

WIN! March 15 2008 Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held in Eldridge, Iowa during Iowa State Tournament weekend. Present at the meeting were:

- Lori Ellsworth (President)
- George Schneider (Secretary)
- Steve Fuhrman
- Bill Reedy

Absent were:

- Scott Fuhrman (Vice President)
- Mike Schroeder (Treasurer)
- Lynne Nelson

Meeting commenced at 8:18 pm CST using SKYPE communications as the medium. For complete meeting minutes, visit the WIN! website to download/listen to the audio version.

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

- Meeting minutes were reviewed by those members present at the meeting and accepted as is.
- Wallyball DVD and website video - Steve has been recording recent WIN! tournaments and put them on the WIN! website.
 - 3 hours of recording for 1 DVD
 - Videos will be given away for free, but WIN! would appreciate a small donation (\$2) per video

Unfinished Business (Committee reports or on-going projects)

- Certified Referee Program (Steve)
 - 1 individual has qualified so far for this program
- Tournament Director Certification Test (Steve [who is certified?])
 - 6 individuals certified so far; no additional persons have shown interest as of yet
- Status of Corporation (Steve)
 - Tax exempt for up to \$10,000 in revenue per year. We haven't hit that amount yet, so we are still considered tax exempt without having to file with the state.
 - Corporate Bylaws have been updated to reflect Executive Director part of Executive Committee
- Treasurer report (Lori)
 - Recent donations have brought level to about \$1,000 balance
 - Mid-year for WIN! fiscal year is September 30, 2007
 - Some upcoming/recent expenses included:
 - t-shirts
 - tournaments
 - general expenses
- Task Lists from previous board meeting
 - Survey Results (George)
 - Survey conducted 2/18/08 through 2/28/08
 - Reviewed the responses from February 9 Combined Age Tournament in White Bear Lake, MN
 - 101 e-mail invites sent regarding the tournament
 - 15 responded to the survey
 - 7 of the 21 who signed up for the tournament responded
 - 10 of 11 liked the location
 - 7 of 9 thought the tournament format was OK
 - 7 of 10 were comfortable with the level of play
 - 8 of 8 would recommend the tournament to others
 - Maybe we should have both paper and e-mail survey response options. Paper could be handed out at the tournament when fresh in player's minds.
 - Recommendation was also made to create more open-ended questions for better feedback
- Club database (Lori)
 - No update at this time
 - Had intended to build off criteria set up by Jamie S. before he left the board.
- Joining the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (MCN) (Steve)
 - Michael Schroeder will check into this further. Has some experience with non-profits.

- Would enable WIN! to receive grant money

New Business

- Wallyball Season and Tournaments
 - MN Tournaments 2007 – 2008 tournaments (Steve)
 - Need to work on timing to avoid conflicts with other events (Volleyball, other Wallyball events, etc)
 - MN Wallyball league 2007 – 2008 (George/Scott)
 - George reviewed survey results taken to consider if MN (Central Courts) players wanted to have leagues with same teams, leagues with new teams, or play open wallyball on Thursday nights.
 - 24 players polled
 - 6 continue with same teams
 - 6 choose new teams
 - 6 do open play
 - Due to 3-way tie, will do 2 weeks of each response for the last 6 weeks of season
 - 2/21 - Open Play
 - 2/28 - Open Play
 - 3/6 - Rotate 1 player per team
 - 3/13 - Rotate 1 player per team
 - 3/20 - Regular teams
 - 3/27 - Regular teams for Play-offs
 - IA Wallyball league 2007 – 2008 (Bill)
 - All teams in the Iowa leagues are 4-person teams.
 - Tuesday league - 16 teams
 - Friday league - 6 teams
 - IA Tournaments for 2007 – 2008 (Bill)
 - Bill discussed the plans for remaining tournaments in Iowa for 2007-2008 season
 - Wallyball help inquiries (Steve)
 - Bismarck, ND - Looking to host a tournament where MN players can come and play
 - Maryland - Want to buy nets like those used in Iowa
 - Ohio - Set up website and looking to open tournaments beyond their state
 - Kansas City
 - Net requests - Is there a company in Iowa which produces these?
 - Media requests
 - Star Tribune - George briefly discussed how the Minneapolis Star Tribune piece came about.
 - Star Tribune writer Stephen Regenold writes articles on non-standard athletic activities.
 - Came upon the Central Courts (MN) league when searching the internet.
 - Contacted George/Scott for more information and to set up visit to try the sport.
 - January 17th was chosen as night for on-site reporter and interviews.
 - Individual interviews by Kurt Wheeler (player) and Bill Bredenbeck (club manager)
 - Play-by-play footage was taped on Thursday, January 31 by Star Tribune photographer Steve Rice. That 2-minute video was hosted on the Star Tribune website.
 - Radio interview - Steve received an inquiry from the Twin Cities KSTP 1500 (talk radio) after the Star Tribune piece was run.
 - Interview conducted by phone to Steve Fuhrman.
 - Show hosted by Willy and Jay from KSTP 1500.
 - Covered by history of wallyball, including the Minnesota flavor.
 - Interview posted on the WIN! website.
 - New video/audio conferencing capability (Steve)
 - 2 teleconferencing units purchased via a donation to the organization.
 - SKYPE is the application/system being used for free VOIP (Voice Over Internet Protocol) calling
 - The WIN! server located at Steve's data center will host all meetings, documentation, graphics, videos, etc.
 - New board member (Lori/Steve)
 - Lynne Nelson has been elected to the WIN! board as of 3/9/2008.
 - Lynne's bio:
 - I'm originally from a very tiny town in the northwestern corner of Minnesota called Lancaster. Seven and a half years ago in the fall of 2000 I moved to the Twin Cities to attend college at the University of Minnesota. I graduated in 2005 with a B.A. in

