

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – November 7th, 2019

Next Planned Meeting: December 5th, 2019

Present:

Eric Ingram – President
Daniel Curtis – 2nd Vice-President
Michael Klonowski – Secretary
Sid Christain – Treasurer
Joe Bongiovanni – Representative for Referees
Amy Bohn – Head of Classification
Petra Williams – Classification Representative

Absent:

Dave Mengyan – Commissioner
Michael Cottingham – 1st Vice-President
Mandy Goff – Representative Lakeshore Foundation

Review:

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

Commissioner's Report:

- Unable to attend

President's Report:

- Nothing to report at this time

1st Vice-President's Report:

- Unable to attend
- Board would like updates on the livestreaming/D1

2nd Vice-President's Report:

- Fruitful conversation with Oscar Mike – in-kind donation – OM logo on balls in return for USQRA not paying out for hosting Nationals
- Acquiring additional sponsors – especially larger foundations
- Need to setup live stream options – YouTube with potential for more sponsors
- Need to determine how we are going to split up Nielsen foundation funds – Including 4 teams receiving a significant amount of funding
 - Funding must be used this season
 - Need to show that we can grow the league (metric is number of teams and number of rostered players)
 - Perhaps we can support more female athletes
 - Increasing diversity in the league would be within the realm of the VP1

Secretary's Report:

- Updated Website – improved menus and visibility of clickable buttons at top of webpage
- Phoenix Instinct pop up added to webpage – will monitor for any issues
- FCP released – large issue – above average open rate
- Registration completed (mostly) – a few stragglers will tie up the loose ends
- Website Decision – we will look at demo for additional potential provider
- Update sponsors for social media will occur within 48hrs.

Treasurer's Report:

- Not a whole lot of financial activity at this point – Cash balance is high, as usual for this time of year – expenses come as season goes on
- Insurance
 - Classifiers are viewed as independent contractors, according to insurance companies – What do we do next? – Should we make sure that the Classifiers are part of the USQRA or should we establish another organization so that they can get covered by insurance

Classifiers' Report:

- Grand Rapids and NEP had tournaments with classifiers
- Metal and Muscle – two teams of classifiers
- Beast of the East will have a panel
- Trying to catch up on Phyllis' work – with 45+ players and any unfinished business
- Working with Cindy to make sure that
- Reviewing Database to make sure that all players are updated
- In 2020, international will not be using cards any more – all electronic
- Reviewing Wonder Women – there is a player without a team, how do we classify this person without a team/registration fee
 - Need to keep an eye on this to make sure that it doesn't become more prevalent
 - Need to prioritize registered players, and non-registered secondary

Referees' Report:

- Have 1 floor testing in December, another floor testing at CT or Beast of the East
- Trying to put together a case book for the USQRA

Lakeshore Representative Report – Mandy Goff:

- 2020 Selection Camp Invites went out on November 1st to 39 athletes with a deadline of November 15th to respond and the final list posted on November 18th.
- Tokyo 2020 tickets are selling quickly for Wheelchair Rugby, so any interested parties should log on to <https://www.cosport.com/#paralympic> for more information.
- USAWR was nominated for 2019 Team USA Paralympic Team of the Year

- the WWRC Team was nominated for Team USA Team of the Month for October
- Final confirmation on the USQRA representative for Selection Camp – Will be sending Daniel Curtis