

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 6th, 2016

Next Planned Meeting: July 6, 2016

Present:

Dave Mengyan – Commissioner
Debrah Whitehurst - Treasurer
Phyllis Palma – Head of Classification
Michael Klonowski – Secretary
Joe Delagrave – Phoenix Nationals Representative
Katie Ritter – Phoenix Nationals Representative

Absent:

Andy Miller – Head Referee
Emily Shyrock – 2nd Vice-President
Kevin Crombie – 1st Vice-President
Eric Ingram – President

2017 Nationals Host

- Representatives of prospective 2017 Nationals Host – Phoenix, Joe Delagrave and Katie Ritter discussed plan for hosting tournament
- Ability 360 and Phoenix have partnered, previously, to host events with 10-14 teams of multiple sports
- Discussed various potential court set ups to allow for best gameplay, ease of logistical barriers and increased attendance of event.
- Potential for live streaming of event with support from Ability 360
- Discussed transportation to/from hotels and warm up areas for athletes
- Classifiers and refs would have designated areas for evaluations and discussions/rest
- Classification may need to start earlier in the tournament weekend (Thursday)
- Nationals host will be announced upon Commissioner's decision for site

Classifier Report

- New Masterlist has been completed
- Classification at Nationals needs to begin earlier, to facilitate improved speed of classification results
- Increased funding and increased number of classifiers will be necessary to reduce number of classifications at end of season – can classify at more regular season tournaments with more resources
- Will reach out via Facebook to draw in more Classifiers

President's Report

- Efforts have been made with fundraising committee to increase funding for USQRA to help improve programming capabilities

- Have been involved with referees during their planning meetings
- Need to streamline process of getting events posted to calendar – **Discussed with Commissioner and those with webmaster capabilities about making process quicker**
- Continuing to learn new role and how to best promote changes to current practices within the USQRA to improve the strength and viability of the organization

Treasurer Report

- University of Arizona to receive funding for Clinic
- Need to spend last of funds for clinics, immediately
- Recommended that we increase classification funds by \$25 for each team, to create \$1000 of funding for USQRA to run programming
- Need to bump up insurance price, too, to limit financial burden to USQRA budget
- **Board, as a whole, will decide on changes to classification/insurance items**

Commissioner's Report

- Will determine host of 2017 Nationals
- Two Sectional locations have been selected for 2017, will announce when process completed for Sectionals selections

Secretary's Report/2nd Vice-President Proxy

- Continuing efforts to overhaul fundraising/grant processes
- Working on structure of distribution of roles/responsibilities, within fundraising committee, creating fundraising materials and discovering new potential grant application opportunities.

Referee Report

- Deferred, at this time.

1st Vice President's Report

- Deferred, at this time.