

Meeting Minutes

Meeting began at 8:10 pm on Saturday, January 10, 2009

Roll Call

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

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

- Meeting minutes
 - Motion to Approve – Steve
 - Second – Michael
 - Approved unanimously

Unfinished Business (Committee reports or on-going projects)

- Certification Programs (Steve)
 - Any new requests?
 - None
- Status of Corporation
 - Treasurer report (Mike) (t-shirts, tournaments, general expenses, etc.)
 - \$1,232 in bank
 - NIRSA bill paid 10/16/08
 - T-shirts – Will be planning on getting more for the current season soon
 - FY2009 will end in September 2009
 - Upcoming bills (Steve/Mike/Lori ???)
 - T-shirts will be only bill coming due soon
 - NIRSA (Steve)
 - AWA received requests for 800 sets of bolts for nets
- **Club database (Lori/George)**
 - Set up shell using the Player Assistance e-mail list (George)
 - Share the database shell with Bill Reedy/Bob Gordon to capture non-Minnesota data
 - Steve has access to another source for data base from NIRSA. Lori will share data
 - NOTE: Steve doesn't do databases
 - **TO DO** - Steve will look into setting up shared database access on website
- Joining the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN) (Steve)
 - Cost \$50/year to become a member – We are paid up for 2009
 - Objective to learn how to get grant money.
 - **TO DO** – Steve to find out more about how WIN! Can benefit
- Need to research copyrighting of WIN! material/logo
 - Pete did research this. We do have explicit rights to our material and we can inform the users of this. We should periodically monitor the use of our material so that if it ends up on an offensive site, we can request them to remove it.
 - **TO DO** - Action: Lori will draft a letter that can be used if needed
- Committee for requesting grant monies (Lori/Steve)
 - Bob Gordon has done some local grant requests
 - Pete has looked into but didn't find anything
 - **TO DO** - Action: Bob requested grant money in the past for his local band. Will see if there is something which would apply for wallyball.
- Wallyball Season and Tournaments for 2008 - 2009
 - MN Tournaments (Steve)
 - Cut-back on Minnesota presence this year so more can be done outside of the state
 - Will be up to 4 in Minneapolis; plan on a 2nd one in North Dakota; 2 more in Iowa.
 - MN Wallyball league at Central Courts (George)
 - Tuesday Flex League (Advanced) – 26 signed up; get about 6 players each week. George coordinates.
 - Thursday Flex (Intermediate) – 15 signed up; usually 6 players each week. Steve coordinates.
 - IA Wallyball league at Eldridge Fitness Center (Bill)
 - Slightly fewer teams than last year
 - Tuesday 9 teams
 - Friday 5 teams
 - IA Tournaments (Bill)

- January 10 - Combined Age had 7 teams
 - Steve, Lori, Bob (brother-in-law) won top bracket
 - Terry, Craig, Kerry, Brad won lower bracket
 - March 6, 7, 8 will be Iowa State Tournament at Eldridge
 - ND Wallyball (Bob)
 - Tried first league this year
 - Intermediate & Advanced league signed up
 - Wallyball league season runs between volleyball seasons
 - Intermediate had 2 teams and 1 dropped so they stopped playing
 - Advanced had more teams, but hasn't been doing well
 - Next season to start in March and run through mid-May at Capital Racquet Club
- History timeline (George)
 - Activities log updated through January 2009
 - George sent copy around to other board members on 1/9 to update with any other WIN! activities
- WIN! logo (Lori)
 - Should each state have its own logo? Any comments on this?
 - Iowa does not
 - Minnesota does not
 - North Dakota does not
- WIN! t-shirts (Lori)
 - Melissa (Bob Gordon's wife) helping. Past ideas were forwarded to her. We will be giving her a t-shirt for her efforts (threatened to have everyone autograph it for her)
 - T-shirt committee (Michael, Lori) to solicit opinions from other board members
 - Will keep the WIN! logo on the front as is; the additional logo to be done
 - Steve motioned to have the T-shirt committee make the final decision
 - **TO DO** – Lori to work off-line on design promotion/survey opportunities
 - Current inventory under 10 remaining from past 2 years

New Business

- Wallyball Season and Tournaments
 - ND Tournaments 2008 – 2009 (Steve/Bob)
 - ND Wallyball league 2008 – 2009 (Bob)
- Wallyball help inquiries (Steve)
 - North Dakota – Possible March visit.
 - Lifetime Fitness – Eagan, MN has 1 court being used for play by up to 12-15 people.
 - WIN! has loaned suction cups for court to be used to give them another court
 - Maplewood Community Center
 - Trying to start a league; WIN! has offered to help if they want. Play would be Intermediate/Beginner level
 - Wallyball Tour 2009
 - Southwest tour (7 days) – Texas being the key state, which has a big draw.
 - May also visit other states on way back to the Iowa State Tournament in March
- Wallyspot (Steve)
 - Wallyspot is a program to run tournaments with as little human element as possible. This may be helpful for those who know nothing about running a tournament.
- Sponsors – American Wallyball Association/Wallyball International Inc/Vollevents (Steve)
 - VollEvents (parent company of Wallyball.com) may be interested in doing some funding for us
 - They currently work with Wallyball International, but may not continue that relationship
- Tachikara (Steve)
 - May be offloading their wallyballs at a great rate (\$.25 each). These would be the green/white/black balls (not 18-panel)
- Concept of new player level (Steve)
 - Conversation with AWA disclosed that there are a large number of players considered Recreational (they enjoy playing, but not necessarily by the Basic rules).
 - **TO DO** - Tournament Committee is working on a Recreational player classification definition
- Concept of Player Skills vs playing division at tournaments (Steve)
 - Concept/Guidelines - Players will play up, not play down, to fit into a tournament class/level
 - **TO DO** – Steve to follow up with Tournament Committee for ideas
- Possibility of a national tournament in 2010
 - Should we consider one to be hosted by WIN! in 2010?
 - Discussion item for the Tournament Committee
- New website (Steve)
 - New WIN! website pages – Rework page is being reviewed by board members now

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- Intention is to make it 'self serve' so information available on the website can be used by others to set up tournaments, leagues, etc.
- Rule additions/changes requested by players (Steve)
 - Will be a webpage set up for rule changes by players
 - Board members will review and vote on those recommendations
- Nominations for new board members (All)
 - None at this time
 - Bill (Iowa) and Bob (ND) to see if they can solicit any new members
- Moving forward with WIN! (Steve)
 - Sport is growing, although it may not seem that way in our locations
- Next meeting date
 - Tentatively March 28, 2009 at 8:00 pm (Minnesota State Tournament)

Any other Business

- None

Adjourn Meeting

- Motion by Michael; second by Bob to adjourn at 9:32 pm

Minutes recorded by Skype and written by George Schneider (Secretary/WIN!)