



**Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports, USA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**July 9, 2014**

Present: Gregg Baumgarten, Denise Hutchins, Jerry Clayton, Paul Johnson, Phil Galli, Amie Stanton, Debbie Armento, Darlene Hunter, Jessie Coy

1. Veterans Administration Grant- Mike presented information regarding a pending grant from the VA, for which we have been told WASUSA is in good contention to receive funding. the deadline for application for this federal grant is August 15. There had been previous discussion with DSUSA regarding a collaborative grant proposal. When the parameters of the grant came out yesterday with a \$500,000 maximum, it was decided to not pursue that, but rather to proceed with our specific grant for funding addressing further development of our target sports, training for all sports (coaches/classifiers/officials) and funding for competitions. We will continue discussion with DSUSA for the use of support letters between the two organizations presentations to assure the VA that the two organizations will be working together to assure that all areas of the sport (winter/summer/ recreation/competition) are addressed between the two grant proposals. Part of this grant will include the fact that WASUSA will be presenting 5-7 subgrants to our member organizations and sanctioned meets.
2. Strategic Planning needs  
Sport/Technical – Denise Hutchins explained her expanded role as Vice Chairman to now assist in overseeing the sport and technical aspects of the organization including but not limited to Sport Technical Committees, NJDC, and sanctioned meet development. This expansion of role was established to assist in the further development of each of these areas with assistance of the board. With further expansion of the STC/ regional reps the STC will be able to assist in the strategic plan goals to develop X types of sports, the STC will be directed to set up the budget and plan to direct the organization in how to reach that goal.
3. NDA will be held Nov 6-9,2014 at the Crown Plaza at the Phoenix Airport, with train transport from the airport to station across the street from the hotel Room costs will be \$99/night  
-Possible key note presentation pending final costs of presenter: “How to use on-line and social media tools to develop non-profit marketing” This was a presenter recommended by Phil Galli, Cindy Housner and Gregg B from a presentation they had heard earlier this year.  
-Other topics recommended to be included in this years meeting to assist in addressing issue from our members include: Meet directors forum, RPO forum (how to best utilize resources within the RPO to serve all its chapters and develop more chapters), Sport Technical Committee forum including the further development of the committees with regional representatives of each sport for how to address issues in the regions specific to each sport. Topic of How to find a local coach was felt to be a better topic for a clinic at NJDC
4. Primavera update- Mike Mushett presented that the survey to the members will be going out this week. WASUSA provided the email listing to Primavera under a non-disclosure agreement. The next step will be for Primavera to provide the board with a 4 hour presentation of their findings and recommendations. The EC felt that this would best be done as a teleconference or webinar format in two 2 hour sessions. Darlene suggested encouraging members attending NJDC to complete the surveys while they are there. Amie volunteered to spend time July 10 in the lobby where there is access to hotel computers to have athletes , parents etc to sit down for 10 minutes to complete the survey for us.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm