an absentee ballot..

3007 Carolyn: I think that defeats the purpose.

3008 Bob: Yeah.

3009 Dave: You would have to be interactively..

3010 Kevin: That's what I'm saying is that it would have to be.. You would have to be an interactive

3011 form versus a present, in this room.

3012 Carolyn: Absolutely.

3013 Bob: Uh, Ken?

3014 Ken: Has it been motioned yet?

3015 Bob: Yes, it has been motioned.

3016 Dave: Well.. there's been.. Yeah, we're discussing.

3017 Bob: Yeah, we're in discussion.

3018 Ken: Then, I was wondering if a friendly amendment would be accepted for a monetary slap on

3019 the wrist as opposed to possibly affecting outcome. Forfeiting a game, now you're starting to

3020 affect the outcome, which should be determined by the playing, not by whether you showing up

3021 or not.

3022 Kevin: Well I just, uh.. I'm not gonna accept the change for that. Just uh.. I think we just need to
3023 have a little bit more kind of majority and a little but more teeth to some of our rules. And I think
3024 that's.. sets a better precedent. So, I'm gonna keep it as is.

3025 Bob: Any further discussions or comments or questions? (Silence). Alright, do I have a motion to
3026 vote? Seconded, Dan? Dan, seconded. Carolyn?

3027 Carolyn: Boise.

3028 Boise: Yes.

3029 Carolyn: Brooks.

3030 Brooks: Yes

3031 Carolyn: Carolina.

3032 Carolina: No

3033 Carolyn: Chicago

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3069 Carolyn: Tucson

3070 Tucson: No

3071 Carolyn: University of Arizona

3072 U of A: No

3073 Carolyn: Alright, that was.. wow. That was 22 yes and 14 no.

3074 Dave: Really..

3075 Bob: So yes, it has been passed that..

3076 Dave: There must've had a lot of yeses..

3077 Carolyn: Yeah, there were a lot of yeses.

3078 Bob: ..you must have a personal, physical presence at the AGM or you will be subject into

3079 forfeiting your first game.

3080 Carolyn: It was all the proxies. We got exactly, out of the 12 proxies, only 2 said no.

3081 Bob: Alrighty, uh moving onto P, which has been rescinded. So, we're moving onto Q: Allow

3082 present members to amend bylaws. Um, I guess basically, um.. you want to clarify that one for

3083 me?

3084 Eric: Motion to discuss.

3085 Bob: Uh, hang on. Um, alright. Um, I have a motion to make this proposal active. Seconded by

3086 Eric. Uh, discuss. Go ahead, Eric or whoever wants to go first.

3087 Dave: This is horribly worded.

3088 Bob: Yes, go ahead, Dave.

3089 Dave: Horribly. I'm assuming that they mean we can amend proposals and not bylaws? I mean,

3090 cuz the proposals amend the bylaws, not people in the meeting.

3091 Unknown: Well I think they're talking about amending the bylaws while we're all here. That's
3092 what.. When I read it, I thought the same thing.

3093 Dave: I think we should, as a committee, rescind the.. I say rethink it.

3094 Carolyn: Yeah.

3095 Unknown: I say we withdraw this based on how poorly it's written.

3096 Dave: Yeah, I think.. I recommend or I motion that we table this and reword it so that it actually
3097 does something.

3098 Bob: Motion to table. Do I have a second?

3099 Dan: Second.

3100 Bryan: Second.

3101 Bob: Seconded by Dan and Bryan. Okay.

3102 Dave: We could probably do this by raise of hand.

3103 Bob: Yeah, raise your hand if you want to table it. Raise your hand if you want to table this. Can
3104 you count? Let's see. (Counting).

3105 Dave: So the majority want to vote on this the way it's written? Okay.

3106 Bob: Alrighty, so we still want to vote.

3107 Dave: No, no. We should still get a hands for the other one too.

3108 Bob: Okay, so raise your hand if you want to rescind this?

3109 Dave: We already did that, right? Didn't you?

3110 Bob: Oh, raise your hand if you want to.. I'm sorry. The table, sorry. So, raise your hand if you
3111 want to vote and discuss on this?

3112 Unknown: Say it again?

3113 Bob: Raise your hand if you want to vote and discuss Q: Allowing present members to amend

3114 bylaws. Okay no one's raised their hands so it's been tabled.

3115 Carolyn: Table.

3116 Bob: It's been tabled.

3117 Eric: You've got abstentions too. Just so you know.

3118 Bob: Yes, we do. It's been tabled. Extended. So, it could come back again to be written as a

3119 better proposal. Okay.

3120 Dave: Or it could be thrown in the trash.

3121 Bob: Alright, R: regional alignment. Um, and I'm on.. I guess this is basically to teams that may

3122 be living in one areas have more teams of play if they were aligned in a different region or

3123 different section. Um, so I have a motion for this regional alignment. I have a motion. Do I have

3124 a second? Yes, it's been seconded. Uh, wanna discuss? We're open for discussion.

3125 Dave: I might as well. (Someone speaks). Go ahead.

3126 Andy: Um, I'm just trying to get this to jive with the earlier thing that we passed about the

3127 rosters and if we're requiring the final day that you can have rosters and dues and stuff like that

3128 submitted is September 30th, then no later than October 1st, it seems like you guys are gonna need

3129 more than a day to figure all this out.

3130 Dave: Us guys. Us guys.

3131 Unknown: it doesn't seem realistic.

3132 Dave: It's okay, I don't have a job or a kid or a wife. No, I appreciate you looking out for me and

3133 thank you.

3134 Andy: November 1st instead of October 1st?

3135 Dave: No, I totally agree. That's a tight window. Although, we usually have a pretty good idea of
3136 what the league is gonna look like before October 1st.

3137 Andy: Right, but if people aren't required to submit stuff before September 30th, you (??). You
3138 cannot even submit postmarked (????) after October 1st. So I would move it and say November
3139 1st.

3140 Dave: Now, Gary is not here to accept an amendment. So, we cannot amend it. WE have to vote
3141 on it as is or we.. or we choose not to vote on it.

3142 Bob: Or continue a discussion on it.

3143 Dave: This is the "Lakeshore desperately wants to get out of the Heartland" proposal. Um, they
3144 have been on me for 2 years about getting to be part of the Atlantic south. Uh, I think that there
3145 is a grave need to look at the way we have things sectioned. But I don't know what the best
3146 solution is. I think that it might be best served for us to get a committee together and talk about
3147 the best way to group teams into sections or regions that don't put undo financial stress on some
3148 teams and not other teams. I mean, you already have the disparity in location. If you live on the
3149 east coast, it's not so complicated for you to get to tournaments. But if you live out west or if you
3150 live in the heartland and you're put out in the mountain, then now we're making you fly to
3151 tournaments that you wouldn't normally have to fly to. So, there are a lot of considerations here
3152 that I think we really need to take in.. put together and try to come up with a plan. But I don't
3153 think that that's a "trying to do by October 1st every year" kind of thing.

3154 Bob: Eric Ingram?

3155 (3:10:04)

3156 Eric: What is the, uh.. just to clarify, what is the current process for restructure?

3157 Dave: I think the constitution basically says I can do it willy nilly?

3158 Eric: That's what I thought.

3159 Dave: It's kind of vague..

3160 Bob: Yeah, it is vague.

3161 Unknown: As the bylaws state, there's four sections.

3162 Dave: Yes, right.

3163 Unknown: There's four sections (?) process, but..

3164 Dave: It defines how many but it doesn't define whose, where, or why.

3165 Bob: Austin Smith.

3166 Austin: So, if you.. I mean.. What would sway your mind? (??) put something firmly that would
3167 say one way or the other versus it's kind of "Eh, I'm kinda feeling".. (interrupted by Dave).

3168 Dave: All it says is that I have to draw lines every year at that time.

3169 Austin: Yeah, well that means 9 years out of 10 you wont have to redraw them. But on the tenth
3170 year, (?) it's kind of disproportionate. Now it's changed. This would make it official. This would
3171 make you have to do it.

3172 Dave: It does compel me to do it.

3173 Austin: Versus us.. I mean.. versus..

3174 Dave: And, you know, if you choose not to decide, you still have made a choice, right?

3175 Austin: Right.

3176 Dave: So..

3177 Eric: But you have a day to do it.

3178 Dave: It gives me a deadline cuz I don't have deadlines. (People laugh). Well I'm not opposed to
3179 this or in favor of it. I think that.. I.. I think we definitely need to look at restructuring and if
3180 that's possible and how we can do it. But..

3181 Bob: Dan?

3182 Dan: WE do need to restructure it and I mean, I will say I was against Lakeshore coming to the
3183 Atlantic just for the mere fact you're moving a team to the Atlantic, the biggest section. You
3184 know, so earlier in the year when they proposed it, I kind of said, "I don't like it," because of the
3185 fact that you're moving.. you're taking the biggest section, who already has problems finding
3186 regional and sectional hosts, and adding teams to it. I'm not opposed to redrawing the lines and
3187 equaling things out.

3188 Dave: Well, the result of this kind of ends up being I might take teams out of the Atlantic and put
3189 them in the Heartland South so that the Heartland South is no longer two teams. So that it
3190 balances things more. And then the Heartland North, which is nine teams, will likely be 11 teams
3191 next year, will be broken up. So, there's lots of potential to do that. I don't think that the result is
3192 exactly what Lakeshore would want, but things will change.

3193 Bob: Austin. Go ahead, Austin Smith.

3194 Austin: Regardless though, this would put your foot to the fire and make you.. (interrupted by
3195 Dave).

3196 Dave: Yes it would.

3197 Austin: So, its ultimately what we'd like.. Even if it doesn't turn in our favor, which we'd prefer.

3198 But we'd prefer action over inaction.

3199 Dave: Sure.

3200 Bob: Eric, did you have a question?

3201 Eric: Is that your decision or is that for me to make that decision?

3202 Dave: Uh, based on what it says in the constitution, it's my decision. And also in the language of
3203 this proposal, it does specify, "the commissioner shall designate the regions and team members
3204 of each." So, actually, it puts some power in my hands.

3205 Unknown: This also gives.. You're allowed to protest to appeal, which then reverts to, uh, your
3206 appealing to the board as a whole if people don't agree with commissioner..

