

Adaptive Sports, USA
National Delegate Assembly
October 28, 2017

Call to order 9:08am

Roll call: Denise Hutchins took roll call. In attendance:

Jerry Allred – Lakeshore Foundation
Howard Brodwin – Angel City Sports
Ken Brucato – Tri-State
Mike Burns – Adaptive Sports USA
Pam Carey – LA GUMBO
Randy Chiavaroli – Dixie
Joe Chiavaroli – Dixie
Jessie Cloy – Adaptive Track and Field USA
Janet Cobb – Guest, Janet Cobb Consulting
Amie Day – Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association
Clayton Frech – Angel City Sports
Phil Galli – Adaptive Track and Field USA
Lane Gram – City of Mesa Parks, Recreation & Commercial Facilities
Kathie Hickey – Far West Wheelchair Sports / U.S. Paralympics Classification
Cindy Housner – Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association
Denise Hutchins – Adaptive Sports USA / U.S. Paralympics Classification
Carol Keller – Challenge Foundation
Pam Navarra-Chiavaroli – Dixie
Lauren Perry – Lakeshore Foundation
Susan Rossi – Adaptive Sports USA
Sandra Searcy – Guest, National Federation of State High School Associations
Teresa Skinner – ParaSport Spokane
Tom Southall – 5280 Challenge
Tomie Zuchetto – ParaSport Spokane

Announced that all reports should have been received by all through email/drop box. All reports are considered part of these minutes.

Chairman Report: Gregg Baumgarten was late to the meeting due to illness so the Chairman report was tabled.

National Office report: Susan Rossi introduced Shelli Fazzini, the Adaptive Sports USA office manager.

Shelli: The office report was sent by Dropbox, Highlights:

New member packets suggestion; keeping track of membership is challenging; auto renew being adding.

To be referred to the BOD the issue brought up about the membership and the sanctioning fee (\$3 nonmember fee)

Newsletter being consistently sent out the last Tuesday of the month.

Pass through grants a benefit to Chapters and members.

Insurance: Reconstruction in the works, need incremental increases recommended, To be referred to the BOD.

ADF account: new this year... thank you letters were sent, statement to athlete/coach and year end statement. Network for Good will cost \$3000 per year and this can be fixed through them. To be referred to the BOD that the ADF \$25 annual fee be reinstated.

Question: does CAF grant money have to be put in an ADF account, Phil Galli said no, just others that need donation letter.

Sanctioned events for next year announced, Susan to follow up and send out list to all

Susan: **2017 Junior Nationals**, see report. Phil added that this first year Adaptive Sports partnered with USATF to add their Youth with disabilities. The survey feedback was email to BOD members and can be obtained from Jessie Cloy if desired. Fee structure may change; website will be consistent in one place. Phil announces rule changes coming, will be posted as soon as possible.

Organization Needs: Junior Nationals \$50,000 sponsorship or help raising money, Executive Director needs help with this, Need I.T. person; Need positions filled on the Adaptive Sports Board of Directors; need Archery filled.

BYLAW CHANGES 1-4:

ByLaw Change 1: Article II, Section 1(page 13)

The National Delegate Assembly (NDA) shall be composed of delegates from recognized National Governing Bodies, Sport Technical Committees, Regional Point Organizations, the Juniors Committee as well as Officers and members of the Board of Directors. Passed 21 votes

By Law Change 2: Article II, Section 3 (page 13)

Section 3. Procedures.

ADD (D) The secretary will keep the confirmed list of delegates and alternates from the NDA to be used for voting outside the meeting as described in Article VII, section 3 of these Bylaws

Section 3. Voting by Mail

(A) To accommodate voting by mail and /or electronic communication it will be required at the NDA that the delegates and alternates in attendance, who have already been confirmed by the voting membership organizations, be named as the only delegates and alternates permitted to vote by mail. The term of the voting delegates and alternates will be in effect until the time of the "call to order" for the following NDA. Proxies are not allowed to vote by mail.