Journalism and Art (emphasis in photography). While a student I was involved with student government including various committee appointments as well as holding a seat on the College of Liberal Arts Student Board.

Currently, I live in Roseville, MN, and work full time at the University of Minnesota in administration for the College of Liberal Arts. I also work part time at the Target Center supervising the box office during events.

I've played sport ever since the 3rd grade starting out with just basketball and progressing to both basketball and volleyball by early high school. It wasn't until 2005 that I discovered wallyball when a friend of a friend invited me to play a couple of times. Then a year later I decided I wanted to play regularly. After about two years I now play anywhere from 1-3 nights a week.

- WIN! is looking for more board members. Our maximum is 21 members.
- Travel reimbursement policy (Lori/Steve)
 - Lori reviewed the new recommended WIN! travel reimbursement policy
 - Executive Board must approve all reimbursements BEFORE the expenses occur.
 - Voted and approved 3 - 0
 - George motioned to approve
 - Bill 2nd
- NIRSA (Steve)
 - Should we continue membership? Cost is \$400 per year.
 - Benefits include access to colleges and their programs
 - Steve to get back to the rest of the board with pros/cons for membership so we can vote whether to continue in NIRSA or not.
- Upcoming bills (Steve)
 - URL for WIN! (www.wally.ball.net) recently paid for the next year (\$143.99)
 - Get WIN! corporate phone number (replacing Steve's personal 612-581-7718 number)
- Eldridge Rec under new owners/grand opening in Oct./Wallyball clinic during tournament (Bill)
 - Bill reported the new ownership is working out well
 - Better turnaround for requests to use the facility
- Taxes and donations to non-profits (Lori)
 - 5013c vs. Non-Profit - Steve to discuss further with Michael Schroeder
- Committee for requesting grant monies (Lori/Steve)
 - Maybe we can set one up? Michael and Lynne as members?
- Status of AUWP/????? (Steve)
 - Gone.
- WIN! logo (Lori)
 - Need to finalize it for our website and business cards
- Feedback on new WIN! t-shirts (Lori)
 - The new shirts have the WIN! logo on the front and nothing on the backs
 - Only offered in Iowa at a recent tournament so far
 - Not much negative feedback from those who have/seen them
 - T-shirt committee should review
- Nominations for new board members (All)
 - Remember to continue to make them. Spread the word for others interested they can become a board member.
- Other items of interest
 - Request from wallyball player: Don't mix intermediate/advanced divisions during round robin (Lori)
 - Tournament flyer should specify divisions can be mixed if not enough teams entered.
 - Set up a template for all future tournament flyers which includes level of play expectations (Steve)

Adjourned Meeting at 10:27 pm CST.