

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 3rd , 2020

Next Planned Meeting: October 1st, 2020

Present:

Noah Currier – President
Dave Mengyan – Commissioner
Michael Cottingham – 1st Vice-President
Michael Klonowski – Secretary
Sid Christain – Treasurer
Joe Bongiovanni – Representative for Referees
Mandy Goff – Representative Lakeshore Foundation
Petra Williams – Classification Representative

Absent:

Daniel Curtis – 2nd Vice-President
Amy Bohn – Head of Classification

Review:

- Review and acceptance of prior meeting's minutes

Commissioner's Report:

- Had meeting with IWRP – Working to eliminate any potential issues with consistency of classification system of USWRA
- Figuring out order for rugby balls for teams in Brazil

President's Report:

- Working on large-scale fundraising efforts – will continue to update with progress

1st Vice-President's Report:

- COVID - 19
 - Safety committee is getting together to make recommendations for the league – by tues/weds of next week
 - Biggest change – Potential risk of COVID infection due to airline flights not as great as originally considered
 - Will get COVID-19 Task Force together once safety committee gets together

2nd Vice-President's Report:

- Unable to attend

Secretary's Report:

- USQRA league name changed to USWRA - >2/3 super majority via ZOOM
- AGM transcript has been posted on website
- Working on new website

- Got nod from SafeSport folks to introduce program to website
- Will also get further into detail with background checks
- Need to update C/B due to changes

Treasurer's Report:

- Almost no activity right now
- Working with secretary to work on name change within state of FL, where the league is registered – would recommend an attorney to assist

Classifiers' Report:

- Working on figuring out age changes for classification – awaiting international clarifications – need to find what modifications will be made to cards

Referees' Report:

- Process put in place to officially vote on name change to USWRRA
- Working on creating storage for collection of case studies for improving call consistency - Video
- Working with Secretary to create member only area on website for referees

Lakeshore Representative Report – Mandy Goff:

- Upcoming training camps – survey put out discussing return to training – however, enough numbers locally in Birmingham and nationally
 - Oct and November camps cancelled
 - Will return to camp in December
- Paralympic Sport Organizations Contract – Lakeshore having to go through the application process, since not a NGB – process will go on until June of 2021
 - IWRF has written letter of support as PSO of National Team
 - Therefore, Lakeshore needs to make sure that USWRA classification is in line with international standards – ex. USWRA players need to be playing at international classification
 - New Classification draft information will be coming from IWRF