3207 Bob: Which will happen.

3208 Unknown: There is a process.

3209 Dave: It will happen all the time.

3210 Eric: So, how would that work though?

3211 Dave: I'm not.. I don't have a problem with it, but it will happen. I can guarantee it.

3212 Unknown: Dave, and if we did something like that, and it went to appeal, we vote only to uphold
3213 or to overturn?

3214 Dave: It's just like everything else. If I make a decision and somebody that wants to appeal it,
3215 that comes to the board and the board votes on it.

3216 Unknown: That's what I'm saying is that we're gonna either vote..

3217 Dave: You either uphold or deny.

3218 Unknown: Right, so when we're talking about lines, we're gonna vote to not uphold your
3219 decision? What's gonna happen? You're gonna go back and redraw again?

3220 Dave: I don't know the answer to that question.

3221 Unknown: Are we stuck in a wheel?

3222 Dave: God, I hope it never happens.

3223 Eric: In the way I read it, we would revert to the previous..

3224 Unknown: I'm just throwing it out there for everybody that's what we could run into.

- 3225 Eric: But the way I would interpret it, it said we would revert to prior established sections.
- 3226 Dave: The problem we have here is that the drafter of this.. we can't even add clarification
- 3227 language because Gary is not here.
- 3228 Eric: Should we vote to table it then?
- 3229 Dan: I mean, it does say, "Taking due regard to geographical location of each team. The number
- 3230 of teams in each region need to mathematically balance the competition of the regions." So
- 3231 basically, this is basically calling for realignment and redrawing the lines. Um, you know, cuz
- 3232 basically, it's stating that we have to balance out the sections and the regions. You know, and if
- 3233 we balance out sections, you know, it's going to make less of a need for certain regions to have
- 3234 to host regionals because it's gonna lessen.. I mean, there's still gonna be cases where you're
- 3235 gonna have to have regionals, but every year, some teams do withdraw. So, uh..
- 3236 Dave: Sure. Why is it that the largest section is one of the ones I have the hardest time finding a
- 3237 host for sectionals? That's the crazy thing for me. Can you answer that question?
- 3238 Dan: I will say.. Well one problem in the Southeast is because of our climate, there aren't as
- 3239 many gyms. And schools, most schools have one court. Whereas in the north or up in the
- 3240 Midwest, where it's cooler, there are more indoor facilities.
- 3241 Dave: Can we play outside?
- 3242 Dan: Huh?
- 3243 Dave: Can we play outside?
- 3244 Dan: No. (People laugh).
- 3245 Bob: Alright, any further discussions?
- 3246 Dave: Tampa's got a great gym by the way.
- 3247 Bob: Other questions? A motion to call?

- 3248 Unkown: Motion to vote.
- 3249 Bob: Motion to call. Motion to vote. And we have it seconded. So, uh we're voting. Carolyn?
- 3250 Carolyn: Alright. Um... Sorry. Okay, uh regional realignment here. Boise.
- 3251 Boise: No.
- 3252 Carolyn: Brooks.
- 3253 Brooks: No
- 3254 Carolyn: Carolina.
- 3255 Carolina: No
- 3256 Carolyn: Chicago
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3294 Carolyn: University of Arizona

3295 U of A: No

3296 Carolyn: Alright, and the final on that was 16 yes and 20 no.

3297 Bob: Okay.

3298 Dave: I think it's worth talking to Gary about just revising some of the language in this..

3299 Carolyn: I think it'd be..

3300 Unknown: Because it can be revised and drawn..

3301 Unknown 2: See, I wanted to support that, but I'm not gonna support something that I made

3302 (???) and fail.

3303 Bob: Sure. No worries. Okay. Moving on to Proposal S: The 40 second to 30 second rule. Um,

3304 basically looking to change from 40 seconds to 30. The motion is on the table for 40 to 30

3305 second rule. Do I have a second?

3306 Eric: Second.

3307 Bob: Seconded by Eric. Discussion... Any discussion?

3308 Dave: Wait, we put this out there? (People laugh). This was not..

3309 Bob: Oh, I'm sorry. Did you have a comment, Karen?

3310 Karen: I have a comment.

3311 Bob: Yes, go ahead.

3312 Karen: Um, and this is just good for all of you. Um.. in referee responses, this feels like a very

3313 drastic change and will lead to more scores, which will actually lengthen the game. We still have

3314 teams who violate the 40 second clock. Our recommendation is to select tournaments, which will

3315 not affect seedings, while we still have various level of plays (medium, high, and low), and also

3316 trying out the 35 second in a 30 second clock. But remember, more scores equal more whistles,

3317 which equals more stoppages. Higher level games also have stoppages with the ball getting out
3318 the way, you chase it back down the court and you go back and set up. So, just keep that in mind
3319 if you may.. hurt yourselves..

3320 Bob: Any other comments or questions?

3321 Unknown: Motion to table?

3322 Bob: Yes, go ahead, Ken.

3323 Ken: I was told to (???) motion to table this and try it with a 35 second rule.

3324 Bob: Okay. Um..

3325 Dave: Yeah, 25% is a drastic change. I mean, you're taking away a lot of a team's time,
3326 especially a team that's shaving trouble getting across half court that now has to try and score.

3327 Unknown: More blowouts.

3328 Unknown 2: Yeah.

3329 Bob: Okay.

3330 Dan: I'll say the history from being on the committee, this was.. Um, Joe and Chuck are the ones
3331 that propose this and wrote this up, who really aren't here to talk about it.

3332 Dave: The nice thing about trying this is if nobody volunteers to try it at their tournament, then I
3333 think we have our answer, right?

3334 Bob: Well there is a proposal to table, and I guess it's been seconded. Okay, um.. it's been
3335 tabled.

3336 Dave: Shall we vote? We didn't vote.

3337 Bob: We have to vote on table, sorry.

3338 Dave: It's been seconded. We gotta vote.

3339 Bob: It's been seconded, so we're gonna vote on tabling this 40 to 30 second rule. Um..so just
3340 show of hands if you wish to table this. Yes to table? (Counts). Uh, no to tabling? Okay, we have
3341 1 for no. Thanks, Scott.

3342 Dave: You should probably ask about the one you would expect to have the least number at hand
3343 so we probably could save some time..

3344 Bob: Exactly. Alright. It's been tabled. Alright, the Proposal T: Removal of the meter rule, again
3345 this is just to get rid of the meter rule, which we all know what it is. The proposal is on the table
3346 for removal of the meter rule. I need a second.

3347 Eric: Second.

3348 Bob: Seconded by Eric. And discussion. Anyone want to discuss? Eric? Yes, go ahead.

3349 (3:20:29)

3350 Dave: This has been tried.

3351 Eric: I think.. Well, because I was at the Jacksonville tournament where we didn't do the..

3352 Dave: Contact?

3353 Eric: meter, and.. it's the meter rule.

3354 Dave: Sorry, my bad.

3355 Eric: Yeah, I don't know. It created a lot of confusion and um, there's some ambiguity about
3356 letting a person on the court after the inbound and all that. And I don't know if maybe there's
3357 some referee clarification that can go in place to help ease those concerns. But, I.. it felt wrong to
3358 me. Just everything about it.

3359 Karen: We actually, as referees, had a question because the reason in there says it allows more
3360 space for offense to receive the ball and less space for defense to defend. And we were confused
3361 by that because if we're allowing offense to go in that space, you're also allowing defense to go

3362 in that space. Once the ball's released, the meter doesn't exist anymore. The defender still has to
3363 allow that offensive player on the court, but there's nothing to say he can't sit there
3364 right in front of the in-bounder's face defending it and as soon as the ball's released, he pushes
3365 out of the way.

3366 Dave: Yeah, especially when you're backed up against the wall and your caster is around that
3367 line. So, you can't back away to try and throw over somebody, right? We've all been in gyms
3368 where your casters are actually across the goal line because there's not enough space here, and
3369 now I'm trying to throw the ball over this guy who is right in my face.

3370 Bob: Any other comments, questions, suggestions, concerns?

3371 Eric: Sorry, is this also on the sideline too? Oh, sideline or end line.

3372 Dave: Yeah. An inbound, period.

3373 Eric: I think there's more complications that arise than solutions.

3374 Unknown: That's why I think it would have to be tried out..

3375 Eric: It has been tried out.

3376 Dave: It's been tried out. Didn't Lakeshore try it you said, Bob?

3377 Bob: We tried this at practices. Troy McGirk?

3378 Troy: Anytime somebody picks up somebody off the baseline, they're in the meter.

3379 Unknown: Yeah.

3380 Troy: (??) forced their player to go another way, so you're always the meter. If you just changed
3381 it to allow the player on the court, you solve that problem.

3382 Unknown: That is a separate rule, right?

3383 Dave: It already exists.

3384 Unknown: That already exists, (???)..

3385 Troy: Well I understand that, but you're already yin the meter and we're talking about getting rid
3386 of the meter. We've already gotten rid of the meter. All we're doing is allowing the player on the
3387 court.

3388 Unknown: That's not necessarily true. That's actually why I wrote the proposal. Um, actually the
3389 way that I wrote it, and it's a little bit different than the way that I wrote it, was just getting rid of
3390 it on the baseline. I said keep it on the sidelines because there's ambiguity about whether or not
3391 the meter rule is in place. If you're rolling to inbound, then it goes away, okay? So, that's what
3392 you're talking about, Troy. But if you're not, you're established and just sitting there, then the
3393 rule does apply. There's a meter violation if somebody comes within that on baseline. I don't like
3394 the fact that it's sometimes it's there and sometimes it's not. Was I sitting still or was I not.
3395 That's where it gets (???)

3396 Troy: When you put somebody set up on the baseline to pick somebody up, they're within that
3397 meter. Because if the player who's inbounding comes in to you, which you're already in the
3398 meter, now it's that player's fault, but you're in that meter. The meter, well that's a pretty big
3399 area right there.

3400 Eric: Then that should be called a meter violation.

3401 Troy: Exactly, but they're not because a player can't come in..

3402 Unknown: Exactly.

3403 Troy: The player and the in bounder can't cause the contact. He has to come in the other
3404 direction.

3405 Unknown: Yeah, that's something for the refs.

3406 Unknown: Right, well I want to take it out of the hands of them. I wanted to get rid of that. Was
3407 it a meter violation or not on the base. Cuz on the sideline, you can't move an inbound. That's a..

3408 Unknown 3: Well for the most part, it not very vague. The only time you call a meter is when
3409 you don't (?????) player's not allowed on the court.

