



**Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports, USA  
Executive Board of Directors Meeting  
September 12, 2012**

**7:00 – 9:30pm EST**

**Present:** Deb Armento, Ralph Armento, Gregg Baumgarten, Mike Burns, Barbara Chambers, Tommy Chasanoff, Paul DePace, Jessica Galli, Phil Galli, Darlene Hunter, Cindy Housner, Denise Hutchins, Glen O'Sullivan  
**Absent:**

**1. Call to order by Barbara Chambers, Chair**

**2. August 7, 2012 Minutes:** Tommy moved to pass the August 2012 minutes. Glen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**3. Chair's Report:** Barbara Chambers reported.

- a. **Membership Discount Discussion:** Because of the confusion regarding the motion presented by Denise via email RE: Paralympic Special (Membership), Barb requested that the Board table the motion and continue discussion during tonight's BOD meeting. Denise said that she feels the time has passed and she would like to rescind the motion. Ralph said that he is not opposed to the idea but he does not want to reduce the membership price. He would rather that an announcement be sent out that lets members know that they can purchase a 2013 membership starting now until March 31, 2013 for the Early Bird price of \$35. Phil voiced that he would be willing to lowering the price for new members but he does not feel it is justified to lower the price for current/renewing members. Gregg suggested a letter be sent out congratulating all of the Paralympians and this can be used as way to get members for 2013. Jessie questioned how a promotion to new members would be sent out since the mailing list is for current members. Cindy feels there would be a good number of individuals that would be new members and would benefit from this promotion. She suggested we reach out to potential members through the RSOs and via other disabled sport organizations. Phil said he thinks Gregg's idea of a letter congratulating Paralympians is a good idea. Jessie asked for the term "new" member be defined. Denise would like to amend her original proposal to state that a promotional membership be offered to new members at the cost of \$30. A new member is anyone that was not a full member in 2012. Phil 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Phil amended this proposal to include a deadline of November 31, 2012. Motion carried.
- b. **National Delegates Assembly (NDA):** The NDA is scheduled October 11-14 in Rochester, Minnesota. Due to her work obligations Barb will not be able to be in Minnesota until late on the 12<sup>th</sup>, after the BOD meeting and Opening Session. Denise, as Vice Chair, will preside over both. There has been some schedule "rearranging" to accommodate Committee requests. A Board Reports Mailing was sent out 9/4, with BOD reports due to Ralph from everyone by the end of business October 3, 2012. Elections committee and Voting procedures: Refer to Deb and Denise. Barb reminded the group that all Board members must submit a report. Ralph asked Gregg if all RSOs are aware that they need to submit a report. This sparked a conversation about the RPO proposal.
- c. **Hall of Fame:** The results of the balloting for Hall of Fame confirmed Mikel Vandello, Mike Ward, and Gerry & Gwenna Hermann as candidates for induction into the Wheelchair & Ambulatory Sports USA Hall of Fame. HOF Induction Ceremony will take place at the NDA in Rochester, Saturday night (10/13). Two candidates will be inducted: Mikel Vandello and Mike Ward. Gerry and Gwenna will be inducted at the 2013 NJDC, during the Closing Awards Banquet. The HOF committee will provide for the inductees' travel and Saturday night lodging. Cindy motioned to formally confirm these four candidates. Tommy 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.
- d. **2013 IWAS Jr. World Games:** IWAS requested that a preliminary "intent" report be sent as to USA attendance at the 2013 IWAS Junior World Championships to be held in Puerto Rico. Based on the interest surveys collected at this year's NJDC, Barb reported to IWAS that the US will have a team of 20 to 25 (depending on verification of performance) with a staff of 5 to 6. The USA will have competitors in Archery, Track & Field (ambulatory and wheelchair), and swimming. Barb said some athletes have indicated that they would like to powerlift, but Barb is not sure if they will make the standards. I have one male athlete interested in para-triathlon. All applications for athletes and staff have been prepared and are ready to be distributed pending BOD approval and posting of qualifying standards (to be available on the WASUSA website) and timeline (from IWAS).

**4. Immediate Past Chair's Report:** Paul DePace reported.

- a. **IWAS & CPISRA:** IWAS signed an interim memorandum of understanding with CPISRA while the two groups were in London at the Paralympic Games.



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- b. US Olympic & Paralympic Assembly:** Paul will be attending the US Olympic & Paralympic Assembly next week in Colorado Springs, CO.
- 5. Vice Chair's Report:** Denise Hutchins reported.

