

WASUSA Board of Directors' Conference Call Wednesday June 10, 2015

Roll Call

Present: Clayton Frech
Cory Grant
Debbie Armento
Denise Hutchins
Gregg Baumgarten
Jerry Clayton
Mike Burns
Paul DePace
Phil Galli
Sarah Carey

Absent: Amie Day
Glen O'Sullivan
Melinda Chappel
Mike Boone

Susan Rossi also on the call.

Gregg reported that Darlene Hunter resigned her position on the BOD due to time constraints related to her obligations with Team USA Women's Basketball Team.

Approval of Minutes from April 8th Board of Director's Conference Call

Paul DePace moved to accept the minutes; Phil Galli seconded. Motion carried.

Chairman Report Gregg Baumgarten

National Youth Sports Day on Capitol Hill

Gregg reported that he will attend the function on July 14th, distributing information on WASUSA at a kiosk set up in a Capitol Conference Room. He will also be looking to lobby representatives and senators regarding key WASUSA initiatives, including the Athletics for All initiative. Paul DePace suggested seeking audience with Representative Jim Langevin from Rhode Island, a man with quadriplegia who has been very supportive of similar measures.

25th Anniversary Observation of Americans with Disabilities Act at the Department of Education

Gregg will also represent WASUSA at a function being hosted by Education Secretary Arne Duncan in recognition of the 25th anniversary of ADA. He will be working with Anjali Forber-Pratt to demonstrate Track & Field for athletes with disabilities.

2nd Annual "Welcome Back Alumni" Celebration

The response on the Alumni Celebration has been very tepid. The intent was to hold the event and then reassess. Paul D encouraged a continuation of the concept of reaching out to past WASUSA athletes and members.

Vice Chair Report Denise Hutchins (given by Susan)

June 3 Conference call was held with NGB/STC Chairs and regional reps. Excellent discussion on how to move forward under new paradigm.

Focus for Sports Technical Committees will be on working with the respective regional councils to identify programming priorities in each region and develop strategic, coordinated budgets based on need (i.e. athlete development in the east, official's training in the central, etc.)

A conference call was held with Julie O'Neil and Sherrice Fox from US Paralympics and Deanne Fay, Susan Rossi and Gregg Baumgarten from WASUSA to discuss the need for an administrative structure that would provide a "provisional" or "regional" classifier to small regional meets like the Beehive or Cornbelt Games. Ongoing discussions were also held at the Desert Challenge Games with Sherrice and Cathy Sellers. A tentative plan has been developed and will be presented to USP.

Treasurer's Report Mike Burns Refer to Drop Box Report

Mike provided his bi-monthly report on the budget and provided updated numbers. He will provide adjusted budget numbers to better reflect our current economic status next month.

Mike reported that he has finished with the financials and is attempting to get our annual audit completed this summer to avoid the end of the year crush. He will report back on the status of the audit at our next meeting.

International Committee Report

Paul DePace

The International Wheelchair & Amputee Sports Junior World Games are set to begin in Staatskanal, Netherlands July 3-8. There are 280 athletes from around the world competing in this competition.

The IWAS Adult World Games (unrestricted ages) will take place in Sochi, Russia from September 25 to October 3. Discussion amongst the BOD took place to consider the possibility of fielding a Team WASUSA to future IWAS Adult World Games.

Paul also reported on the Para Pan Am Games to be held in September in Toronto and the IPC General Assembly taking place in Mexico City November 11th - 16th.

Marketing Committee

(given by Susan)

Responsibility for the social media aspects of our marketing initiatives (website/ social media/email blasts) will move to Susan and Cara in terms of content input, oversight, etc.

Pro bono marketing consultation through Tap Root is progressing. Susan has been working with a branding professional and a graphic designer with mixed results. Sarah Carey indicated that she had professional contacts with excellent design people so Susan and Sarah will be following up on other potential consultative sources.

In terms of our current branding proposals and initiatives, it is felt strongly that it is not necessary to share the proposals with the general membership until a more solid proposal can be developed.

Susan is also working with a new branding professional provided through Tap Root with a great resume and is hopeful that some solid concepts can be developed.

Information Technology Report

Phil Galli

Phil reported that a bid had been received designed to provide WASUSA with a more robust, automated data management system and social media exposure. Phil explained that the specifications would provide WASUSA with a website that could display on all devices (pc, apple, android, etc), would move all data to a cloud-based environment and modernize our technology platform in order to provide an automated and easily used interface. Phil indicated that the bid from

Andrew Hunter in the amount of \$7,000 was reasonable and would provide the types of upgrades WASUSA was looking for. Phil cautioned that he still wanted to see completion of the pro bono work provided by Andrew before engaging in full implementation of a contract. It was Phil's recommendation that once the pro bono work was completed, Andrew should receive partial funding with the remainder to be paid upon successful completion of work.

Gregg also stated that he needed to provide the BOD with full disclosure with regards to the fact that Andrew was his son-in-law but that in no way would Gregg be profiting from work performed by Andrew for WASUSA.

Phil then made the following motion:

WASUSA accepts the \$7,000 proposal to revamp the website as written in the proposal submitted by Andrew Hunter predicated on the fact that Andrew completes the pro bono work involving the migration of data to MS365 and implementation of Exchange.

Paul DePace seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Junior Committee

Debbie Armento

Refer to Drop Box Report

Debbie indicated that plans were well underway for Team WASUSA to attend the IWAS Junior Games in Staatskanal in July. She had high praise for the organizational efforts of Team Leader Tomie Zuchetti and the Team WASUSA staff. Debbie indicated there were questions with regards to how disbursements would take place while on the trip and Mike was going to work with her on a credit card from our account.

Debbie also indicated that the New Jersey LOC was very engaged and preparing for an excellent Junior Nationals experience for our athletes. The LOC had decided to utilize paper registrations for security reasons. She indicated that a great amount of sponsorship money had been raised and that the meal plan would be very reasonable for athletes and families.

Office Operations Report

(given by Susan)

Refer to Drop Box Report

Susan Reported that the conference call we were on was a part of the pro bono platform work performed on Lync and Office 365. In addition, the membership data was being moved to a cloud-based platform that BOD or committee members could have access to in the future with adequate security procedures.

Susan also reported on a proposal for a new tiered membership structure. She indicated that the old structure was confusing and complicated. The

tiered structure would include a basic membership; an upgraded membership with an ADF account; and a further upgraded membership with the ability to solicit funding, in the same manner as a go fund me page, on the WASUSA website. Refer to the Report in Dropbox.

Executive Director Report Susan Rossi

Refer to Drop Box Link below.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rnuodkokpm7cie4/AADiixFRBatNMcuz3wOpG8UFa?oref=e&n=390544612>

Motion to Adjourn: Paul DePace Motion Mike Burns Second

Next Meeting: There was some confusion regarding our next meeting. At the time of the BOD conference call, I was under the impression that conference room costs at NJDC would be in excess of \$500, obviously something we can't afford. It was decided that in lieu of a large BOD meeting, we would break up into small work groups, since everyone's schedule is crazy at this time. However, I have since learned that conference room space would be available at no cost. As I work out the details on this latest development I will update everyone. At this point, we are still looking to schedule work groups in lieu of trying to bring everyone together. If that is the case, we will have a BOD conference call the first week of August.