3410 Karen: That's not a meter. That's a line violation.

3411 Bob: Line violation, yeah. Okay, any other comments, questions?

3412 Dave: Alright.

3413 Bob: Great. I call a motion to vote. I'm sorry. Go ahead. You had a question?

3414 Eric: You would count it as you were originally.. you just wanted space (???) amendment to this
3415 one since (??) sideline in bound.

3416 Bob: Kevin? Proposal to amend.

3417 Karen: So, your amendment is.. only on baseline?

3418 Dave: Well you can ask for a friendly amendment of the person who drafted this proposal, and
3419 that would be in Kevin's hands as the chair of the committee because I don't know who actually
3420 wrote this.

3421 Unknown: Who demoed it this year?

3422 (Inaudible conversation)

3423 Unknown: Cuz we did it at the DC tournament but we did it at all points, like no meter rule or
3424 whatever.

3425 Dave: Well Bob has tried it in practice, I know.

3426 Bob: In practice, some of the issues I saw were of uh, okay, you're inbounding and there's a guy
3427 that's in front of you. What happens when before you throw the ball, the guy that's in front of
3428 you get's hit across the line and hits the guy with the ball that hasn't even inbounded the ball
3429 yet? I mean..

- 3430 Unknown: What happens when a high pointer runs the baseline where the low pointer (???)
3431 down on the baseline, and he runs right in him and puts (???) on the court?
3432 (Inaudible conversation)
- 3433 Unknown 2: If you run to baseline, you can't create that foul. Like as a high point, you run the
3434 baseline. As a low pointer, you can't inbound the ball and then come on and hit that player and
3435 create that foul. That player has to.. he's still allowed to give you space once you've inbounded.
3436 You still have to come on there, that player has to give you the space to go on the court, but they
3437 don't.. you cant just come up.. you cant just move down the baseline, in bound, and then come
3438 out and hit somebody and create a foul. Yeah. Meter's gone, but now they just have to allow
3439 people on the court once you've inbounded.
- 3440 Bob: Yes, Karen.
- 3441 Karen: Also remember, this is Karen.. Also remember currently, if you're moving on the
3442 baseline and you move down and set up in front of your teammate, you cant just pass them the
3443 ball right there either. That's an unfair advantage. So, I don't know how this is gonna.. It's not
3444 gonna change that. But also if you push (?) and you set up right in front of a decent, (???)
- 3445 Unknown: Well you can move down there and pass them the ball but you kinda put yourself in a
3446 bad situation.
- 3447 Karen: Well if you moved down there and you set up right in front of your offensive teammate
3448 and you give them the ball, that's an inbound violation.
- 3449 Dave: Because they're inside the meter, right? You've created.. you've moved into their meter.
- 3450 Karen: You've created an unfair advantage.
- 3451 Eric: It's a separate rule.
- 3452 Karen: It's a totally different topic.

- 3453 Dave: Kay.
- 3454 Bob: Any other comments, questions?
- 3455 Dave: Well we're still waiting to hear whether or not..
- 3456 Bob: Oh, do we have an amendment proposal on..
- 3457 Unknown: I don't see it being tested, so I'm gonna go with no.
- 3458 Dave: No?
- 3459 Bob: So the amendment's been..
- 3460 Dave: He said no.
- 3461 Unknown: I would say the way that it's written out (????).
- 3462 Dave: Well I understand what you're saying. You need the meter more on the sideline because
- 3463 you cant work the sideline like you can the baseline. So, you need at least some space, right? I'm
- 3464 just saying I understand why they asked the.. they're different situations.
- 3465 Bob: Okay, we have a call for a motion to vote? Do I have a second?
- 3466 Eric: Second.
- 3467 Bob: Second by Eric. Alright, Carolyn.
- 3468 Carolyn: Boise.
- 3469 Boise: (Inaudible)
- 3470 Carolyn: Brooks.
- 3471 Brooks: No
- 3472 Carolyn: Carolina.
- 3473 Carolina: No
- 3474 Carolyn: Chicago
- 3475 Chicago: No

- 3476 Carolyn: Grand Rapids
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- 3499 Sharp: YEs
- 3500 Carolyn: Shepherd
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- 3503 South Florida Rattlers: No
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- 3505 Tampa: No
- 3506 Carolyn: Texas
- 3507 Texas: Nope
- 3508 Carolyn: TIRR
- 3509 TIRR: No
- 3510 Carolyn: Tucson
- 3511 Tucson: No
- 3512 Carolyn: University of Arizona
- 3513 U of A: No
- 3514 Carolyn: Alright, the final there was 7 yes, 29 no.
- 3515 Bob: Okay, so no to remove the meter rule. We will have the meter rule for the following season
- 3516 as it is today. Alright, uh Proposal U: Remove the contact before the whistle rule. Um, again this
- 3517 is one of the rules we've always played with, contact before the whistle. Uh, cannot make
- 3518 contact before the official blows the whistle to give the ball to the start to play. Proposal to
- 3519 remove contact before the whistle rule on the table. Do I have a second?
- 3520 Eric: Second.
- 3521 Bob: It's been seconded. Discussion.

3522

(3:30:02)

3523 Dave: We can do Karen first? Karen.

3524 Bob: Karen. Karen, thoughts?

3525 Karen: Um.....Is.. So, the reason for this, is it because you feel like officials are having

3526 difficulty managing the calls in the situation? Um.. a lot of times..

3527 Dave: I think it's because it's called Varying Consistency.

3528 Unknown: Yes.

3529 Karen: And it's hard because it is a judging call.

3530 Dave: Absolutely.

3531 Karen: Um, as officials, we do try to manage some of those calls with our voices. WE do some

3532 preventative officiating. So just because we're saying, "Watch the contact," that doesn't mean

3533 there was an advantage game or that should have been a call. But, there are also silent contact

3534 before the whistles that.. you miss but they also get caught. Um.. the other thing officials are

3535 working on that we're trying to do, um, and you hopefully will see more of this weekend, is we

3536 are trying to get to the point where as your in bounder is coming out of bounds, we are placing

3537 the ball in the lap of the in bounder and blowing our whistle for contact. Once they turn, then

3538 we're starting our count for the inbound because we're trying to help decrease the time so that

3539 contact (??). I don't know that we have a stance on whether or not it goes away, but we're trying

3540 to help mitigate some of that as well.

3541 Bob: Eric.

3542 Eric: So, I have a question for her. Do you foresee if (????) increase, uh, looking out for like a

3543 charging (?) or something like that?

3544 Karen: Um, the calls that we could make during a dead ball are, um.. it would be a technical foul
3545 for unsportsmanlike conduct, um or uh disqualification or a flagrant. Those are the three calls we
3546 can make during a dead ball.

3547 Bob: Uh, Gabe?

3548 Gabe: Um.. So my opinion about this is, you know, I like the idea of removing contact before the
3549 whistle, but really only as it applies to after a goal or before an inbound and not in those other
3550 dead ball kind of situations. So, the way the rule's written, it doesn't apply to those dead ball
3551 situations. So, my suggestion would be to, um, amend this so it only talks about removing
3552 contact before the whistle between.. basically after a goal and before an inbound without any
3553 other stoppages; without any dead ball situations like fallen player or a timeout or equipment.

3554 Karen: So.. this is Karen.

3555 Bob: Karen, yes.

3556 Karen: If you have a goal and then a fallen player, do you allow.. are you allowed contact or no?
3557 The goal happened first, but the fallen player has to continue, stop it, and play. So, I would say
3558 contact cannot happen. Remove all contact.

3559 Gabe: As long as you want to call contact during a fallen player..

3560 Karen: Well, as soon as we.. We would whistle again for the fallen player and make that call.

3561 Gabe: My suggestion is that contact before the whistle should be in play during dead ball
3562 situations.

3563 Karen: Okay, during all dead balls. Okay.

3564 Gabe: During all dead ball situations that are not in between a goal and an inbound.

3565 Karen: Okay. Barring no other stoppage.. no other reason for stoppage. Okay.

3566 Dave: Do you have an opinion of that, Karen? Do you think that's harder to implement?

3567 Karen: I think we're still gonna have the same types of situations, whether it gets called or
3568 whether it not, whether it doesn't get called.

3569 Dave: Kay.

3570 Bob: Was that an amendment offered there, Gabe?

3571 Gabe: I don't know how you would amend it, but from the way that this is worded, just because
3572 it's basically removing the entire thing..

3573 Dave: You're removing it.

3574 Bob: Yeah. Kay.

3575 Gabe: But that's what I would suggest is to amend it so that it's worded.. So, that contact would
3576 still (?) during dead ball situations.

3577 Unknown: I would like to hear more comments before we..

3578 Bob: He wants to hear more comments before we discuss amending. Any other thoughts? Uh, I
3579 think Andy had his hand up. Andy? Was it Andy? I'm sorry. Oh, Nick! I'm sorry.

3580 Dave: Nick.

3581 Nick: Yeah, I guess I think this would add to the activity of the sport. I think the fact we can just,
3582 you know, (?) each other at any time at whenever the advantage, I think it does give slow players

3583 a little more of an advantage cuz I don't have to wait til it gets slow to kinda attack somebody

3584 trying to inbound. (?????) Karen, you see any safety concerns, you guys are the only ones out

3585 there not on wheels that you're focused on something and I'm just slamming into somebody.

3586 Between the whistles, you guys are gonna do more work, so you're not getting hit. Are you guys

3587 concerned about that?

3588 Karen: I don't have concerns about our safety. Obviously, we increase the awareness, but we you
3589 do have a concern about, you know, if you just go and blast a player and knock him flat on his
3590 back and knock him out.

3591 Bob: That's a bit concerning (chuckles).

3592 Nick: I mean that's still gonna be..

3593 Karen: Right, it doesn't have the linear.. you're starting to invite that more. Once of the nice
3594 things, I find, during dead balls, if you've got two players who are starting to get a little heated
3595 and a little excited and get a little retribution out of each other, sometimes having that small
3596 stoppage between the goals helps to calm that down. They can't hit each other at that point. If
3597 you've got two players escalating and you allow that contact, which is gonna escalate further, I
3598 don't know. So, just something to think about.

3599 Bob: Any other thoughts or comments? (Silence). Okay, I guess it was a proposed amendment,
3600 my understanding. So..

