**Meeting Agenda (02/09/2014)**

**Roll Call at 11:03 am on February 9, 2014:**

* Present: Lori Ellsworth, Steve Fuhrman, Bill Reedy, Lynne Nelson\* & George Schneider\*.

\* = Remoted in through Google Hangout, our new meeting tool, since our previous provider, Skype, began charging for calls with more than 2 attendees.

* Absent: Scott Fuhrman, Oli Mechtel, Vicki Danielsen, & Pete Sharbo.
* Quorum is achieved for this meeting.

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

* Meeting minutes for March 24, 2013 (<http://www.wallyball-info.com/WIN_BOD_INFO_PAGE.html>)
* These minutes had previously been approved by board prior to today’s meeting.

**On-going Business (Committee reports or on-going projects)**

* Status of Corporation
  + Treasurer report (Lori in absence of Vicki)
    - Current balance is over $3,000; will need to find out exact amount from the Treasurer.
  + Upcoming bills (Steve/Bill/Lori)
    - Only known upcoming bill is the Meet-up bi-annual charge of $72 for hosting events.
* Wallyball Season and Tournaments for 2013-2014
  + Iowa (Bill)
    - Iowa League Update: well attended with enough interest from both the Advanced and Intermediate levels, where a separate Intermediate league will need to be set up.
    - Iowa Tournaments:
      * Combined Age event held yesterday (2/8) had 8 teams compete with the winner being a repeat from 2013 (Fairfield, IA team).
      * Next tournament is Iowa State event Feb. 28 through March 2in Eldridge, IA.
        + Expecting possible entries from several states this year: Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan, Minnesota, & Texas. (Steve)
  + Minnesota (Steve/George)
    - Minnesota League update
      * Steve – No formal leagues but scheduled play is taking place at 3 facilities in the metro area where WIN! is present: Plymouth Creek, Maplewood and White Bear Lake. Participation level at the Plymouth Creek club has increased to the point where it had to be split into 2 nights (Wednesday/Thursday) to satisfy the craving to play.
      * George – No formalized leagues at Lifetime Fitness in Fridley, either, although there are several groups who play on a regular basis.
      * George – LTF in the Twin Cities announced they are converting the racquetball courts at several of their less-used locations (Plymouth, Eagan are among these; Fridley, St. Louise Park and Target Center are not in jeopardy) into workout areas (Yoga, Spinning, etc.) due to lack of use. Clubs are emphasizing to their members to make sure they reserve the courts so the clubs have metrics do demonstrate usage.
    - Minnesota Tournament Update
      * Combined Age event on February 22 at LTF in Fridley.
      * MN State event on March 28, 29, 30 at LTF in Fridley.
        + George to share 2014 proposal to LTF with Steve/Lori looking for input on # of players and courts we will need.
* History timeline (George)
  + As of February 8, up to date to my knowledge. Forwarded to Steve, Lori and Bill to update as needed.
* Amend WIN! Bylaws (Lori) (done but not submitted to state 11/13/12)
  + No changes since last discussion.
* IA Volleyball schedules hosted on WIN! website (Bill)
  + Are doing this again this year at a cost of $20 per year.
* T-shirts (Lori)
  + The T-Shirt Committee (Lori/Lynne) is working on the new t-shirt setup and order, which will be satisfied in time for the MN Combined Age event on February 22nd.
* Promotion Ideas (Steve)
  + Steve and Lynne to come up with some ideas on what type of products can be offered to help promote the sport of wallyball. Previously we have done items such as: pens, refrigerator magnets.
  + George mentioned he set up a Facebook page specific to wallyball, which is linked to the Fridley Lifetime Fitness Facebook page. (Facebook is replacing the MyLT Groups which Lifetime used to host for its members.) The LTF wallyball page links to the WIN! site for additional information on wallyball.
    - LTF Fridley Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/lifetimefridley>
    - LTF Fridley Wallyball Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/LTFFridleyWallyball>
    - Question: Is it worth publicizing/promoting the Wallyball page at LTF through Facebook for a cost ($10 minimum)?
      * Lynne said her past experience with promoting a page on Facebook was not worth it, unless you sunk a lot of money into it. The cost is variable based on how much you want to promote it. It may not be in our best interest to use this option on Facebook to promote wallyball.
* Nonprofit status (Lori)
  + Taxes
    - We were on the back burner at the IRS due to their confusion on how to categorize WIN!. WIN! needs to get back to the IRS to follow up on this matter.
* Still accepting nominations for Board members (Lori)(Steve)
  + Possible nominations from North Dakota, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky
  + Others?
    - None at this time.
* Should the WIN! bylaws be amended for what constitutes a quorum at the board meetings? (Lori)
  + Background: Our current bylaws state that we must have the lower side of 50% (rounded down) of all possible board members in attendance for a meeting.
  + Question by Lori: Should we change this to a hard number of attendees in the event the number of total board members increases?
  + Motion made by Steve: Amend the bylaws to state a total of 4 board members must be in attendance for a meeting, with one of those being an officer.
    - Those present on the call voted 5-0 to amend the bylaws as motioned above. Lori will submit a change to the bylaws stating there must be at least 4 board members in attendance, with one of them being an officer, to constitute a quorum.

