

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 5th, 2017

Next Planned Meeting: November 2nd, 2017

Present:

Eric Ingram – President
Dave Mengyan – Commissioner
Kevin Crombie – 1st Vice-President
Daniel Curtis – 2nd Vice-President – Report sent
Michael Klonowski – Secretary
Debrah Olsen – Treasurer
Phyllis Palma – Head of Classification
Andy Miller – Head of Referees
Lani Poblete – USQRA PR Specialist

Absent:

Beth Curry – Representative Lakeshore Foundation – Scheduling Conflict (Report Sent)

Review:

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

Commissioner's Report:

- Reached out to RACs and confirming who is onboard for the upcoming season. Setting up dates for meeting.
- Ryan Engelby is taking over role for N. Heartland Section RAC
- Wrapping up transfer process
- Weighing options with section distribution to limit regional tournaments and being fair to teams in the league – Must consider financial impact of any changes – spreading post-season money between more post-season hosts
- Still working on Pacific Sectional Tournament host – Boise and Alameda are two sites that have proposed hosting

President's Report:

- Introduced Lani Poblete to as Public Relations Specialist. Lani will be supported by Sara Wall, another PR expert
- Fundraising Specialist Role is still open for applications

1st Vice-President's Report:

- Waiting on clinic reports – Bay Area Clinic – final budget

2nd Vice-President's Report:

- Sent 5K donation from Lone Star Paralysis Foundation to USQRA Treasurer
- Updated the 2017 sponsorship packet and will be sending out to potential sponsors this month

- Will be sending out sponsorship guidelines
- Will set up donation system with Treasurer
- Going after additional sponsorships outside of usual USQRA sponsors

Secretary's Report:

- Coordinating with HoF for early USQRA stories
- Commissioner has received old rugby videos from John Bishop, will need to convert to digital
- Working with PR Specialists to coordinate new approach to Social Media and FCP
- Will be using Best of West as trial for hyping a tournament and introducing external media outlets
- Will be coordinating with VP2 and PR to introduce promo video
- Registration almost complete - ~20 transfers, down from almost 40 last year

Treasurer's Report:

- Need to order more balls for league – 19 balls left
- Registration is going well, double checking records, late fees and international fees

Classifiers' Report:

- First Classification Panel with new manual, this weekend
- New Medical Review has started and process has been initiated
- Review – with >65 rule, still lowest value is 0

Referees' Report:

- Joe Bongiovanni earned international status at America Zonals

Lakeshore Representative Report – Beth Curry:

- Team USA qualified for Worlds!
- Developmental camp was good. We sent out a survey with hopes of getting assessment of how to make it better next year if we get some funds for it again. Feeling hopeful!
- Both Mandy Goff and Coach Gumbert are on an IWRWF committee looking at variants in the sport with primary goal of protecting the place of wheelchair rugby as it stands with IPC.
- Lots of conversation about low-pointer options and they have reported what tournaments are upcoming in US that include this option. Idea of involvement is not to govern, but to keep a finger on the pulse.
- USA team and staff survey sent out today to continue goal of assessing the program and building stronger and stronger.
- Team USA tryouts for 2018 are in January
- NGB meeting at USOC next week. Beth will be going and Jeff will be in and out, as he has other meetings with USOC simultaneously