3601 Dave: He asked and Kevin..

3602 Bob: And Kevin..

3603 Dave: What do you think, Kevin?

3604 Kevin: Sorry.

3605 Dave: We're gonna have to re.. the problem here is that we're.. instead of eliminating the rule,
3606 we are changing one. So we would have to rewrite it here.

3607 Eric: Can you propose a new proposal at the AGM?

3608 Dave: Uh, I would suggest that we consider voting on it as is and then if there is still interest in
3609 this, writing it in a way that is different, that is more palatable to the membership. Preferably
3610 having it done by someone in the membership rather than the committee.

3611 Brad: This is Bad. I just want to run one more thing. Just imagine at the end of a heated game,
3612 you're in the last minute or so and the referee makes the contact with one of us holding the ball
3613 when they haven't been making a lot of them, and it results in a turnover and it actually changes
3614 the game the last minute when it's kind of questionable. That's what I want to get rid of is game
3615 ambiguity.

3616 Unknown: There's a lot of calls that are like that. I mean, any call made by a ref is just a call.
3617 Reaching a call.. If somebody reaches in to swipe the ball and they didn't touch the player, but it
3618 looks like a foul, they call a foul. They reach it, they try to do a jump ball. They didn't foul, they
3619 call a timeout, or they get a jump ball and (??) somebody. Yet it's not different. It's the same
3620 thing. It's all difficult.

3621 Eric: Motion to vote?

3622 Bob: There's a call for motion to vote. Do I have a second for a call for a motion to vote? Yes,
3623 it's been seconded.

3624 Unknown: Yes.

3625 Bob: Okay, Carolyn.

3626 Carolyn: Boise.

3627 Boise: Yes.

3628 Carolyn: Brooks.

3629 Brooks: Yes

3630 Carolyn: Carolina.

3631 Carolina: No

3632 Carolyn: Chicago

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- 3671 U of A: Yes
- 3672 Carolyn: Alright, final was 24 yes, 12 no.
- 3673 Bob: Okay, it's passed.
- 3674 Dave: This does not take effect this weekend. Don't get your hopes up.
- 3675 Bob: So we have removed contact before the whistle for the 2016-2017 season. Alrighty, alright.
- 3676 We're starying to move. We're on Proposal V: E C information merger. And again, I'll announce
- 3677 the proposal, then I'll turn it over to Eric. The E C information merger's proposal on the table.
- 3678 Do I have a second?
- 3679 Eric: Second.

3680 Bob: It's been seconded by Eric. Eric? What do you got?

3681 Eric: This is just a proposal to merge two documents. Um, and it's pretty much all it does.

3682 Motion to vote?

3683 Unknown: (At the same time as Eric) Motion to vote? Second. (People laugh).

3684 Bob: We've been seconded to vote. Alright, Carolyn.

3685 Carolyn: I have a quick discussion.

3686 Bob: Oh, we do have a discussion, sorry.

3687 Carolyn: Just a discussion here. Um, the discussion here is that the USQRA job descriptions

3688 change every year because it is a volunteer board and different people who come on the board

3689 have different skill sets. Um, and so I do not like this proposal because we're not always gonna

3690 have people who fit every single qualification for that position. You might have somebody come

3691 on as President, but they are also awesome at social media. And so, they're taking over some of

3692 our PR aspects despite being president when that is specifically a second VP job. So, I think

3693 changing the constitution with something like this isn't a good idea.

3694 Bob: We still have discussion. Any comments, questions, concerns? (Silence.) Okay, do we have

3695 a motion to vote? It's on the table. It's been seconded. So, Carolyn?

3696 Carolyn: Alright, good luck to the incoming board. Um, Boise.

3697 Boise: No.

3698 Carolyn: Brooks.

3699 Brooks: No

3700 Carolyn: Carolina.

3701 Carolina: No

3702 Carolyn: Chicago

- 3703 Chicago: No
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- 3740 Carolyn: University of Arizona
- 3741 U of A: No
- 3742 Carolyn: Alright, and that was 20 yes and 16 no.
- 3743 Bob: Wow, so the documents will be separated..
- 3744 Carolyn: Will be merged.
- 3745 Bob: Will be merged, excuse me. Will be merged. No longer separated. So, yes on that.
- 3746 (3:41:45)
- 3747 Unknown: It sounded like there was way more nos.
- 3748 Dave: Well there were a lot of ballots and the ballots weren't involved in the discussion.

3749 Bob: Yeah, the ballots.. we, we have the proxies already.. I mean the absentee ballots already in.

3750 Dave: How many absentee ballots do we have, just out of curiosity? Is it 13?

3751 Carolyn: Uh, yeah 13.

3752 Dave: It is 13?

3753 Bob: Yeah.

3754 Carolyn: 13!

3755 Bob: So, those absentee ballots are already in as we do our count. Alrighty, uh, I'm on X. Is that

3756 right?

3757 Dave: W

3758 Bob: Oh, W. I'm sorry. W. The classification card priority. Uh, again, I'll propose it and I'll turn

3759 it over to Steve. Um, classification card priority is on the table. It's been motioned. Do I have a

3760 second?

3761 Brooks: Second.

3762 Bob: It's been seconded by Brooks. Uh, Steve, do you want to give us a little..

3763 Steve: I will give you your Reader's Digest. As I mentioned earlier, I have been in the league for

3764 as long as many of you have. I don't know when this exception was actually put in the rules, but

3765 the exception was that international requires.. that they don't require a USQRA classification

3766 card. They can play with their IWRF cards. Um... this.. moving that exception requires

3767 international players to be classified under the USQRA, which also allows us to protest an

3768 international player's classification. Right now, there's no opportunity to protest an international

3769 player's qualification.. classification. Um, so why should they be treated any differently than any

3770 of us? Unfortunately, we don't all have the opportunity to be classed under the IWRF. That's a

- 3771 perfect world. We don't live in that. We cant reclassify 95% of the league, but we can take that
- 3772 other 5% and bring them in to the rest.
- 3773 Dave: How many internationals this year? 5? Or 6?
- 3774 Steve: Actually, probably less than 5%.
- 3775 Carolyn: Yeah, they're less.
- 3776 Dave: And how many of those do we think are people who've been in.. played in the US before?
- 3777 Do we have an idea of that? I mean who are they?
- 3778 Unknown: Ours is one.
- 3779 Carolyn: Sheen, Lars..
- 3780 Unknown: Fabian.
- 3781 Carolyn: Sheen, Lars, Fabian. Yeah.
- 3782 Dave: So, we're not looking at a large number of people. If.. Even if we were to take those 5
- 3783 people, I got two that probably (?) class or less. I see where we're going here and uh.. I don't
- 3784 know that it's a bad idea. You know, we were running into.. As Anne told us last year, even if
- 3785 our classification system is identical, it's not implemented exactly the same. They have the
- 3786 opportunity to really look at a player differently at an international level. And.. an international
- 3787 player classed under the USQRA version of the implementation of that classification may be
- 3788 different. It may be up, it may be down, but it could easily be different.
- 3789 Bob: Kevin.
- 3790 Dave: It's just a thought. I'm not debating one way or the other. I'm just saying that..
- 3791 Kevin: I just have a thought too. So, this is allowing international classifications to be used..
- 3792 Dave: No, it's wiping out..
- 3793 Kevin: It's wiping out the (??) reception.

3794 Dave: ..letter C.

3795 Bob: The letter C of the international player eligibility.

3796 Dave: It's requiring international players to get classes in the USQRA.

3797 Bob: Basically, it's what it is in a nutshell. Any other discussions? Anne, Anne. Yes, please.

3798 Anne: Um.. I've been around for a long time, so I kind of know the history. And uh, the

3799 recommendation a few years ago was that the (??) from the International Wheelchair Rugby

3800 Federation and from the International Paralympic Committee is that international class should

3801 take precedence over a national class. Now, it's still up to each nation to decide what they want

3802 to do. So, um.. this one was put in that if you're an international player a few years ago, then

3803 you'd play with the international class. But if you were a US player with an international class,

3804 you had to play with your US class. So, in discussions with Aaron Maine, who's the secretary at

3805 the head of IWRF, his recommendation is that everyone should be treated the same. And so, he

3806 of course would prefer that the IWRF class takes precedence because there is a more detailed..

3807 more time spent in the examination, even though it's the same system, is that all athletes should

3808 be treated the same. So, if a US athletes has an international class, but has to play with their US

3809 class in the US, then an international athletes with an IWRF class should then get a US class. So,

3810 everybody should be treated the same. Although, the recommendation should be that anyone

3811 with an IWRF class would play with an IWRF class. So, does that help?

3812 Steve: Yeah, I mean.. (???) that was part of my reasoning was that everybody be treated the

3813 same. There was varying opinions. Some people say IWRF class are more stringent. Some other

3814 people's opinions are they're looser. Everyone's got varying opinions, and without an avenue to..

3815 or process to make illegal of everybody operating under the same rule. There's gonna be

3816 animosity.

3817 Anne: We can have a discussion time and time about why that difference might occur. I don't
3818 think that needs to happen right here. I think there's a reason things happen, but that's just the
3819 thoughts that (??) this year.

3820 (Dave from Indiana?): Um, the question on the US side for classifiers is: is it the goal for a US
3821 classifier to most closely match the IWRF's system as possible when they're (????)? Cuz it
3822 certainly doesn't go the other way where IWRF is trying to match the USQRA system.

3823 Anne: I'm not sure I understand.

3824 (Dave from Indiana?): So if some of the new US classifier or (?) level classifier hits the US, is it
3825 their goal, when they're classifying someone, to most closely match what's being done at the
3826 international level?

3827 Anne: No, I think the goal is to follow the rule the classification goes on. (Inaudible). With the
3828 exception of one or two things..

3829 Dave: Yeah the hand rule might be the only thing we're not matched on right now.

3830 Anne: That's correct.

3831 Dave: But, I think even just in the past 6-8 years, we've had a couple of situations where.. like
3832 the trunk rule. We waited to see how it looked in the international league before we adopted it to
3833 see how it affected. So, there are gonna be times where we're gonna be out of sync with the
3834 international classification rules. But generally speaking, the rules are the same but the standards
3835 are the same. It's just how it's implemented is different. The sheer number of people that
3836 classifiers have to see every year makes it much more challenging for them to dive into a player
3837 who's gonna be in a place for a week playing in games over the course of 5 days. Whereas here,
3838 you get them for a weekend, you get to spend a little time watching them in a game, you get to

3839 spend a half an hour with them and that's that. You're on to the next person, then you're on to
3840 the next person. So..

