

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – November 2nd, 2021

Next Planned Meeting: January 6th, 2022

Present:

Noah Currier– President
Bob Lopez – Commissioner
Michael Cottingham – 1st Vice-President
Michael Klonowski – Secretary
Sid Christain – Treasurer
Joe Bongiovanni – Head of Referees
Amy Bohn – Head of Classification
Kerin Banfield – Representative for Referees

Absent:

Petra Williams – Classification Representative
Daniel Curtis – 2nd Vice-President
Jen Allred – Representative Lakeshore Foundation

Review:

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting’s minutes

Commissioner’s Report:

- Need hosts for semi-finals – 3 or 4 teams are interested
- Sent out message to league – members on USA national team are exempt from 2nd half game requirements
- PHX wants to register one team vs. two that they have registered
 - Will not refund team for change
- Reminder to teams to not include deductions – not sport class
- Sent out top 30 to the league – with additional 3 at-large members

President’s Report:

- Working on first draft of Nationals logo
- New hotel across river is opening for nationals – close – pushing distance
- Ordered rugby balls are going to be delivered in January

1st Vice-President’s Report:

- Met with Tourney Directors and COVID task force
 - Recommendation – stay the course but allow folks to not wear masks on sidelines
- Working with teams that didn’t register to discover causes for not registering

2nd Vice-President’s Report:

- USWRA rep at USAWR camp

Secretary's Report:

- Low-point team coaching staff selected – Steve Kearley, Sarah Leonard, Michael Klunowski and Dan Caldwell
 - Staff meeting and completing selection protocols
 - Focus on transparency of process
- Top 30 released
- Need nationals and low point team logos

Treasurer's Report:

- Collected Amazon Smile funding
- Insurance company dictates that we need waivers for the league
 - Will work down multiple avenues to get improved waiver

Classifiers' Report:

- Classification happened at Beast of the East
- Looking into classing at Vegas and Birmingham
- Leadership meeting early 2022 – Discussing RACs to match regions
- Database from 1988 is being completely redone – huge undertaking
- Multiple issues with people providing incomplete/incorrect information in registration
- Will make sure that SportsEngine matches masterlist
- Will have masterlist by this weekend.

Referees' Report:

- Reminding Tourney Directors about dots for allowances
- Discussed having officials at training camps for USAWR
 - Madison Little is present at camp
- Working on transitioning new RAC positions
- Working on cleaning up roster of refs – May benefit from increased number of refs in the league
 - Working on setting up clinics
 - Would be beneficial to have ~50 refs

USAWR/Lakeshore Representative Report – Jen Allred:

- Selection camp ongoing – Unable to attend