

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### Next Planned Meeting: September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019

#### **Present:**

Eric Ingram – President  
Michael Cottingham – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President  
Daniel Curtis – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President  
Michael Klonowski – Secretary  
Sid Christain – Treasurer  
Petra Williams – Classification Representative  
Joe Bongiovanni – Head of Referees  
Jen Allred – Representative Lakeshore Foundation

#### **Absent:**

Lani Poblete – USQRA PR Specialist  
Dave Mengyan – Commissioner  
Phyllis Palma – Head of Classification

#### **Review:**

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

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

- Unable to attend – no agenda items at this time

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

- Will defer to Secretary to talk about website

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

- Meeting with D1
  - D1 wants support with recording games – an app for viewing and support for recording (iPads) – D1 Teams will create proposal
    - U of A streamed their games and got over 9k viewers on Facebook
    - Want to collaborate with USQRA YouTube to view
    - Create a “Division I Series” sponsor ship
  - Want to make sure that seeding is based off of final rankings – will possibly create a proposal
- Meeting with D3
  - Need to create a developmental coaching process
  - Want to have a phone call once a year to talk about what they need to know as a developing/new team – President, Commissioner, and any other necessary voices
  - Want to create a media group (Facebook) – talk about issues and concerns
  - Lukewarm on the new transfer rule – want to watch how it develops

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

- Getting feed back about Nielsen grant – positive at this point – will find out in September
  - Funding goes towards clinics and post season
  - VP1 Development discussions with D1-3 helpful in reaffirming need for grant funding
- Reeve Grant is open
- Trying to get more postseason sponsors
- Contacting current sponsors and renewing for upcoming season
- Hosting fundraiser in Texas – \$2500 to USQRA
- Still looking at ball sponsors

**Secretary's Report:**

- Reached out to SportLoMo about their services as a designer of website and registration systems – Positive response to services demonstration by organization
- Will contact team reps to make sure that they have the correct USQRA Board email addresses
- Will work with Commissioner concerning login concerns with team registration page.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- Several rugby balls sold over summer
- Need to decide about what to do with doubling charge from Insurance – how do we adjust annual invoices to league – could run us \$7000
  - Can stagger increases in fees to limit sticker shock - \$75/team this year
  - Will continue to look for cheaper options for insurance

**Classifiers' Report:**

- Any news on liability insurance?
  - USQRA is unable to provide full coverage at this time – however, could possibly subsidize current professional coverage of individuals
- Thunderfest, Wildcat Rugby Rampage, Metal and Muscle, Code of Honor, Demolition Derby and Beast of the East
  - Will be doing Classification Clinic at Beast of the East
  - USQRA can offset costs with developmental fund
- Veterans Games are ongoing in Louisville and Michelle Lanouette is attending
- Looking to staff tournaments as soon as possible – multiple tournaments have already reached out
- Interested in seeing if additional tournaments have been determined yet – USQRA website is updated

**Referees' Report:**

- Heard from IWRF that chairmaker from Vesco is wondering about one-arm drive that was created for a developmental team (not US) will that be allowed in the US.
  - Commissioner replied that One-Arm Drive is not legal because it provides a mechanical advantage
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- IWRF New Rules regarding ball holders has been released
  - Issues with ball holders at recent international tournament
  - Would like to get information out to league as soon as possible
  - Board will announce around time of registration to allow for enough time to change chairs
  - Referees will report illegal ball holders to Commissioner to keep track of chairs that have concerns
  - Board will make sure that information goes out to teams via Full Court Press and notifications to team reps

**Lakeshore Representative Report – Jen Allred:**

- USAWR in last several days of camp. Will leave the end of next week for Lima – Starts on 23<sup>rd</sup> and medal games are on the 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Must win qualification for Tokyo 2020
  - No information about livestream yet – will get update USQRA will post on social media.