3841 (Dave from Indiana?): I guess my point is, like you said, they'll do something internationally and
3842 we'll wait a little while..

3843 Dave: And they never do it.

3844 (Dave from Indiana): But typically, we're following stoop of what they're doing internationally.

3845 Dave: Are there cases where we have done things that the IWRF has followed us on that you're
3846 familiar with?

3847 Anne: Uh, yes. The initial classification system for the sport.

3848 Dave: Obviously that. I meant.. have there every been, like small iterations.

3849 Anne: Uh..

3850 Bob: (Whispers) I would say no.

3851 Dave: That you can think of? If not, that's okay. I was just curious.

3852 Anne: Um.. I can't think of an example. I'm likewise on the argument, but you know..

3853 Dave: Alright, if you think of one, I'd just be curious.

3854 Anne: In general, the classification system has been driven by a lot of what happens in the US up
3855 until the (??) of the sport is so large and a lot of other countries are participating and have pretty
3856 developed classification systems. I wouldn't say it's always the case..

3857 Bob: Andy.

3858 (3:50:50)

3859 Andy: Yeah, Andy. Um, you know, to me, arguing about a lot of the details about what's in line
3860 with a quad and whatever it is, you're kinda missing the point to me, which is do we want all of
3861 our players to be uniformly participating under the same thing or do we want two separate

3862 avenues where players are able to participate. And, you know, for me it's like having everyone
3863 under one umbrella seems logical. It seems the most unifying thing. I can understand why it may
3864 dissuade some of the international players from coming here and whatever, but we're here to
3865 cater to the USQRA and if teams and international players want to make that sacrifice, then they
3866 can. It just seems like everyone should buy into what we're doing here. And I think it also leaves
3867 open the argument and I realize it kind of got closed with US players with an IWRF
3868 classification. But if we decide to keep letting international players, then I don't really
3869 understand why the argument couldn't be made for any US players. You know, if we're allowing
3870 international classification because we're saying, "Oh, they spend more time with them so it's a
3871 better class," and whatever, then why shouldn't any US player who's got an international class
3872 be allowed to use that card if we wanted. If we're saying we're gonna let these guys use it
3873 because it's a better class, then why doesn't that apply to USA players? And so I think just. Let's
3874 throw it all out and say no. If you want to play here, everyone's just gonna be under the same
3875 system and that's the way it's gonna be. We're gonna be uniform.

3876 Unknown: Does anybody have any idea where this exception was put in?

3877 Anne: Well the original proposal was that any athlete with an IWRF class would play with that.

3878 That was the original proposal that was..

3879 Dave: I think Gumbie proposed that last year, right?

3880 Carolyn: Maybe 2 years ago.

3881 Bob: A couple years ago.

3882 Carolyn: It's happened a few times.

3883 Anne: And there was.. the resistance to it, I don't think is any different now than it was then was

3884 that, um.. uh.. I wouldn't say it's freedom.. Like the accessibility to protest was limited. And so,

3885 um, that's why I think this exception was made; That if it was a US player playing in the
3886 USQRA they couldn't use an IQRF class. The recommendation ruling from IWRF even then was
3887 pretty (?).

3888 Bob: Yup, go ahead, Gabe.

3889 Gabe: Maybe, I don't know, Troy and Scott. Maybe you guys could remember this a little more
3890 clearly, but I think.. you know when I started playing, international players had to have QRA
3891 card, and that was around 2003. 2005 is around when it changed. I believe around 2005 is when
3892 international players could use their IWRF cards.

3893 Bob: Yes, go ahead Dan.

3894 Dan: You know, we're not letting our own players play with their IWRF cards. So, why should
3895 we let the higher guns.. That's just my.. Yeah. Everyone should be under the same rules.

3896 Dave: What's the value added?

3897 Dan: Hm?

3898 Dave: What's the value added?

3899 Dan: Well, I mean, cuz it's a totally different.. It's not a totally different classification system,
3900 but it's..

3901 Dave: It's the implementation that different.

3902 Dan: ..it's a more thorough classification system. I mean, we're both using a very similar
3903 classification system, but the IWRF is much more thorough. They spend a lot more time with the
3904 players and we don't have that (inaudible).

3905 Dave: There is a cost to consider here too because we are spending money classifying people.

3906 Dan: And we're taking a less thorough evaluation?

3907 Kels: Yes, I just had a comment on that.

3908 Dave: Not less thorough, but more a equal evaluation.

3909 Bob: Kels, go ahead. I'm sorry.

3910 Kels: We have a very large number of players that we are having to see at each tournament and
3911 we're already having to reduce our amount of tournaments that we get to, we reduce it by one,
3912 because of our budget. And now, we're asking.. that we're up to like 40-45 on the people on the
3913 list, and sometimes at a tournament, that you're asking us to see even more in a shorter amount
3914 of time. So, I just wanted to throw that out there as well.

3915 Unknown: We're talking like 3-4 players a year.

3916 (Inaudible conversation)

3917 Unknown: I mean you're also scouting for international players. You think you'd want a 3.5 or
3918 you want a 3 and they come in and they get classed as 4 or a point higher. You know, and I mean
3919 how soon do they get classed? You bring them in, they play for you, you (?) for a couple months
3920 and they get classed elsewhere.

3921 (Inaudible conversation).

3922 Bob: Okay, that was a good discussion. Do I have a motion to call? Do I have a second?

3923 Carolyn: Second.

3924 Bob: It's been seconded. Alright, Carolyn.

3925 Carolyn: Boise

3926 Boise: No.

3927 Carolyn: Brooks.

3928 Brooks: Yes

3929 Carolyn: Carolina.

3930 Carolina: Yes

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- 3946 North Ridge: Yeah
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- 3948 Dallas: (Inaudible)
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- 3966 TIRR: Yes
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- 3968 Tucson: No
- 3969 Carolyn: University of Arizona
- 3970 U of A: No
- 3971 Carolyn: Alright, that is 22 yes, 14 no.
- 3972 Bob: So, yes. So, we will have.. I guess all international players play with their classification
- 3973 cards.
- 3974 Dave: Uh, without.
- 3975 Bob: Without, I'm sorry. They have to play without their international cards.
- 3976 Dave: They will be classified in the USQRA.

3977 Bob: They must have a USQRA classification to play USQRA rugby. Alrighty.

3978 Carolyn: We need to give everybody a quick bathroom break because everybody's getting antsy.

3979 Bob: Okay.

3980 Dave: We've got 3 more.

3981 Bob: Hey, we've got 3 more. Do you want to do those or do you want to take a break?

3982 (Overlapping conversation). Alright, let's finish. We're going home. Alrighty, we're at X, right?

3983 Uh, residential challenge. Uh, again, the residential challenge is on the table. I need a second.

3984 Dan: Second.

3985 Bob: It's been seconded by Dan. And uh, Eric, you want to chat on it?

3986 Eric: Uh, this is just establishing a formal process to challenge the residency of any player,

3987 whether they be new or a transfer or anything else after that. Just kind of a check on the system.

3988 There's currently no formal process for that.

3989 Bob: Okay, any discussion, comments, questions, concerns?

3990 Unknown: Question. When you protest that, is your name out there?

3991 Eric: It is..

3992 Dave: Anonymous.

3993 Eric: ..specified that it is..

3994 Unknown 2: You shall remain anonymous.

3995 Eric: .. anonymous. Yeah.

3996 Dave: Although I think we all know that sometimes, anonymous ends up weeping its way out.

3997 But we will not be posting that information according to this rule... I'm not suggesting that I

3998 would do anything like that. I'm just saying that people find out. It gets talked about. So, if you

3999 think you're gonna be able to do this anonymously and nobody will figure out, um..

- 4000 Unknown: (??) I don't care.
- 4001 Unknown 3: Motion to vote.
- 4002 Bob: Oh, we have a motion. Any other discussion?
- 4003 Unknown: Nope.
- 4004 Bob: Alright, we have a motion to vote. Do I have a second?
- 4005 Unknown: Second.
- 4006 Bob: It's been seconded. Carolyn.
- 4007 Carolyn: Boise
- 4008 Boise: Yes.
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4049 Carolyn: Tucson

4050 Tucson: Yes

4051 Carolyn: University of Arizona

4052 U of A: Yes

4053 Bob: Clean sweep.

4054 Carolyn: Yeah, that was our first.. There we go. Unanimous.

4055 Bob: Okay. Residence challenge can be.. it can be challenged basically. Um..

4056 Dave: That takes care of that earlier discussion.

4057 Bob: Exactly. Alright, we are on Proposal Y: The spinning foul. Um, this proposal is on the table

4058 do I have a second?

4059 Unknown: Second.

4060 Bob: It has been seconded. And uh, Gabe, do you want to talk about this? This is yours, go

4061 ahead.

4062 Gabe: A quick summary of why I proposed this. Um, mainly, right now, a spinning foul is

4063 sanctioned the same way any other foul is sanctioned. It's committed in a penalty box or penalty

4064 goal. And in a lot of cases, there's really no consequences with a player spinning another player

4065 because they would've either scored otherwise or they're gonna go in the penalty box and the

4066 team (??). It's not a big deal to spin a player, and the point is, this is a very dangerous play that

4067 happens all the time without serious sanctions. I mean, we have a player (????). So, my

4068 proposal for this case was to add a technical foul on to the normal sanction of a spinning foul so

4069 that if you're called for a spin in a penalty goal, that person get's a penalty goal, but that person
4070 also goes into the penalty box under a technical foul rule. Well, if it's more a time goal situation,
4071 that player goes in the penalty box and serves two penalties: a regular penalty plus a technical
4072 foul. So, the purpose of this is to protect our players, mainly because, like I said, there's nothing
4073 to be tracking a player for spinning another player right now in normal play. No serious sanction
4074 on a player for doing that.

4075 Bob: Open for discussion. Thank you, Gabe. Any discussions? Uh, Karen? You want to make a
4076 comment on that? Or thoughts?

4077 Karen: I don't know that we necessarily have a position on this other than keep in mind if it is an
4078 offensive spin, the common foul will result in the lose of team's possession and also a technical
4079 foul.

