

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Next Planned Meeting: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### **Present:**

Eric Ingram – President  
Michael Klonowski – Secretary  
Phyllis Palma – Head of Classification  
Sid Christain – Treasurer  
Michael Cottingham – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
Andy Miller – Head of Referees

#### **Absent:**

Lani Poblete – USQRA PR Specialist  
Dave Mengyan – Commissioner  
Beth Curry – Representative Lakeshore Foundation  
Daniel Curtis – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

#### **Review:**

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

#### **Commissioner's Report:**

- Almost out of old balls – Will ship old and new together over next few weeks
- Post season tournaments will be finalized within a week of final rankings.
- Because this effort was designed around “having the best teams at nationals”, we will do this in a very structured manner.
  - Seeds will snake from tourney to tourney (one will have 1,4,5,8,9,12,13,16 and the other will be 2,3,6,7,10,11,14,15). Will figure out which locations inconvenience the least teams and we will run with that. D1 should be top 8 teams, regardless of outside factors (like hosting or travel). If it's basically a wash, I will try to get the hosts in their own tournaments.
- We should talk about how to better define this process for next year and discuss at the AGM – can modify during next year's AGM
- We should reserve board hotel rooms 3 nights for anyone unlikely to be brought to nationals by a participating team and one for the rest of you unless your team is paying

#### **President's Report:**

- Attended Consumer Electronic Show (CES) worked with Intel with AI/Facial recognition wheelchair presentation – In return, Intel donated \$2500 to USQRA
- What can we offer Intel in return for further funding? – Exposure to unique population of individuals with disabilities

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President's Report:**

- Virginia team is starting to practice and volunteers are showing up to practice
- Would USQRA be willing to create a used chair repository for new programs – similar to the USTA
- Can work with potential sponsor for the repository – care of chairs – casters, welds, upholstery
- Will be working with

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President's Report:**

- Letter of Intent sent to Neilsen for 65k
- Have not heard from Reeve Foundation
- Reaching out to other sponsors for future funding for this season

**Secretary's Report:**

- Present at USAWR Tryouts – enlightening experience concerning the depth of work that goes into selecting a team – will write article in FCP about experience
- Rankings out via FCP in timely manner again
- Will write thank you letter to Intel for donation
- FCP announced need for AGM proposals

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Financial report sent to rest of board – will discuss in executive session
- League insurance has been subsidized by Adaptive Sports USA over last several years. Company will no longer subsidize us. Will discuss how to deal with shortfall in executive session.
- Will confirm for refs if they are covered under insurance.

**Classifiers' Report:**

- Panels set up for Demo Derby, Code of Honor and Semi-finals as well as Nationals
- Concerned about tight timeline with semi-finals and nationals
- Concerned about need to have a Board Member at protests, as protests will be evaluated during AGM

**Referees' Report:**

- Process of selecting semi-finals and nationals refs is continuing
- Working on limit ambiguity concerning moving from level to level with A/B/C – will put something out in next 30 days or so
- Hopefully will have referees clinic at Ability360 during their tournament
  - Ability360 will be playing Team Canada at this tournament in a friendly

**Lakeshore Representative Report – Beth Curry:**

- Training squad of 16 were selected with 4 newer players selected
- Thanks to Secretary for attending as USQRA Representative

- Four Nations Tournament planning is still going well.