**New Business**

* Wallyball help inquiries (Steve)
  + North Dakota: some players plan on participating in the MN State Tournament this year.
  + Steve is currently helping players from these state with their wallyball programs:
    - Illinois
    - Florida
    - Tennessee
    - Kentucky
    - Texas
    - Kansas
    - Virginia
* Tournament Naming (Steve)
  + Should we rename the tournaments we sponsor to better identify the locations and potential participants?
    - It was suggested by the board to have the Tournament Committee (George, Bill, Lori) take this item up off-line and report their findings/recommendations back to the board.
* Reinvestment in clubs (Steve/Bill/George)
  + MN – Wallyballs
    - George stated that the LTF club in Fridley only has the old shiny blue wallyballs; some groups like our transplanted Central Courts contingent bring in their own wallyballs to use for play. He suggested that WIN! donate some balls to the LTF club in Fridley to be used by the general membership.
      * Steve said that WIN! will donate up to 3 balls of different quality types to LTF, based on what is available in the WIN! account.
  + MN Courts – Can more courts be drilled for play at LTF in Fridley if WIN! helps cover the cost for that work (Lori)?
    - George will check with the club manager to see if they can get costs/proposals for that work and report back to WIN! to see how much they are willing to contribute to the effort.
  + Iowa – Court Netting
    - Can WIN! cover cost for purchasing and installing netting to be strung over openings in the court viewing area to prevent wallyballs from exiting the courts and falling to the other club workout areas?
      * Note: This benefit would also be enjoyed by the racquetball players who also experience the same dilemma.
      * Steve said we can see what is available in our account and consider this purchase.
* Purchase of more equipment
  + Suction Cups
    - We currently have enough sets of these to use on 4 courts. We should probably purchase more to use for expected future expansion at other court locations who need them.
    - George to check the set he has to make sure they still work, since they will be needed for the MN State Tournament in late March.
  + Wallyballs (Steve)
    - Plan to purchase 3 new wallyballs of different types to donate to LTF in Fridley, MN.
      * Euroball: <http://www.wallyball.com/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&view=productdetails&virtuemart_product_id=54&virtuemart_category_id=6&Itemid>=
      * Iball: <http://www.wallyball.com/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&view=productdetails&virtuemart_product_id=50&virtuemart_category_id=6&Itemid>=
      * Tachikara WB2000: <http://www.tachikara.com/Specialty/WB2000.NA>
  + Issues with wallyballs from Tachikara
    - Have been reports that the latest WB2000 version from Tachikara have been losing air (Bill). Will need to check this out when we order our next batch.
* New Win! Email
  + Setup for Outlook 2007/2010
  + Setup for Smart Devices
  + Wallyball groups in new Open Exchange (Homestead) site need to be updated for current MN and IA players. George started making updates and Steve will try to finish it up.
* Next meeting date
  + Prior to the MN State Coed event on Sunday, March 30. Details coming later.

Any other Business

* What constitutes the naming convention for a National Wallyball Tournament? (Steve)
  + Some ideas were exchanged and it was decided this is a good issue for the Tournament Committee to take and report their findings back to the board.
  + Since we are already half-way through the 2013-2014 tournament season, this task will be addressed after the end of this current season.

Adjourn Meeting at 12:19 pm.

*Minutes draft by George Schneider 2/9/2014*