4080 Bob: Also, another thing that goes into my thinking is still up to the official. An official can
4081 actually call you for a technical. It doesn't have to be at the goal line. I was in a tournament
4082 recently where a player was 10 feet from the goal line but got spun, and they gave the player a
4083 technical anyways. So, it really can come from..

4084 Unknown: They gave him a spin..?

4085 Bob: They gave him a spin.. the technical for the spin, and he wasn't near the..

4086 Unknown: On the current rule, it's not..

4087 Dave: It wasn't a technical. It was a flagrant.

4088 Bob: That was a flagrant. Excuse me, yes. It was called a spin and a flagrant, so he served a
4089 flagrant.

4090 Gabe: I'm not turning this into a flagrant foul. I'm just saying there should be an additional
4091 penalty for..

4092 Dave: Understood. Somewhere in between what it is now and a flagrant is what you're saying.

4093 Bob: Any other further thoughts or questions or comments?

4094 Unknown: motion to vote?

4095 Bob: we have a motion to vote. Do we have a second?

4096 Eric: Second.

4097 Bob: It's been seconded. Carolyn?

4098 Carolyn: Alright, Boise.

4099 Boise: Yes.

4100 Carolyn: Brooks.

4101 Brooks: No

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- 4139 TIRR: Yes
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- 4141 Tucson: Yes
- 4142 Carolyn: University of Arizona
- 4143 U of A: No
- 4144 Carolyn: Alright, and that's 18 to 18. We have a tie.
- 4145 Bob: Whoa, and by our bylaws and rules, as commissioner, I have..
- 4146 Dave: As president.
- 4147 Bob: As president, excuse me. As president, not.. maybe commissioner someday but not today..
- 4148 As president, I have the ability to vote. So um.. or I can table it or shove it. Whatever I want to
- 4149 do. Um..
- 4150 Dave: What are you gonna do, Bob?
- 4151 Bob: I'm going to vote no, which will then make it 19 to not change the spinning foul rule.
- 4152 Dave: Fail... I see that coming up again.
- 4153 (4:04:33)
- 4154 Bob: These are like two things that've never really ever happened. Alrighty. Last but not least..
- 4155 Carolyn: No, two more.
- 4156 Bob: Oh, two more? Oh there is? What's the other one?
- 4157 Dave: There's a lowercase A after Z.
- 4158 Bob: Sorry.
- 4159 Dave: We ran out of letters.

4160 Bob: Alright, here we go. We're on Z, the 40 clock stoppage. 40 second clock stoppage. Uh, it's
4161 on the table. Motion to prove.. or motion to discuss. I need a second.

4162 Eric: Second.

4163 Bob: It's been seconded. Thank you. Gabe, do you want to chime in on this one again? Reader's
4164 Digest version?

4165 Gabe: Sure. I did propose these because I think they are important aspects of our game to be
4166 looked at. Um, so this particular one is focused on the 40 second clock and the way.. basically
4167 defensive teams you have to penalize by the 40 second clock when they're not actually
4168 committing penalties, which I'm talking about when the 40 second clock resets in certain
4169 situations, whether it's a (?) player or (???) or something comes rolling onto the floor and the ref
4170 stops the play. So, all these situations

4171 Unknown: Denver

4172 Gabe: But inadvertent whistle is a big one. Um, and all these situations result in a full 40 second
4173 clock reset. So, this proposal requests that if the clock is above 15 seconds, then there's no reset.
4174 If the clock is below 15 seconds, then it would reset to 15 instead of all the way back to a
4175 quarter.

4176 Bob: Karen, any thoughts on that?

4177 Karen: Um... So, how is it the offensive team's fault if they are about to score, they turn their
4178 back and there's 8 seconds left on the 40 and the defensive teams calls equipment. Why should
4179 the offensive team be..

4180 Gabe: Well, in that case, um, their clock is getting reset to 15 instead of all the way to 40. So,
4181 they still have plenty of opportunity to..

4182 Karen: But they are still being penalized. It's not their fault.

4183 Gabe: They're actually getting an extra 7 seconds.

4184 Karen: They are, but they now have to inbound the ball. Either they could've had some players..

4185 I mean, you don't know the situation.

4186 Gabe: Our sport is so offensively lopsided. Teams are scoring without opposition so often that

4187 any minor changes that put a little more strength on the defensive side is gonna balance our

4188 games a little bit more. So, I thought about that one. I don't think that having the clock reset to

4189 15 instead of all the way to 40 is really a disadvantage for an offensive team.

4190 Karen: Okay.

4191 Gabe: That's.. I mean, cuz if you're already down below 15 seconds, they're already over half

4192 the court. And it's not like they're starting form the other end having to get pressed for 15..

4193 Pressed ful court for 15 seconds.

4194 Karen: So the only time it's not gonna reset, just to be clear.. the only time it's gonna go to 40 is

4195 if there's a foul committed by defense?

4196 Gabe: Yeah, illegal foul.. any foul where the defensive teams actually have eyes.

4197 Karen: Okay, so.. So, even if it's under 15, it's gonna go back to 40 if there's a foul.

4198 Gabe: Correct.

4199 Bob: Ken, you have a comment? Yes.

4200 Ken: This is a question of clarification. If it stops on 15, does it stay at 15 or does it does it go

4201 up..

4202 Gabe: I would say it'd probably stay at 15. It's how they deal with the reset (inaudible).

4203 Dave: This says less than 15.

4204 Bob: It does say less than 15.

4205 (Inaudible, overlapping conversation).

- 4206 Bob: Alright, any other comments or questions?
- 4207 Unknown: Motion to vote.
- 4208 Bob: We have a motion to vote. Do I have a second?
- 4209 Dan: Second.
- 4210 Bob: We have a second by Dan. Alright, Carolyn.
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4257 Carolyn: Alright that was 25 yes and 10 no, and one of the absentee ballots abstained.

4258 Bob: Wow, so we will have a change in our 40 second clock stoppage. That will be added into

4259 our rules as well. So, two historical days. Alright, one last more left. Um, the 15 second clock

4260 reset. The proposal is on the table. Do I have a second?

4261 (4:10:17)

4262 Unknown: second.

4263 Bob: It is seconded, thank you. And discussion.

4264 Dave: Gabe.

4265 Bob: Gabe, this is you again.

4266 Gabe: I'll make this quick and very straightforward in that I propose that.. when the shot clock

4267 does reset, instead of resetting to 15, all of these references of shot clocks resetting to 15, we

4268 change to 10 seconds. So, if a team calls a timeout with 5 seconds on the clock, they get 10

4269 seconds to inbound the ball . or these other situations that we talked about that would result in a

4270 reset to 15, it would actually reset to 10 seconds instead.

4271 Bob: Karen, any thoughts? Questions? Comments?

4272 Karen: (inaudible)

4273 Bob: Okay, anyone for discussion? Uh, Andy.

4274 Andy: Uh, yeah. So, for the previous, Z: 40 second shot clock stoppage thing, so does that make
4275 all of these 15s go to 10s?

4276 Carolyn: Yes.

4277 Dave: Yes, cuz it's a rule now.

4278 Bob: New rule so it's referenced as 15.

4279 Dave: This does take away a team's ability to use their leftover timeouts to chew up the clock.
4280 Like, we've used 3 timeouts in a row to eat up 45 seconds. So, it drops down to 30. Just a point
4281 worth pointing out.

4282 Gabe: It puts more pressure on the offense, which kind of goes along with my thinking of singing
4283 my own (??) a little bit. Getting a little more power in the hands of the defense and more pressure
4284 on the offense.

4285 Unknown: (Inaudible)

4286 Gabe: But if you think of all those situations where the clock stops under 10 seconds on the 40
4287 second clock, the defense is kind of getting screwed, it's putting more pressure on the offense
4288 (inaudible).

4289 Bob: Any other further thoughts or comments? Questions? Concerns? Okay.

4290 Unknown: Motion to vote.

4291 Bob: We have a motion to vote. Do I have a second?

4292 Unknowns: Second.

4293 Bob: It's been seconded. Carolyn.

4294 Carolyn: Boise.

4295 Boise: No.

4296 Carolyn: Brooks.

- 4297 Brooks: No
- 4298 Carolyn: Carolina.
- 4299 Carolina: No
- 4300 Carolyn: Chicago
- 4301 Chicago: Yes
- 4302 Carolyn: Grand Rapids
- 4303 Grand Rapids: No
- 4304 Carolyn: Great Lakes
- 4305 Great Lakes: Yes
- 4306 Carolyn: Lakeshore
- 4307 Lakeshore: YEs
- 4308 Carolyn: McGee.
- 4309 McGee: No
- 4310 Carolyn: Maryland
- 4311 Maryland: No
- 4312 Carolyn: Minnesota
- 4313 Minnesota: No
- 4314 Carolyn: North Ridge
- 4315 North Ridge: No
- 4316 Carolyn: Dallas
- 4317 Dallas: No
- 4318 Carolyn: Punishers
- 4319 Punishers: No

- 4320 Carolyn: Phoenix
- 4321 Phoenix: No
- 4322 Carolyn: Pittsburg
- 4323 Pittsburg: Yes
- 4324 Carolyn: Sharp.
- 4325 Sharp: No
- 4326 Carolyn: Shepherd
- 4327 Shepherd: No.
- 4328 Carolyn: South Florida
- 4329 South Florida Rattlers: No
- 4330 Carolyn: Tampa
- 4331 Tampa: No
- 4332 Carolyn: Texas
- 4333 Texas: (Inaudible)
- 4334 Carolyn: TIRR
- 4335 TIRR: No
- 4336 Carolyn: Tucson
- 4337 Tucson: Yes
- 4338 Carolyn: University of Arizona
- 4339 U of A: Yes
- 4340 Carolyn: Alright, that was 11 yes, 25 no.

4341 Bob: Alrighty, so we will not have a change in the 15 second shot clock. Alrighty. Alrighty, well
4342 that concludes our proposals. Now we're on to elections. And elections are actually gonna go
4343 very quickly, so do you guys need a break or do you want to keep going?

4344 Everyone: Keep going!

4345 Bob: Keep going, alright. Very good. Alright, before we get this going, one thing I like to do is
4346 uh, and I haven't had the chance to do it much, is to recognize how Hall of Famers and I'm
4347 gonna recognize one that's in the room right now. Uh, a teammate of mine in 2004, a pain in my
4348 ass for many years, uh an outstanding man. Norm Lyduch, please give him a quad clap. (Hands
4349 clap.) Thank you, thank you very much. So, I don't know if there's any other Hall of Famers. If
4350 there are, I'm sorry, but this one I recognize. Um, alrighty. So, we're on to our voting, and um,
4351 do you take over this or do I..

