

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes November 16th, 2017

Next Planned Meeting: December 4th, 2017

Present:

Eric Ingram – President
Daniel Curtis – 2nd Vice-President
Michael Klonowski – Secretary
Phyllis Palma – Head of Classification
Amy Bohn - Classifier
Andy Miller – Head of Referees
Dave Mengyan – Commissioner
Guest Attendee – James Gumbert – Coach, Texas Stampede

Absent:

Beth Curry – Representative Lakeshore Foundation – Scheduling Conflict (Report Sent)
Kevin Crombie – 1st Vice-President
Lani Poblete – USQRA PR Specialist (Scheduling Conflict)
Debrah Olsen – Treasurer (Family Obligations)

Review:

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

Commissioner's Report:

- All sectionals lined up, two regional hosts may be lined up in the next several days
- First meeting with the RACs – Josiah Sullivan will be new RAC for Pacific North
- **ACTION ITEM** - Two players have not been approved for rosters from Texas – continuing to work to resolve
- **ACTION ITEM** - Will be enforcing article rule – Teams must turn in articles after their tournaments, otherwise, will not be postseason eligible
- Minnesota tried to host again and unable to get enough teams to attend – expensive and cold. Increase awareness that the tournament would be high quality with ways to avoid players getting exposed to the elements
- December 1st-3rd tournaments will not be considered first half of the season – last season, tournaments spanned over the deadline, but not this year.

Guest Attendee – Coach Gumbert – Coach, Texas Stampede –

- Requested attendance to present a letter to Board of Directors – letter was deemed private and was discussed during Executive Session.
- Board of Directors wishes to maintain transparency, however, the contents of the letter do not directly affect the membership or how the league is run. Therefore, the Board will keep the letter private.

President's Report:

- Fundraising Specialist Role is still open for applications
- Will be delving further into developing committee numbers and increasing viability of committees

1st Vice-President's Report:

- Deferred at this time.

2nd Vice-President's Report:

- **ACTION ITEM** – Can Wonder Women team use Tax-Exempt status of USQRA for fundraising? Need to discuss with treasurer.
- **ACTION ITEM** – Reaching out to last year's sponsors and have verbal agreements for sponsorship
- Question about Coloplast still being on USQRA website – Coloplast provided significant funding for creation of the website

Secretary's Report:

- **ACTION ITEM** – Will start converting old videos – now in possession of VHS tapes
- **ACTION ITEM** – Working with PR – intermittent postings, reaching out to print media/TV for Best of the West
- **ACTION ITEM** – PR – will be ramping up USQRA Anniversary Social Media postings and web – in next several weeks
- Registration is complete
- **ACTION ITEM** – Pressing teams for quicker response with scoresheets and score updates for tourneys
- **ACTION ITEM** – Will post Protest Forms, FCP submission forms, AGM Proposal Forms, reminder about article rules

Treasurer's Report:

- Deferred at this time

Classifiers' Report:

- Classifiers have been present at WNY and Beast of the East – both two day tourneys – harder to observe (ex. 25 players assessed in WNY)
- Classifiers have been present at WNY and Beast of the East – both two day tourneys. With the two day tournaments, physical assessments are take Friday evening most of Saturday, so, court observation is beginning late Saturday and many decisions are not being made until after crossovers Sunday. With this

happening, changes to class and this line-ups do not take affect in this tournament so results may be skewed for post season rankings.

- In addition, Unable to do many rechecks, even starting on Friday and working until 11pm each night. Teams and classifiers may consider earlier arrival on Friday of two-day tournaments to allow bench tests to begin sooner
- Metal and Muscle – looking at around 40 athletes that need to be assessed
- Need teams to prioritize submission of rosters to tourneys sooner allowing classifiers to get schedule done in a more timely manner

Referees' Report:

- **ACTION ITEM** – Enforcing uniform numbers – when will we start? – January 1st, 2018 – Board will put out notifications to league
- Josh Kearns – Created private social media group for referee board and will roll out to all referees for discussion of rules and clarifications
- Referees will officiate an exhibition between USMC and Air Force, in order to spread knowledge of the sport – At Andrews Air Force Base. Bob Lujano will be coaching.
- Introduced new candidates at Beast of the East – Passed written test, need to still do floor test.
- Will do a referee's clinic at Metal and Muscle

Lakeshore Representative Report – Beth Curry:

- Team USA tryouts for 2018 are in January