

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – April 2nd, 2020

Next Planned Meeting: May 7th, 2020

Present:

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

Absent:

Review:

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

Commissioner's Report:

- One Semi-final host may be confirmed soon.
- Wrote an article for FCP about process of cancelling Nationals

President's Report:

- No items at this time

1st Vice-President's Report:

- Looking to reserve 40 beds at U of H for potential AGM site
- What are the target number of refs/classifiers – location?
 - Refs – Currently have 40 – would like ~80 – 2 per active team
 - Classifiers – Would like to have 60-80 refs
 - Perhaps we need a Classification/Refs Clinic
- Creating a fundraising packet for teams, to make it easier for teams to raise funds
 - Fundraising may be difficult next year due to consequence of COVID-19's effect on the economy

2nd Vice-President's Report:

- Nielsen grant award winners – Dallas, Akron, Pittsburgh, Carolina and WNY
- Still in discussions with donors for donations of items for auctions

Secretary's Report:

- Getting POY information together for social media release – Will continue to advertise awards and will release email to reps

- Drafting FCP for release
- Will also announce Spirit of Achievement Award
- Will communicate about extending auctions
- Still pressing for continued progress with designing website

Treasurer's Report:

- Expenses went down due to no Nationals
- Keeping the Nielsen grant money aside for appropriation as earmarked

Classifiers' Report:

- Had everyone try to cancel, some folks unable to cancel. Will use credits for next year's tourneys
- Had to reimburse about \$2000 for flights
- \$500 for paying database administrator
- Requesting a stipend for Head of Classification \$1000- and assistant HoC for \$500 - Will discuss during executive session

Referees' Report:

- Karin Banfield - New Vice-Chair, Johnathan Williams - New Secretary
- Creating a manual for Head Officials to give guidance for HOs at tourneys, including Nationals
- End of Year report submitted

Lakeshore Representative Report - Mandy Goff:

- New dates named for Tokyo 2020 in 2021
- Unanimous decision of USAWR leadership, including team reps - No new tryouts
- Selection pool from athletes at previous tryouts, created - will ask current team members if they are able to commit to Paralympics - pool will work to replace any athlete that chooses not to continue
- Cancelled April Camp and considering cancelling May Camp - Will consider June Camp to start again
- IWRF - Qualified teams stay qualified - 8 listed by IWRF, including USA
- Canada Cup cancelled - may reschedule in June of 2021
- Will plan on future camps once a year and playing in international tournaments as opportunities arise
 - Commissioner requests heads up on dates for camps to help plan for Nationals dates. USAWR should know by end of April