4352 Carolyn: I do, yes. You and Eric, please leave the room.

4353 Bob: Oh, Eric and I have to leave the room?

4354 Carolyn: Yes.

4355 Bob: Okay.

4356 Unknown: Bye.

4357 Dave: And no peeking in the window.

4358 Bob: No peeking in the windows? Alright.

4359 Dave: Oh yeah, I think that the first thing we need to do is ask if there are any nominations
4360 from the floor, right?

4361 Eric: Yeah.

4362 Bob: Okay, very good.

4363 Dave: and the other thing is that Eric submitted a letter..

4364 Eric: You can read that after I've left the room.

4365 Dave: Well I think you should have the opportunity to speak to the people. I know that I was

4366 forced to do so, so you will have the opportunity. (People laugh).

4367 Carolyn: Alright, so for those of you..

4368 Dave: Bob also should have the opportunity to represent himself, since he doesn't have a resume

4369 or anything in here. And then we'll kick them out.

4370 Bob: Okay. Eric, do you want to go ahead and go first or.. Yes, go ahead and go first. You got

4371 first.

4372 Eric: Um.. I thought it was much better sounding written. Uh, kay. So I've been involved with

4373 rugby since about 2005, so I'm going on about my 11th year. I started when I was 15. Kevin and I

4374 have been playing basketball.. absolutely garbage. Um, found out about the sport, fell in love,

4375 started a team. So, like I've been.. and through my career, I've played with.. East Coast Cripple

4376 was that team, and then (??) and now with the TIRR Texans, I've seen the sport from every

4377 perspective you can except maybe the Paralympic perspective, but I mean a team with nothing to

4378 a team with a good sponsor and all that. And I was on (force?) for 2 terms, so I have a little bit of

4379 international ball. So, I've seen a lot of different aspects of the sport. Um.. my background, I

4380 have a Bachelor's in Physics and I'm finishing up a Master's in Electrical Engineering. I have a

4381 lot of work with organizational development, um, the college side.. and organizationally, I served

4382 on East Coast Cripple board as vice president for 5 years and the president for a year.. And I

4383 served as the expansion manager for National Student Organization. So, my whole job was

4384 making new chapters across the country happen. Um, so I've experienced outreach as far as

4385 that's concerned. Um... and so, as we progress into the 21st century, I really feel the USQRA

4386 needs to progress with it. So, you can see by a lot of my proposals, kind of the mindset I have

4387 going forward and expanding this into a viable league that will, you know.. We couldn't just.. 25
4388 years from now, we can still be happy it's there and we won't be looking back like, "Man, if we
4389 had done some things to adapt with the times and grow and develop and try to mainstream, we'd
4390 be a lot better off." So, I'm trying to proactively prevent that from happening. Um.. and yeah.

4391 Thank you.

4392 Bob: Alright. Do we ask if anyone has any other nominees?

4393 Carolyn: You speak too.

4394 Bob: I could speak too?

4395 Carolyn: You have any.. (?) to say?

4396 Bob: Is there any.. Are we gonna have any other people or no?

4397 Dave: Are there any other nominees for president?

4398 Bob: Other than the nominees, do we want to name people for president? Anyone want to
4399 volunteer somebody or volunteer yourself?

4400 Dave: Nobody wants to throw somebody under the bus. (People laugh).

4401 Bob: Alrighty, um.. Alright, I'll make mine short and brief. Just want to take this time to thank

4402 everybody for an outstanding year, everyone's commitment, especially our committees, our

4403 classifications, our officials. Um, your efforts, of course the people here on the board. Uh, but

4404 It's mostly you guys out there - coaches, players - that make this league happen. So, it's been

4405 outstanding. It's my 20th year in rugby. Uh, and have very much enjoyed being your president.

4406 And from that, I'm going to withdraw my name for president. And I appreciate people that voted

4407 for me and liked for me, but I kind of bought what Eric said. So, I'm withdrawing my name. So,

4408 thank you.

4409 Carolyn: Wow.

- 4410 Bob: Alrighty.
- 4411 Unknown: Okay, well you get my vote. (People laugh).
- 4412 Bob: And you know, the part of being in this league is also serving on this board. So, I'm glad to
- 4413 know that somebody wants to be a part of it.
- 4414 Dave: Eric, you can stay in the room.
- 4415 (Inaudible conversation)
- 4416 Bob: So, do we go to the next one?
- 4417 Dave: First vice president?
- 4418 Bob: First vice president, uh..
- 4419 Dave: Let's start with the nominations this time.
- 4420 Bob: We have nominations. Do we have any nominations for anyone for vice president? First
- 4421 vice president? (Silence). Ah yes!
- 4422 Unknown: Katie, over there..
- 4423 Bob: Katie Smith from Pittsburg has been nominated. (To Dave) What's next? Do we have her
- 4424 come up? (People laugh).
- 4425 Dave: Um..
- 4426 Bob: Say a few words?
- 4427 Dave: Well..
- 4428 Carolyn: Absolutely.
- 4429 Bob: I think so. Yeah. Kay, Katie, come on up and say a few words.
- 4430 Carolyn: Did she accept the nomination?
- 4431 Bob: Oh, do you accept the nomination, sorry. Sorry.
- 4432 Katie. Sure!

4433 Bob: Yeah, I don't think she's transferring to come over to say no. (Laughs).

4434 Katie: So, to my knowledge, the task of this position, as I schlep my way up, is a lot of the
4435 clinics, which involves the outreach and the growth of building the players and the teams and the
4436 growth of the sport, right? Am I..

4437 Carolyn: Correct.

4438 Dave: Although, we are working to expand a little bit that the job.. I mean, as you get more
4439 involved with the board, you'll find that some roles carry more responsibility than others. And
4440 we're trying to balance that a little better. So, the definition of that job will change probably
4441 some in the upcoming years. But yeah, I think you would be.. I think you have a pretty good idea
4442 of what it is as it is.

4443 (4:20:14)

4444 Katie: So, I can speak to my ability to do that. I, um.. I've been involved with rugby for the past
4445 8 years playing, and uh I, you know.. first time I got hit in a rugby chair, I was in love. It's the
4446 best part of it. The rules and everything, I don't know what's going on, but love the hitting. But,
4447 um, my background is I have a lot of.. I have previous experience in nursing and I went to school
4448 for psychology and elementary and special ed. And I've been working in the advocacy for
4449 children with disabilities field, for the last year now, after substitute teaching for a number of
4450 years. Um, so education and outreach is a really big part of all of my jobs. And uh, I'm really
4451 dedicated to this sport and I love playing and I love bringing new people into.. I have my rugby
4452 chair in the back of my car all the time until biking season comes in and I'm always opening my
4453 trunk up and pulling my chair out and sticking people in it. And have arranged a number of
4454 demonstrations with.. through my college and elementary schools. And I.. as far as, you know,
4455 developing players, I'd love to get involved and I really enjoyed going over.. I traveled to France

4456 this December to play with them and so pulling people from that group that I played with,
4457 pulling them here, is something that we've been talking about. Pulling some of those women
4458 over here to help us learn and grow together in this clinic is doing in the fall. So, I really enjoy
4459 doing that kind of thing. And I don't know what else to say.

4460 Bob: Thank you. That was good. Thank you very much. Alright, thank you. Uh, our (?) Kevin
4461 Crombie. Any words? Thoughts?

4462 Kevin: Um, sure. Throw them together real quick. I guess I was planning on running for first
4463 vice president in this term. Anyway, I was appointed.. I've been doing this probably actively for
4464 what?

4465 Bob: A good 6 months?

4466 Kevin: 4 or 5 months? With our email troubles. Um.. I don't want to echo Eric's story cuz it's
4467 like the same exact background. Uh, we have a lot of ideas on how to expand this sport. I do
4468 have a lot of experience with the rule making process of this fine government that we have at the
4469 job that I worked at full time. Clinics and stuff, I love teaching new people. I think that's an
4470 integral part of this sport. As you can see, a lot of discussion today was about that and about the
4471 different avenues and how we can achieve that. I hope to continue, build upon what we've done
4472 so far. And uh, and actual term. We'll make.. get some real progress here.

4473 Bob: Mokay. That's good.

4474 Dave: Do they leave the room?

4475 Bob: Now, Kevin and Eric, please leave the room for a few seconds?

4476 Unknowns: No, not Eric.

4477 Bob: I'm sorry. And Katie, sorry. (Laughs).

4478 Dave: Eric, you want to come up here and finish this?

- 4479 (Inaudible conversation as Katie and Kevin leave the room)
- 4480 Carolyn: Alright, fantastic. Hold on because we did have a nomination from the floor. That
- 4481 means that the proxy.. I'm sorry, the absentee ballots are out. Um, Boise.
- 4482 Bob: Say the name of the person.
- 4483 Boise: Kevin.
- 4484 Eric: Do we have a discussion on that at all?
- 4485 Dave: I don't think so.
- 4486 Bob: I don't think so, no.
- 4487 Carolyn: Never had. (Inaudible conversation.) Brooks.
- 4488 Brooks: Kevin
- 4489 Carolyn: Carolina.
- 4490 Carolina: Kevin
- 4491 Carolyn: Chicago
- 4492 Chicago: Kevin
- 4493 Carolyn: Grand Rapids
- 4494 Grand Rapids: Katie
- 4495 Carolyn: Great Lakes
- 4496 Great Lakes: Katie
- 4497 Carolyn: Lakeshore
- 4498 Lakeshore: Katie
- 4499 Carolyn: McGee.
- 4500 McGee: Kevin
- 4501 Carolyn: Maryland

- 4502 Maryland: Kevin
- 4503 Carolyn: Minnesota
- 4504 Minnesota: Kevin
- 4505 Carolyn: North Ridge
- 4506 North Ridge: Kevin
- 4507 Carolyn: Dallas
- 4508 Dallas: Katie
- 4509 Carolyn: Punishers
- 4510 Punishers: Kevin
- 4511 Carolyn: Phoenix
- 4512 Phoenix: Kevin
- 4513 Carolyn: Pittsburg
- 4514 Unknwon: That's Katie.
- 4515 Carolyn: I'm gonna assume that.. Uh, we'll see. If there's a tie, uh.. Sharp.
- 4516 Sharp: (Inaudible)
- 4517 Carolyn: Shepherd
- 4518 Shepherd: Katie.
- 4519 Carolyn: South Florida
- 4520 South Florida Rattlers: Kevin
- 4521 Carolyn: Tampa
- 4522 Tampa: Kevin
- 4523 Carolyn: Texas
- 4524 Texas: Kevin

4525 Carolyn: TIRR

4526 TIRR: Kevin

4527 Carolyn: Tucson

4528 Unknown: He's in the restroom.

4529 Carolyn: We'll come back. We'll come back because I also just realized, um, I forgot. I have a

4530 proxy right here. Alright. Then I also have Portland.

