

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes September 7th, 2017

Next Planned Meeting: October 5th, 2017

Present:

Eric Ingram – President
Dave Mengyan – Commissioner
Kevin Crombie – 1st Vice-President
Michael Klonowski – Secretary
Debrah Whitehurst – Treasurer
Amy Bohn – Head of Classification
Andy Miller – Head of Referees
Beth Curry – Representative Lakeshore Foundation

Absent:

Daniel Curtis – 2nd Vice-President – Report sent

Review:

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

Commissioner's Report:

- Have multiple teams looking to host sectionals in Pacific
- Trying to figure out why hard for Minnesota to bring in teams to their home tournament – potentially due to weather in late season and abundance of tournaments in Heartland during early months of season
- Still planning on reaching RACs meeting
- Continuing to monitor transfers

President's Report:

- Have selected a PR Specialist – will have her on call next month
- PR Specialist role being filled is a major step toward making our outreach more robust and professional
- Still reaching out for Fundraising role
- Also still reaching out for Treasurer's Role
- Need to consider bi-weekly meetings eventually

1st Vice-President's Report:

- Approved \$850 to Denver for their clinic
- Still considering Bay Area Clinic – Considering using grant money as scholarship to players in need – Commissioner and Board approved plan
- Still considering Chicago Clinic funding – Approved, but, looking at actual amount

2nd Vice-President's Report:

- Updated the 2017 sponsorship packet and will be sending out to potential sponsors this month
- Have 5K donation coming from Lone star paralysis foundation
- Responded to the medical marijuana inquiry with appreciation, but explaining our current situation – still a banned substance in international play and stigma attached to use of marijuana

Secretary's Report:

- Make most recent FCP appear on home page – will collaborate with Commissioner
- PR Specialist interviews have wrapped up, will assist with final decision on staffing position
- FCP has been revamped and will work with new PR team to facilitate continued improvements
- Social Media – Increased information on FB with events/tournaments
- Using template for responding to transfers to increase efficiency of transfer logistics
- Will continue to talk with President/VP2 about sponsorship on rugby balls

Treasurer's Report:

- Deferred at this time
- Rugby balls are selling out, quickly, may be out soon.

Classifiers' Report:

- Able to host 1-2 more tournaments for Midwest or Pacific
- Unable to be at Chicago
- Will contribute to FCP this upcoming month
- 4 Classification candidates – looking for host/funding for classifier clinic
- Want to do a Webinar for level 3/4s – perhaps able to find funds to pay, after previously free service no charges
- A medical review has been submitted – will be considered by the panel

Referees' Report:

- Five USQRRR Representatives at America Zonals - Bob Lopez, Josh Kearns and Joe Bongiovanni (testing for international status), Martha Rust and Donna Sebok
- Euro Zonals – Mitch Carr will be an evaluator

Lakeshore Representative Report – Beth Curry:

- Team USA is in Paraguay, doing well – hoping that USA will qualify for Worlds with this tournament
- Developmental Camp starting first weekend of September