

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes March 6th, 2017

Next Planned Meeting: April 3rd, 2017

Present:

Dave Mengyan – Commissioner
Eric Ingram – President
Kevin Crombie – 1st Vice-President
Emily Shryock – 2nd Vice-President
Debrah Whitehurst – Treasurer
Michael Klonowski – Secretary
Phyllis Palma – Head of Classification
Andy Miller – Head of Referees

Absent:

Beth Curry – Representative Lakeshore Foundation

Review:

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

Commissioner's Report:

- Discussion with player about Code of Conduct – completed – referees will follow up
- Visited Phoenix for testing video and commentary setup
- Starting to look for new Sectionals sites for next year – if no one interested, will discuss with teams that have not hosted for several seasons
- AGM set for Sunday at Nationals
- Continuing to plan for new website – will hand off more obligations to President
- Residency protest was filed against Bryan Kirkland of the Texas Stampede – Protest Panel ruled against Bryan Kirkland – from this point on, the player is ineligible to play for Texas, including, rest of season and post-season – The Commissioner will post the summary of the panel's decision on the USQRA website

President's Report:

- FCP – we need to increase frequency of delivery
- Update on Email practices – have a gmail email backup, so that all emails are saved as board members change – helps with continuity
- Need to create role description – with more details about day-to-day items and schedule for the year.

1st Vice-President's Report:

- C/B deadlines have passed - combining the proposals for the AGM
- Will post proposals and start conversations on Social Media

2nd Vice-President's Report:

- Several new sponsors and returning sponsors are working with VP2 and HoF committee to nail down sponsorships
- Working on Diversity Survey with Beth Curry from Lakeshore and Mandy Goff from USAWR – For each individual member of USQRA – to analyze diversity of USQRA and USAWR
 - Each team that gets more than 5 members from their team, has the potential of receiving \$100 against their registration for next year
 - Deadline March 19th
 - Will help USQRA and USAWR with analysis of diversity in both groups

Secretary's Report:

- Preparing for AGM – Preparing voting materials and summaries
- Updating post-season eligibility with Commissioner
- Announced Fusion and Melrose as USQRA sponsors
- Sent out letter for NBC – thanks for Rio
- Will send out Diversity Survey this week

Treasurer's Report:

- Collecting sponsorships and will decide how much from General Fund will be split amongst post-season hosts
- New rugby balls ordered and will be sent to Commissioner – will arrive in Mid-April – Post-season hosts that requested balls are set

Classifiers' Report:

- Atlantic Sectionals completed – several new players
- Concerned about Mountain Sectionals being 2 day tourney, changed from 3 day
- All other panels for Sectionals set and Nationals set
- Coming in under budget for post-season
- Commissioner and VP 1 will discuss moving deadline for withdrawal from post-season to December – will limit issues with overstaffing tournaments
- Updating database for next season
- USQRRA will be sending an official to Canada and Canada sending an official to US for exchange – more international experience for our refs

Referees' Report:

- Also having concerns about overstaffing Sectionals – due to teams dropping out at the last second – after flights booked
- Positive – all Post-season sites all named early – easy to plan
- Has same solution as brought up for classifiers – push up the deadline for withdrawal
- Monthly meeting is upcoming, this week

Lakeshore Representative – Beth Curry:

- Board late with informing of meeting time, as a result, unable to make meeting