

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 2nd, 2021

Next Planned Meeting: October 7th, 2021

Present:

Noah Currier– President
Bob Lopez – Commissioner
Michael Cottingham – 1st Vice-President
Daniel Curtis – 2nd Vice-President
Michael Klonowski – Secretary
Sid Christain – Treasurer
Joe Bongiovanni – Head of Referees
Amy Bohn – Head of Classification
Petra Williams – Classification Representative
Kerin Banfield – Representative for Referees

Absent:

Mandy Goff – Representative Lakeshore Foundation
Jen Allred – Representative Lakeshore Foundation

Review:

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

Commissioner's Report:

- Transfers are coming in – discussing with Secretary consistent processes.
- Will be reaching out to RAC candidates for representation.

President's Report:

- Learning more about Executive Director role and working with groups with paired interests for adaptive sports/wheelchair rugby
- Working on putting out feelers for Executive Director
- Blogging and presenting athletes that are both military and rugby related

1st Vice-President's Report:

- Safety committee has presented recommendations for gameplay
- Board unanimously accepted recommendations with understanding that document with recommendations is dynamic and will change as guidelines change
- Discussed working document with potential awards to give more huzzahs within the league
- Will survey league on views on Covid and Covid vaccination
- Assessing research article about diversity in league – will send upon completing final draft.

2nd Vice-President's Report:

- Wrapping up Nielsen funding distribution
- Finalize sponsorship

Secretary's Report:

- Completing registration setup/test runs
- Working with leadership to discuss Low-Point Coaching Staff
- Following up with Vesco
- Issues with SafeSport

Treasurer's Report:

- Two transactions – Amazon Smile, website funding
- Still cannot get straight answer on pro-rated discount - \$3500-4000?
- Will shift money from inactive accounts and funnel into general fund

Classifiers' Report:

- Sent out survey to classifiers – Deciding safety protocols – masking/gloves, etc?
- Players retiring from IWRP – slight uptick in numbers of individuals that do not want to use their international classes – Deadline of the 8th
- Manual updates – leaving manual online and writing up addendum with changes
- Sent out a survey to staff tournaments
- Working to update Masterlist – TBD on release

Referees' Report:

- Sent email on 26th – How do we handle masking on the court?
 - Ex. State/local guidelines
 - Masking during gameplay is under the tournament director's direction
- Discussed giving players a chance to fix mask, if not complying, will remove from game
 - Will be at discretion of the referee
- Vegas and Lakeshore are requiring masking at this time
- Will release guidelines to league for masking
- Huzzahs to Kerin, Josh and Bob for representing US at Paralympics

USAWR/Lakeshore Representative Report – Mandy Goff/Jen Allred:

- Unable to attend