  - a. 2012 Paralympic Games:** The past three weeks Denise has been involved with the London 2012 Paralympics as an Athletics Classifier for the Physical Disabilities, working with classifiers from South Africa, Australia, Algeria, Greece, Japan, Great Britain, and Canada. They had the opportunity to develop two policies for clarification on processes, which should assist all classifiers to perform the parts of classification consistently. There was great competition at the event with over 90 world records in the track and field events.
  - b. NDA:** Denise is serving on the Nominating Committee with Deb and Tommy. She noted that one of the issues that has come up in past discussions regarding voting at the NDA has been the use of proxy voting. This will be an issue to discuss for future NDA as the ByLaws specifically state: Section 3. Procedures. (A) Unless replaced by a duly recognized alternate, a delegate must be present to cast his/her vote. (B) A delegation representing any member organization may split its votes, pro or con, on any question. However, an individual delegate may not split his/her votes on any question. (C) Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. Denise will continue to work with Debbie and Tommy as the Nominating Committee for the NDA to assure we have the slate of voting for the positions which are up for election at the meeting. Debbie said that the idea of proxy votes should be discussed and evaluated. Barb asked that a procedure be written for this change.
- 6. Treasurer's Report:** Mike Burns reported. Mike shared the current financial report along with the 2011 Tax Return document with the Board.
- 7. Office Report:** Ralph Armento reported

  - a. ADF Accounts:** Ralph would like someone to entertain a motion for a time-filing limit for fund requests. He recently received receipts from 2009 for an ADF account holder. He said it was time consuming to go back to verify that the receipts had not previously been submitted. This topic was discussed on a previous call but no motion was made. **Mike motioned to create a time-filing limit for ADF reimbursements to 12 months following the date of purchase. Phil 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.** Ralph will let all current ADF account holders aware of this change. Additionally, an announcement to the general membership will be made.
  - b. CFC:** WASUSA is submitting a 2013 application for CFC.
  - c. NDA:** Ralph reminded the Board to register for the upcoming NDA. Ralph is going to make all committee reports available to attendees either on a CD or a thumbdrive.
  - d. Background Checks:** Ralph recently reviewed the background checks done by WASUSA in 2012. Only 15 were done this past year. Ralph is concerned as to why clubs and programs aren't doing them. He wonders whether this is really a club benefit. Darlene said she doesn't think background checks are a requirement in the state of Texas right now. Debbie said she feels as an organization that runs junior programming it is a benefit. Darlene suggested that one free background check be given as a benefit to clubs.
  - e. TEAMS Conference:** The 2012 Conference will be held in Detroit. Ralph wants to know whether anyone is interested in attending on behalf of WASUSA. Barb said with increased interest in NJDC it may be okay to skip the 2012 meeting and attend again in 2013.
  - f. MOU with US Fencing:** Ralph recently learned that WASUSA's point of contact at US Fencing is no longer with the organization. Barb had signed the MOU on behalf of WASUSA; however, US Fencing has not yet signed the document. Ralph will begin working the new individual at US Fencing to get this completed.
  - g. Level 1-3 Sanctioning:** Jennifer Johnson is going to work with individuals USATT to complete the table tennis portion of the sanctioning document. Ralph wants to know whether the document should be handed out at NDA. Barb said that she believes it should be handed out.



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**8. Committee Reports**

**a. Junior Committee:** Deb Armento reported.

- i. **NJDC:** Debbie mailed a thank you to William Gilbane for his continued support for the Jr. Program/NJDC and informed him of next year's location. She has met with Trish to continue to work on the NJDC manual. This will be given to Ben in MN as a guide for them to run their event. She has also been in contact with the new LOC team and has sent several spreadsheets and updated information to them already.
- ii. **NDA:** Deb has contacted Sean and Mike from Iowa and invited them to join WASUSA for one day during NDA. They are going to try to join for part of the time. Darlene asked if Iowa would agree to host the 2013 NDA and have dates available at the 2012 NDA.

**b. International Competition:**

- i. **IWAS:** Deb has been working with Mike and several of our archery experts, along with GLASA, Tri-State, and Paralympic Sport Club of Tampa Bay to provide a long distance shoot for interested Jr. Archers to qualify for next year's IWAS. The results will be used to determine the standards that will be needed. She also sent an invite to Lane's group to join us and she is waiting for a response. The group's goal is to provide an opportunity across the country for free, for members of WASUSA.

**c. STCs and NGBs:**

**i. STCs:**

1. **Powerlifting:** No report given.
2. **Table Tennis:** No report given.
3. **Archery:** No report given.
4. **Swimming:** Glen O'Sullivan reported. Glen has had computer issues so has not yet had a chance to purchase Hy-Tek. He will purchase it soon. He also expressed that he will be running for reelection to the Board.

**ii. NGB's**

1. **Track and Field:** Phil Galli reported. Four US officials worked the London Paralympic Games: Jerry Clayton, Jack Todd, Dick Moss, and Jon Stephens. Phil said there were some races in London that appeared to be false starts but were not called as false starts. He is trying to understand why this happened.

**d. RSOs:** Gregg reported. Gregg said he will be the point of contact for questions for the RPO presentation.

**e. Athlete Advisory:** No report given.

**9. Old Business**

**a. Website:** Phil is going to look into changing over the website server. Darlene, Jessie and Phil have agreed to finish up work and launch the new website no later than October 1, 2012.

**b. Strategic Planning Committee:** Paul and Phil met to discuss this. Paul will be meeting with Bill Gilbane. Phil will present at the NDA.

**10. Next Meeting: National Delegates Assembly**