

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 12th, 2016

Next Planned Meeting: October 3rd, 2016

Present:

Dave Mengyan – Commissioner
Eric Ingram – President
Emily Shryock – 2nd Vice-President
Andy Miller – Head Referee
Phyllis Palma – Head of Classification
Anne Hart - Classifier
Michael Klonowski – Secretary
Debrah Whitehurst – Treasurer

Absent:

Kevin Crombie – 1st Vice-President

Review:

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

Classifier Report:

- Chicago will be hosting a clinic with 4 trainees
- Appeals Panel
 - There is a need to set up an appeals panel for classification, which is used when there is a procedural failure during classification (ex. Improper number of classifiers performing a classification)
 - Appeals panel is used for procedural failure vs. Protest Panel, which specifically argues that the class is accurate or not.
 - If appeal is upheld – reclassification must occur
 - If appeal is voted down – no further action required
 - Board of Directors will create 3-person body to hear the appeal – none of the individuals in first decision can be involved.
 - This process has not been fully set up, in past, however, it exists in our Constitution and Bylaws, therefore a new AGM vote will not be needed to create
- IWRF Cards – All international players will play on their USQRA cards – will have to be classed by a USQRA Panel and classed for a USQRA card as a new athlete.

Referee Report:

- Marianne Duda has come up with a written draft of the rule changes from the Refs.
- *****Action Item***** Will be released by Referees and Board, prior to first tourneys

President's Report:

- *****Action Item***** Gary "Judge" Pate will be nominated to IWRF as an At-Large Representative
- Several IWRF proposals have been created and modified, in collaboration with Board of Directors and USAWR – will be published when IWRF meets

Commissioner's Report:

- Almost all of playoff locations have been confirmed – *****Action Item***** Will announce when completed
- Discussing potential Regionals for Heartland and Atlantic. Regional for Atlantic is almost certain.
- Emily Shryock will be our representative for IWRF Meeting in Germany
- *****Action Item***** Nailed down what website improvements would be made immediately and long-term – pricing for changes – based on what needs to be done – setting fundraising goals in collaboration with 2nd VP.

Secretary's Report:

- *****Action Item***** Constitution and Bylaw release – checked over, clarifying AGM changes
- *****Action Item***** Drafting FCP with corrections to mailing list.

1st Vice-President's Report:

- U of H Clinic – Grant received \$1500
- Approved classifiers stipend - \$100 – each classifier for the tourneys.
- Kevin cannot attend IWRF
- *****Action Item***** Will have new clinic process set by next month

2nd Vice-President's Report:

- New sponsorship levels have been completed
- Ironing out details concerning distribution of funding between tourney hosts and USQRA
- *****Action Item***** Will create an "upfront" number about how much USQRA will be sending to the hosts – based on number of teams attending and what kind of tourney.
- *****Action Item***** Continuing to reach out to sponsors for this year's sponsorship levels, based on new sponsorship levels

Treasurer's Report:

- Awaiting annual registration fees
- Will have an idea of what kind of budget we have for the year – October 15th. (Registration checks and international fees)