

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

### **Next Planned Meeting: December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

#### **Present:**

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

#### **Absent:**

#### **Review:**

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

#### **Classifier's Report:**

- Chicago – 4 Trainees – a few have stepped up to be active at future tourneys
- Knock n' Roll, Metal and Muscle and Beast of the East will all have panels.
- No panel at Best of the West – Tournament organizers backed out of Best of the West – Classifiers will create a written agreement – perhaps an AGM Bylaw will be introduced, to create a level of accountability for hosting teams, to avoid Classifiers getting stuck with the cost of flights.

#### **Referee's Report:**

- USQRA Webpage – asked for corrected RAC email for Andy
- Passed on information about demographics about referees within USQRA to IWRP.
- There's a need for new chair measuring tools – new plexiglass tools are being ordered via the refs.
- Concerns about non-profits claiming that they did not need to pay per-diem. Will make sure that new tournaments understand that refs should understand rules about payment for refs. Also, tournaments should also not exceed two refs per hotel room, and no gender mixing, per room should be required.
- **\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\*** Will create document to guide tournament directors about the logistics behind planning a tournament and coordinating with USQRA
- **\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\*** Will pass on report about rule changes from AGM, to IWRP, at end of season

### **President's Report:**

- A group would like to work with the USQRA to research concussions – perhaps, at Nationals **\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\*** Will check if Nationals Host has any issues with this prospect
- Residency Protest Panel Form has been created, to complete formalization of process, as created by AGM – will address protests as they are sent in.

### **Commissioner's Report:**

- Registration is closed – although teams can still add members until Dec 15<sup>th</sup>
- Transfers are completed
- This year, the December 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend will count as either the “before OR after, but, not both” mid-season deadline – player post-season eligibility will be double-checked by Commissioner and Board Members.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President's Report:**

- Deferred at this time.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President's Report:**

- Confirming new sponsors – more updates at next meeting
- Wrapping up final report for CDRF grants – closes process
- New Nielsen grant applications will come out in November
- Will create document during application processes to use as guidelines for future boards
- Discussing with 3<sup>rd</sup> party about creating video advertising material
- Will represent USQRA at IWRF annual meeting – Prospective Items for Vote:
  - Player representative (unbiased player of similar class) present during classification panels
  - Flagrant/Disqualifying Foul – Teams can provide video evidence to clarify if player should be removed from next game. Evidence will be provided after game.
  - Creating separate zone for South America (since US/Canada typically gets spot in International Tournaments (Olympics/Worlds))
  - Representatives At-Large – Gary Pate and will discuss with Team USA about second position

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Dues for National/Developmental teams have been collected
- Several late fees have been assessed this year
- **\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\*** Attempting to send out balls to teams – order going to IWRF

### **Secretary's Report:**

- **\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\*** Reaching out to teams to thank NBC for coverage of Wheelchair Rugby
- AGM clarifications have been sent out to team reps
- FCP has been sent out for November

- **\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\*** Scoresheets will be shared on FB/Google Drive
- Scoresheets – will trial digitally at tournament, this winter. If goes well, will use for other tourneys.
- **\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\*** Scores have been posted on FB, as quickly after tourney as possible.
- **\*\*\*Action Item\*\*\*** C/B will be rechecked by Commish/Classifiers/Secretary