

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 11th, 2016

Next Planned Meeting: August 8th, 2016

Present:

Dave Mengyan – Commissioner
Eric Ingram – President
Kevin Crombie – 1st Vice-President
Emily Shyrock – 2nd Vice-President
Debrah Whitehurst – Treasurer
Andy Miller – Head Referee
Michael Klonowski – Secretary

Absent:

Phyllis Palma – Head of Classification

Review:

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes
- Review
 - 2017 Nationals – Still discussing logistics with potential host, concerning set up of courts, referee schedules, number of courts
 - Changes to classification fees and insurance items

Referees' Report:

- Had 5 individuals at U of A Clinic – Referees Clinic
 - Certified two new officials – Both AZ based
 - One more person passed written, unable to complete the game time evaluation, hopeful to certify
- New rules proposed at AGM
 - Will discuss interpretation of rules at next referee meeting
 - Discuss how the modifications work with difference of rules between USQRA and IWRF
 - Contact before whistle – will still charge flagrant
 - Will create an addendum of the rule changes and post for all teams

President's Report

- Creating office hours for more collaboration between board members – times outside of regularly scheduled meetings to work on items that need attention
- Social media is getting more attention, according to Facebook page reports
 - Social media will be used to promote Wheelchair Rugby, more frequently – including sharing media attention for the sport, in the USA, world, and on individual teams

Commissioner's Report

- Continuing discussions with potential Nationals host, concerning gym set up and logistics for referees and court space.
- Continuing to lock-in potential hosts for Sectionals
- Will promote registration deadlines and developing teams in next Full Court Press

1st Vice-President's Report

- Clinic Grants were sent out to hosting teams
- Need to update process for application for clinic funding

2nd Vice-President's Report

- Grant Updates
 - Neilsen Grant report has been sent – all money has been spent
 - New grant application due in January
 - Looking into how funding can be spent
 - Need to find new grant sources
 - Fundraising Committee
 - Creating sponsorship level proposals with guidelines
 - Actively seeking out sponsorship sources
 - Set guidelines for each donor level
 - Creating a Video Project – Drills to support development of teams on all levels
 - Writing up script
 - Advertising in Full-Court Press for teams that want to be filmed performing drills with explanations and breakdowns of drills

Treasurer's Report

- Board of Directors held unanimous vote for increasing team fees by \$25 from each team to better support classification efforts, throughout the USQRA
- Funding was sent to U of A and other clinic sites with funding from previous grants

Secretary's Report

- Updating Constitution and Bylaws – entering new information from AGM and cleaning up previous edits
- Attempting acquisition of AGM minutes
- Drafting newsletter with support of entire board
- Will submit Diversity Survey to teams with registration to update make up of league, will be beneficial with fundraising efforts/grant applications

Classifiers' Report: Deferred at this time