



**Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports, USA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**November 1 – 3, 2013**

**Friday, November 1, 2013**

**11:00am – 1:00pm CST**

**Present:** Ralph Armento, Gregg Baumgarten, Mike Burns, Melinda Chappell, Jerry Clayton, Jessica Cloy (joined at 12:15pm), Denise Hutchins, Paul Johnson

**Absent:** Deb Armento, Amie Day, Darlene Hunter, Paul DePace, Phil Galli, Glen O'Sullivan

- 1. Sportslink Conference and US Olympic & Paralympic Assembly – Gregg Baumgarten:** Gregg reported of his visits with different CVBs at the conference. They include: Ft. Wayne, IN; San Antonio, TX; Reno/Tahoe, NV; Valley Forge, PA; Grand Rapids, MI; Lansing, MI; Bloomington, IN; Tacoma, WA; Snohomish County, WA; Madison, WI; Winston Salem, MA; Lincoln, NE; and Spire Institute, OH. Gregg has sent this list to Deb.

Gregg made contact with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. Gregg believes they may be a conduit for athletic scholarships and if we provide the infrastructure. Gregg met with Kevin Cummings, Director of the National Association of State Games. The two discussed points of contacts for the over 30 state games.

Gregg met with Joe Walsh, former US Paralympics employee. Joe is looking to develop an athletic program in the Boston area called the New England Adaptive Sports Association. He plans to host a Regional competition. Gregg also met with Amy Andrews from the Dwarf Athletic Association and Jeff Jones from BlazeSports about including athletes from those disabled sport organizations in NJDC. Gregg met with Bob Foth from USA Shooting to discuss junior shooting, NRA has trailer full of air rifles and pistols that have not been used well. Melinda said that she has contacted the NRA and they will be assisting her at her Regional games. Mike talked about having a Regional circuit of shooting and then maybe incorporating the sport into NJDC or adult nationals

Gregg and Jessie met with Charlie Huebner and Julie O'Neil of US Paralympics. They talked about high performance goals and grass roots development. Gregg made argument for USP to continue to support grass roots as a way to feed into their system.

**Saturday, November 2**

**4:35 – 6:15pm CST**

**Present:** Deb Armento, Ralph Armento, Gregg Baumgarten, Mike Burns, Melinda Chappell, Jessica Cloy, Denise Hutchins, Paul Johnson

**Absent:** Jerry Clayton, Amie Day, Darlene Hunter, Paul DePace, Phil Galli, Glen O'Sullivan

- 1. 2014 Budget Discussion**

- a. Billiards:** Billiards will be removed from the WASUSA sports list. This decision is pending BoD approval at the next Board meeting.

- 2. Boccia:** Jessie asked Gregg how boccia got added to the NJDC schedule. Gregg said that while meeting with Jeff Jones (BlazeSports) and Amy Andrews (DAAA) at the US Olympic and Paralympic Assembly, Gregg expressed WASUSA's desire to expand programs to new populations. Debbie is working with the LOC to coordinator a facility, officials and volunteers for the event. She will also speak with Jeff Jones about a budget for the event and the caliber of event.

**Sunday, October 14**

**11:10am – 12:15pm CST**

**Present:** Deb Armento, Ralph Armento, Gregg Baumgarten, Melinda Chappell, Jerry Clayton, Jessica Cloy, Denise Hutchins, Paul Johnson

**Absent:** Mike Burns, Amie Day, Darlene Hunter, Paul DePace, Phil Galli, Glen O'Sullivan

- 1. IWAS 2014:** Debbie made a request for some of the endowment funds to be set aside for the 2014 IWAS Junior World Games team. Debbie will share the budget for the 2014 team with the Board. Tomie Zuchetto has been appointed as the Junior representative to the International Games Committee. Debbie will meet with Cathy Sellers to find out how many athletes she will support financially for the trip. There will be a carryover of \$10,000 from the 2013 IWAS funds. The priority for WASUSA will be to fully fund the staff for the trip. Gregg asked if a US citizenship



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question has been added to the IWAS application. Debbie said it has been added. Denise said she would like a similar question to be added to the NJDC entry form.

2. **RPO's:** Melinda said that the Eastern RPO would like to use WASUSA's 501(c)(3) status rather than designate a specific outside group to run the RPO. Mike told Melinda that it should not be a problem. Melinda will submit an official Bylaw amendment to be presented at the 2014 NDA that allows for this type of set-up for RPO's. The Eastern RPO would also like to adopt some states from the Central RPO. Tennessee and Alabama were previously a part of the Dixie region and the Eastern RPO would like to see them be a part of their region. Gregg would like the states that are interested in changing regions to write an official letter notifying the Board that they would like to move. There was discussion surrounding how this process would look. It was agreed that the process will be "Topic" to "RPO Council" to "WASUSA Board of Directors." As long as the issue is resolved at the RPO Council level, then the Board will affirm the decision made by the RPO Council.
3. **Membership:** Melinda said that there were some conversations this weekend around the increased membership price. There's been a request for discounted membership for families with multiple members. Melinda will bring up this discussion on the next BoD call.
4. **Next Meeting:** Monday, December 2, 2013 – 7pm EST.

Jerry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.