

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – October 1st, 2020

Next Planned Meeting: November 5th, 2020

Present:

Noah Currier– President
Dave Mengyan – Commissioner
Michael Cottingham – 1st Vice-President
Daniel Curtis – 2nd Vice-President
Michael Klonowski – Secretary
Sid Christain – Treasurer
Joe Bongiovanni – Head of Referees
Mandy Goff – Representative Lakeshore Foundation
Jen Allred – Lakeshore Foundation
Amy Bohn – Head of Classification

Absent:

Petra Williams – Classification Representative

Review:

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

Commissioner's Report:

- COVID conversations about waiting for game play after January went well – Obviously upset but understanding for the most part
- Want to discuss with alternatives to game play – Daniel's committee
- Discussing ways of supporting membership with delay in gameplay – collaboration with USAWR

President's Report:

- Nothing to report at this time

1st Vice-President's Report:

- Want to support membership during COVID times
 - Having Chalk Talk nights with members of USAWR
 - Mentorship with teams' recordings of games
 - Discussing US vs. CAN watch party
 - Perhaps Town Hall meetings – Refs, classifiers, etc
 - Want to reach more isolated teams
 - Trivia – Rugby rules, classification, etc
 - General health and better ways of staying in shape, nutrition
 - Perhaps experts from Dietetics, psych and medical
 - Need to release new survey to teams and supporting organizations to see what may help us get starting more quickly

2nd Vice-President's Report:

- Working on taking pulse on sponsors
- Discussing metrics for reopening – perhaps subcommittee and/or board conversation
 - John Hopkins metrics? Reliable sources

Secretary's Report:

- New website work continues
- Need to continue to work on new logo
- Working with SafeSport on Monday to discuss setup
- Working on background checks
- Working on concussion checkout system
- Working with Commissioner on scoresheets
- Creating FCP with stories from Refs, Classifiers, etc

Treasurer's Report:

- Not much going on without registration
- No information from insurance carrier about adjustments about changes in dynamic of season

Classifiers' Report:

- Discussions about age exceptions, gender exception and international/domestic classes
- Additional discussions with the IWRF is necessary to discuss how classifiers are classed and zonal relationships

Referees' Report:

- Working on name change in the next few weeks - USWRA
- Working on plan for keeping refs fresh for Tokyo
- Reaching out to a company/platform for video review – virtual training/feedback/preparation for refs

Lakeshore Representative Report – Mandy Goff/Jen Allred:

- Discussing with league the changes to classification internationally (IWRF)
- IWRF leadership meeting is upcoming – need information from USAWR concerning any reports to share
- IWRF has new classification guidelines released now (vs. after Tokyo) – getting clarification when it will be enforced
- Will share agenda from IWRF meeting
- Allred – USOPC is changing structure of High Performance Organization to PSO – Paralympic Sport Organization – Lakeshore is applying – process will last over 7-8mos.

- Allred – wanted to be present and talk about not starting play in January – perhaps be present during conversations about league play