Failed 5 to 4

By Law Change 3:

Section 3. Procedures. (language taken from Change 2)

ADD (D) The secretary will keep the confirmed list of delegates and alternates from the NDA to be used for voting outside the meeting as described in Article VII, section 3 of these Bylaws

Article VII, Section 4

ADD: Section 4. Delegates voting

- 1. The term of delegates shall be for one year and shall begin at the opening of the NDA.***
- 2. An annual list of delegates and alternates that meet the following criteria must be submitted fourteen(14)days prior to the NDA to the Adaptive Sports USA National Office.***
 - a. Must be 18 years of age or older***
 - b. Must be a current and active member of Adaptive Sports USA***
 - c. Must be able and willing to serve for the year in which he or she is chosen***
- 3. The duties of a delegate shall be to:***
 - a. Attend the NDA***
 - b. Know the best interest of your member organization***
 - c. Have a willingness to participate in e-voting as needed through the year.,***

All reference to proxy was removed from proposal ByLaw Change. Passed 16 to 5

By Law Change 4: Constitution Article IX, Section 2 (page 10)

Section 2. Number and Tenure.

(A) The Board of Directors shall consist of an odd number of members with a minimum of nine (9) active members. All members ~~with the exception of the Athlete Representative~~ shall be elected at the National Delegate Assembly. ~~and The Board of Directors~~ shall consist of the following:

- ~~One (1) Athlete Representative who shall have competed within the previous 10 years, elected by the current athlete membership age ~~16~~ 18 and older.~~
- ~~Eight (8) Seven (7) Members-at-Large, nominated by the Nomination Committee and elected by the delegates.~~

The four officers consisting of one Chair, one Vice-Chair, one Secretary, and one Treasurer shall be selected from within the Board of Directors by the Board of Directors. Officers will be confirmed by the delegates.

- One (1) Delegate representative

B. Nominations will be submitted through the Nomination Committee.

C. The term limit for a member of the Board shall not exceed eight consecutive years, consisting of an initial period of four (4) years and a subsequent period of four (4) years that is subject to a vote of retention by the National Delegate Assembly.

D. An individual having served his or her term limit of eight consecutive years may run for the Board again if one term, four (4) years, or more has passed since the individual last served.

E. When an individual is elected to fill a vacancy because of the resignation, removal, incapacity, or death of a Board Member, 1. if the remaining term is for less than two (2) years, then the individual's service during such shortened term shall not count towards the eight-year limitation described above; and

2. if the remaining term is for between two (2) and four (4) years, then the individual's service during such shortened term shall count as four-years towards the eight-year limitation described above.

Vote results passed 13 to 8

Bylaw Change 4: Constitution Article XI (page11-12)

Section 7. Terms of Officers.

~~(A) Officers~~ **Directors** shall be elected by a majority vote of the National Delegate Assembly and shall serve staggered terms of four years.

~~Two Directors~~ ~~The Chairperson~~ shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the National Delegate Assembly following the conclusion of the Paralympic quadrennium.

~~(A) Two Directors~~ ~~The Vice-Chairperson~~ shall be elected at the second annual meeting of the National Delegate Assembly following the conclusion of the Paralympic quadrennium.

~~(B) Two Directors~~ ~~The Secretary~~ shall be elected at the third annual meeting of the National Delegate Assembly following the conclusion of the Paralympic quadrennium.

~~(C) Two Directors~~ ~~The Treasurer~~ shall be elected at the fourth annual meeting of the National Delegate Assembly following the conclusion of the Paralympic quadrennium.

The Bylaws shall provide for such standing committees as the Board may consider necessary and may establish the number of members and tenure of all committees. Committees include but will not be limited to the Junior Committee, **Nominating committee** ~~the National Selection Committee~~ and Sport Technical Committees.

Vote results Passed 21-0

Open Position for Vice Chairperson (since BOD ByLaw change was passed, this may not be Member at Large): biography submitted by William Dunham. Motion by Denise Hutchins, Amie Day 2nd that we elect William Dunham to the BOD. Motion passed.

Open Position for Member at Large: Mark , need to hear from Nominating Committee. Decision made to refer to new nominating committee.

Open Position: Athlete Representative; Susan recommends Scott Danburg , no action taken at this time. Refer to nomination committee.

Junior committee: Debra Armento has resigned as Junior Committee Chairperson. Recommendation from the Junior Committee for Jessie Cloy as Chairperson, Gregg Baumgarten approved

Thanks to Denise Hutchins, Jerry Clayton and Amie Day for their years of service on the Adaptive Sports USA Board.

Meeting Adjourned 12:45 pm

Respectfully submitted

Pam Navarra-Chiavaroli,

Adaptive Sport USA

NDA Minute Keeper