

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TRI-STATE WHEELCHAIR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
AT BURKE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL
SATURDAY OCTOBER 23, 2010**

A. Roll Call/Board Attendees: Debbie Armento, Ralph Armento, Ken Brucato, Jimmy Cuevas, Phil Galli, Pat Redden and Trisha Yurochko

Absent: (excused): Kelly Bucchere, Shaun Bucchere, Carolynne Bethka, Jennifer Johnson, Daniel Martin

Guest: Elvis

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM.

B. Review/Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes. Phil made a motion to accept the minutes of September 11, 2010, Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Treasurer's Report: There is a current total of \$4,037.00 in the Tri-State account. Trisha has requested our apportionment of the WASUSA dues fee from Mike Burns, Treasurer. Trisha has paid Ken \$150 representing the Tri-State delegate apportionment for NDA. The remaining monies are due to Trisha and Ralph upon receipt of eligible bills. Ralph motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Chairperson's Report: Ken spoke about some of the topics brought up at NDA. Included in his report was a synopsis of the RSO meetings, updated WASUSA strategic plan inclusion of the intellectually disabled (20s) and that Ralph had temporarily assumed the duties of the WASUSA office in view of Kelli Kellen's resignation.

E. Old Business

1. WASUSA Office News

- **Strategic Plan Update:** Phil discussed the fact that it had been awhile since WASUSA (then it was Wheelchair Sports, USA) reviewed and updated its strategic plan. Phil discussed the makeup of the planning committee, goals and projected timeline.
- **WTFUSA:** Phil and Debbie discussed some of the changes incorporated into the 2011 WTFUSA rulebook. Most notably,
 - Javelin throws by the U17s and U20s can no longer count if they land "flat"
 - The sponge discus is being replaced by a .75k discus
 - Elimination of the softball throw. The U11s will now be able to throw a 1k shot.
 - The club throw will be for only 31s, 32s and 51s
 - The elimination of a separate field class for the discus. All field classes will be uniform.

Debbie and Phil noted that field clinics will be set up in order to educate both athletes and coaches as to the proper technique of throwing the new implements.

2. RSO Name Change: It was discussed whether or not we should table this to a later date. Ralph motioned to table the discussion, Trisha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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3. **Background Checks:** Ralph mentioned that as a result of WASUSA BOD discussion, we are currently suspended from doing background checks due to an outstanding invoice from WASUSA. Ralph will call John Miller (our account executive) to clear this up. We are expected to be able to start doing Tri-State background checks at the beginning of 2011, Questions regarding “red light/green light” have been addressed in the policies and procedures manual.
4. **NJDC:** Debbie confirmed that the 2011 NJDC will be held July 16 – July 23 in Saginaw, MI. Debbie mentioned that, starting with the 2011 NJDC, all potential officials will have to apply for a position. Each official will be evaluated on their qualifications, references, and past performance. Debbie will be working with their staff to produce an online registration.
5. **Tri-State Reunion:** At NDA, several of us informally spoke with Andy Chasanoff. As a key founding member of the NJWAA, he said that he would definitely be interested in attending; however, it was noted that he felt that the event should be more than just a dinner. He felt that we should consider planning a weekend around the main event; possibly at the Jersey Shore.

F. New Business

1. **Tri-State Games/Venue:** Trisha, Debbie and Ralph are planning to meet with Tatiana Rodriguez from JFK in order to discuss meet details and site.
2. **Icahn Stadium:** Jimmy and Phil discussed the benefits of having a track and field meet at the facility. It was agreed that Icahn is a first class facility. Jimmy produced a list of facility costs. It was discussed and agreed that if we are going to produce an event there, we will need financial assistance from another source. The NYC Parks and Recreation Department was mentioned (Victor Calise). Since some of us will be at the Amazing Leaders Conference in NYC in November, we will approach Victor to explore the options.
3. **Meet applications/Forms Standardization:** Trisha and Ralph will work on the forms once the rulebooks have been approved and finalized.
4. **Comments from the Floor:** Since Toni Boelsen and John McCarthy (Burke BOD) could not make the meeting, Ralph will reschedule to talk about Burke @White Plains HS (mondo track) next year.
5. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM. Next meeting scheduled on January 15, 2011 at Jersey City.

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Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary

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