

Meeting Minutes for March 28 2009

Roll Call - Meeting commenced at 7:05 pm on Saturday, March 28th live at the LiveInn in Columbia Heights (room hosted by Bill Reedy)

- Present
 - Steve Fuhrman
 - Lori Ellsworth
 - Bill Reedy
 - Michael Schroeder
 - George Schneider
 - Bob Gordon (by phone)
- Absent
 - Pete Sharbo
 - Lynne Nelson
 - Scott Fuhrman

Old Business (tasks that have been completed/updated since last meeting)

- Meeting minutes
 - Minutes from January 10 2009 meeting were approved without any changes

Unfinished Business (Committee reports or on-going projects)

- Certification Programs (Steve)
 - Any new requests?
 - Yes, 1 Referee Certification informally requested by Scott Fuhrman.
- Status of Corporation
 - Treasurer report (Mike) (t-shirts, tournaments, general expenses, etc.)
 - Currently have balance of \$1,325.97
 - Expenses coming up include:
 - NIRSA annual dues (done)
 - T-shirts for 2009 (done)
 - Website bills (pending)
 - URL/Domain Name renewal
 - Homestead website software renewal
 - Treasurer Report was approved as delivered
 - Upcoming bills (Steve/Mike/Lori ???)
 - No others besides those listed above
 - NIRSA (Steve)
 - Will utilize their contact resources to promote tournaments and events
- Club database (Lori/George)
 - Only had a few editions from the last version sent to Board from January 10 2009 meeting
 - George to continue to update in MS-Access and export to Excel for Board review
- Joining the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN) (Steve)
 - Steve is submitting the paperwork to apply for membership
- Need to research copyrighting of WIN! material/logo
 - Action: Lori will draft a letter that can be used if needed (still not done)
- Committee for requesting grant monies (Lori/Steve)
 - Action: Ask Bob what type of grants he has done locally. Maybe we have something similar.
 - Bob hasn't completed yet, but it was acknowledged that there is a \$50 charge for MN corps.
- Wallyball Season and Tournaments for 2008 - 2009
 - MN Tournaments (Steve)
 - Feedback from Combined Age?
 - 12 teams at White Bear Lake Club & Arena on January 24 2009. Had good turnout, but lack of courts required more sitting than desired. Will need to provide more courts if turnout is that large in future.
 - IA Wallyball league (Bill)

- Tuesday and Friday leagues finished play last week. Mostly play 3's now in the league. May start a Thursday Men's league next year.
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 - Iowa Bill to investigate partnering with VB QC (on-line network for Volleyball scheduling) to see if WIN! can use as advertising vehicle for Wallyball.
 - Feedback on t-shirt design?
 - See below
 - ND Wallyball (Bob/Steve)
 - Winter league disbanded. The upcoming ND State Tournament on May 2-3 looks very promising for a good turnout.
- History timeline (George)
 - George had previously updated the timeline since our last meeting in January and sent to members.
- WIN! t-shirts (Lori)
 - Melissa came up with 5 designs. Of those 5, Mike and I chose 3 designs. Had the players vote on them at the MN Combined Age. Asked IA and ND to vote on them.
 - Players at MN Combined Age and IA Combined Age tournaments in January voted on the Top 3 designs and chose the one named the 'tatoo' as the favorite. This winning entry is now the 2009 design on the back of the WIN! t-shirts being distributed for 2009 tournaments.
- Concept of new player level (Steve)
 - Steve asked for input on the modified 5 player levels: Open, Advanced, Intermediate, Beginner, Recreational
 - No further discussion on the 5 levels - looks good to Board members
- Rule additions/changes requested by players (Steve)
 - Several players have brought up some rule change requests they would like WIN! to visit
 - Steve will poll WIN! board members with these new recommendations for input to changes
- Possibility of a national tournament in 2010
 - Nothing concrete yet, but would like to host one in 2010 or 2011 in the Midwest.
 - Possible locations include University of Iowa (Iowa City), which has 21 courts (18 for Wallyball).
 - Steve will be working on this

New Business

- Wallyball Season and Tournaments 2009-2010
 - 2009 MN Masters has been postponed until Fall 2009 due to scheduling issues at the club in Eagan
 - Need to spread out the MN tournaments more next year; too bunched together in 2009
 - Iowa plans to continue with 2 tournaments again in 2009-2010
- Wallyball help inquiries (Steve)
 - Complaint from Pennsylvania player about wallyball not having the same rules as sand volleyball. Need more details from the reporting party to understand what they are looking for.
- Nominations for new board members (All)
 - No formal nominations but there are 2 possible ones which will be followed up on by Bob (ND) and Steve/Scott (Kim Kwong in MN)
- Moving forward with WIN! (Steve)
 - Want to reach out more to the colleges
 - First FY 2010 tournament will be ND State event in Bismarck on 5/2-3/2009. This will be first income opportunity in fiscal year, which may help us get started with more in the bank for the rest of the year.
- Next meeting date
 - September 2009 - Details to come out later this summer from President Lori

Any other Business

- None

Adjourn Meeting

- Michael made motion to adjourn; seconded by Bob
- Adjourned at 8:02 pm