4531 Portland: Kevin. I don't know who he is, but..

4532 Carolyn: Uh.. Sierra.

4533 Sierra: (Inaudible).

4534 Carolyn: Uh, alright. U of A.

4535 U of A: Kevin

4536 Carolyn: Mmkay. So..

4537 Bob: Will we.. it's pretty unanimous isn't it?

4538 Dave: Well, not unanimous but I think it's decided.

4539 Carolyn: Alright, so it is Kevin.

4540 Dave: Should we bring them back?

4541 Bob: Can someone bring them back in please?

4542 Dave: Alright... Nominations from the floor?

4543 Carolyn: For secretary... Oh yeah, we should tell them.

4544 Dave: Yeah, we'll let them know.

4545 Bob: We'll let them know first and then.. Alrighty...

4546 Dave: Go ahead, president.

4547 Bob: Alrighty, um you have elected Kevin to remain as your vice president, which I believe his
4548 term will be.. is today, so he get's two years from today.

4549 Dave: Yeah.

4550 Bob: Okay. It's a two-year term from today. Alrighty, our next position is secretary. We do have
4551 one person already. Does anyone want to nominate from the floor or nominate yourself or take
4552 this opportunity to be involved in the league? (Silence) Alrighty.. Where's Michael? There his is.
4553 Alright, Michael. You've been elected secretary. Thank you. Congratulations. And uh, while we
4554 have a moment of secretary, I'd like to take this time to really thank Carolyn for really just..
4555 she's just outstanding. (Hands clap). So thank you very much. Jeff, you weren't clapping.
4556 C'mon. Alright, have we come to the end I believe? I believe so. Okay. Um..

4557 Dave: What about like new business and..

4558 Bob: Oh yeah! New business. Does anybody have any new business? I know I do and I'll be
4559 really quick, but uh I'm gonna go with mine really quickly. First one was, there was one proposal
4560 we didn't get.. I'm just gonna mention this. There's one proposal we didn't get to write. And it
4561 was for passing all the IWRP rules. So, just validating them. Uh, it was something that we
4562 couldn't.. didn't get together, but there's a good chance that next year, that proposal will be
4563 written. So, you really need to tell your teams there's gonna be a chance where those rules are
4564 gonna come into an effect. And if you only have one willy bar, you're gonna need two. Uh, so
4565 here's thing you need to think about, to take back to your team, cuz next year when this proposal
4566 is written, it's probably going to be passed. There's a good chance it could be. Uh, one more
4567 thing I wanted to do, and it's actually..

4568 Unknown: Uh, I have a quick question.

4569 Bob: Yes.

4570 Unknown: Is there a good way for teams who don't have USA players on their rosters and aren't
4571 saddened with IWRF to figure out so that they can tell their athletes and what not where our rules
4572 don't jive with theirs so they can address it? I mean, I kind of feel like it's not that easy to make..
4573 see where those things are jiving cuz their needs (?????).

4574 Bob: I mean, any of you guys want to talk about it? As far as IWRF, I guess all you would need
4575 to do is just read the IWRF rules. But you just want to know if there's a difference between ours
4576 and theirs?

4577 Dave: Does that change our game rules though?

4578 Unknown: I guess anything. If we're talking next year about potentially passing all IWRF rules,
4579 teams need to know their.. yeah, how they (????????????????). And a lot of that stuff is illegal
4580 anyway. (Inaudible, overlapping conversation.)

4581 Anne: Um, Bob?

4582 Bob: Yes!

4583 (4:30:20)

4584 Anne: Would the board want, um.. cuz this is court rules and classification rules.

4585 Bob: Probably classification..

4586 Dave: We don't know.

4587 Bob: ..Probably more than anything.

4588 Anne: So does the board want one of the US classifiers who's.. we've got several who are
4589 USQRA and IWRF certified. Do you want us to write up a summary document on what the
4590 differences are?

4591 Dave: That would be wonderful.

4592 Bob: yeah, that would be wonderful.

4593 Anne: Because the last IWRP court rules and classification rules are free to download at
4594 IWRP.org or .com?
4595 Dave and Bob: .com.
4596 Anne: But you're right. They are (??) their rules. So, they're written in (??) way. All you have to
4597 do is ask us and we'll find some on (?). And then that can be ready for the start of next season for
4598 people to look at through the season.
4599 Dave: Great! Thank you.
4600 Bob: Thank you so much.
4601 Carolyn: Awesome.
4602 Bob: Mine was a motion to vote with the decorum.. not the decorum..
4603 Dave: Oh, that's the thing. There's a precedent for it, so. I don't know.
4604 Bob: Alright. Here's my new business that I was gonna bring to you. And it's actually gonna be
4605 somewhat of a vote. So, this can be shot down, it can be tabled, it can be anything. But here's my
4606 last act, I guess, as president is last year, we had an issue where we did not have a quorum. So,
4607 what I'm proposing as a motion to be voted on, or shot down, that whenever we have a physical
4608 quorum, that means people here. Let's just say we have 40 teams, but only 10 show up,
4609 physically are here..
4610 Dave: Well, 10 physical bodies and proxies.
4611 Bob: And proxies.
4612 Dave: Meaning number of teams represented in the meeting.
4613 Bob: So basically, my motion is.. if there is only, as an example, 10 teams physically here, we
4614 would still have an AGM with voting. Basically, your majority would be, of course, 6. So, my

4615 motion is that whatever physical appearance of teams are, that will be our quorum. That's my
4616 motion. It's open to.. It's on the table. Do I have a second for discussion?

4617 Eric: Second.

4618 Bob: Second to discuss. Eric, go ahead.

4619 Eric: Uh, that would be changing the definition of the voting membership in our constitution and
4620 bylaws.

4621 Bob: ... Yes, but..

4622 Dave: The reason this came up is that a previous commissioner interpreted the quorum this way
4623 during his term. Was it Tom Hammel?

4624 Bob: Tom Hammel, yes.

4625 Dave: Um, the idea here is that we have 42 teams today. 36 teams bother to participate in the
4626 meeting by writing a proxy or a ballot or by showing up. So, that 36 is now the number we need
4627 50% plus 1 instead of 43 50% plus 1 because those teams actively decided not to be part of the
4628 process, that we eliminate them from consideration of that number when.. if we want to have
4629 friendly amendments for example, right? I want to be able to do that. If they're not gonna vote,
4630 then their not voting shouldn't count against the people who care enough to vote.

4631 Eric: I see what you're saying. My issue would be, like, say you're at a tournament, a sectionals
4632 or something like that on the east coast where they have like 50 teams. And there's a lot of teams
4633 there, so technically, you have quorum there if you wanted to. Could they, uh..

4634 Dave: Well, you have to give everyone the opportunity to participate and have them actively not
4635 participate.

4636 Eric: I understand. I think it should be.. (??) should be worded carefully so that any approximate
4637 meeting of a certain number of teams doesn't automatically count as a place where they can vote
4638 to change bylaws and amendments.

4639 Dave: I don't know if we can write than language today. I think that doing something like that
4640 right now is probably a mistake. There is enough.. Clearly, its been interpreted that way before.
4641 There's enough vagueness that if somebody wanted to act on it that way, in the precedent that
4642 exists, we could act on it that way, but I think that if this is something we want to consider as a
4643 membership, we should write it up so that it's clear and very.. has very tight boundaries so that
4644 we don't have the opportunity that 5 guys can get together and do it.

4645 Eric: yeah, that's what I'm saying. I like the idea of them putting it in, but we have to be careful
4646 of the wording. So, that's my only concerns.

4647 Dave: Anybody else have any thoughts?

4648 Bob: Yes, go ahead, Gabe.

4649 Gabe: If I missed your explanation (??) before I came back, I apologize, but uh do the rules allow
4650 you as president to basically put a proposal out to be voted on without the rest of the membership
4651 that sent in the absentee ballots to not have a voice..?

4652 Dave: Absentee ballots count in the total number of people that I have to have a quorum from.

4653 Gabe: My point is, you're making a proposal for us to vote on right now..

4654 Dave: That they haven't seen.

4655 Gabe: They haven't seen.

4656 Bob: Right. Yes, and again, that comes back to last year when there was no quorum. There was
4657 no.. The idea for me was just to protect future boards so that we don't all spend a lot of money to
4658 get here and find out there's only 6 teams here and okay, well..

4659 Dave: Are you suggesting we cant vote on this because they haven't had the opportunity to vote,
4660 right?

4661 Bob: Exactly.

4662 Gabe: I guess my suggestion is it seems like.. unless there's something I don't know, that in your
4663 position as vice president to bring a proposal to the table that we all had deadlines to, so that
4664 everybody had an opportunity to read it over and consider it to be voted on.

4665 Bob: And that's why it's under "new business", and it's something that can be tabled, shelved,
4666 voted down..

4667 DavE: I don't even know that we can vote on it.

4668 Carolyn: You can't vote on it.

4669 Bob: Can't vote on it?

4670 Carolyn: You can't. You need a proposal to be made

4671 Eric: (???) write it up as a proposal for next season.

4672 Carolyn: Want to do that?

4673 Bob: That would be perfect.

4674 Dave: Since Kevin is the first vice president now by vote, uh he will put that on his plate. You
4675 have Eric's number, right? You can talk to him about that?

4676 Bob: After a game of hoops. (To Carolyn). So is my next move to just end the meeting?

4677 Carolyn: Yes.

4678 Bob: Akay. Alrighty. Thank you very much, I appreciate it. Have a good tournament. Meeting
4679 adjourned.

4680 Dave: We have a motion to adjourn the meeting!

4681 Bob: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

4682 Everyone: Second.

4683 Bob: Meeting adjourned. (Laughs)