



**Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports, USA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 8, 2014**  
**7:00pm – 10:15pm EST**

**Present:** Deb Armento, Ralph Armento, Gregg Baumgarten, Mike Burns, Melinda Chappell, Jerry Clayton, Jessica Cloy, Amie Day, Phil Galli, Darlene Hunter, Denise Hutchins, Paul Johnson, Mike Mushett,

**Absent:** Paul DePace, Glen O'Sullivan

**Guests:** Jeannine Hansen (Primavera), Sarah Eder (Primavera)

1. **Call to order by Gregg Baumgarten, Chair**
2. **Primavera Presentation:** Mike M. opened the meeting with an overview of the Purpose of the Primavera Survey and Recommendations. He then introduced Jeannine Hansen and Sarah Eder from Primavera who presented a PowerPoint presentation through WebEx. Jeannine and Sarah and recapped the work that they had conducted on behalf of WASUSA. Following the presentation of the survey and interview results, and the overall recommendations provided by Primavera, Mike M. then outlined the Next Steps for the organization. Discussion followed. Jeannine and Sarah reported that the PowerPoint presentation will be forwarded to the Board members. Discussion ended at 8:35pm EST. Jeannine and Sarah left the meeting.
3. **April, June, & July 2014 Minutes:** Jerry motioned to approve the minutes from 4/16/14, 6/25/14, and 7/9/14. Denise 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.
4. **Primavera Discussion:** Mike Mushett led a discussion regarding the Primavera report presented to the Board earlier in the meeting. Jerry suggested a core group be identified to review the 10 “take-away’s” and “next steps” recommended within Primavera’s report and help to prioritize those items and identify individuals/groups to work on each of those steps. Mike M., Jessie, Darlene, Jerry and Phil will work together to help identify individuals outside of WASUSA that could serve as Chairs of the sub-groups that will serve as working groups. This group will also review the items recommended by Primavera and bring a priority recommendation to the Board. Amie discussed a woman she knows that is very interested in getting involved with WASUSA. Darlene offered to add this individual to the Marketing Committee. Amie said the woman is also interested in running for the Secretary position on the Board of Directors.
5. **Chair’s Report:** Gregg Baumgarten reported.
  - a. **National Delegates Assembly and National Leadership Summit:** Gregg has heard a lot of buzz around our Leadership Summit. Gregg led a discussion around adding Board members with specific skillsets. Denise motioned to expand the number of member-at-large positions on the Board of Directors from one to three and those additional positions must meet specific skills as recommended by the Primavera report. Phil 2<sup>nd</sup>. The core group examining the recommendations from the Primavera report will make determine the skill sets needed. Phil asked if the motion could be tabled until the core group makes recommendations on skill sets. Motion tabled until a recommendation to the Board is received from the core group of Mike M., Jessie, Darlene, Jerry and Phil. Deb asked about committee support to the NDA. Phil said that WTFUSA will be offering its members \$250 in travel, 2 x ½ night stay, and the registration fee. It was stated that Board members that are not members of a committee have traditionally been supported in a similar manner to attend the NDA.
6. **Executive Director Report:** No report given.
7. **International Liaison Report:** No report given.
8. **Vice Chair’s Report:** No report given.
9. **Treasurer’s Report:** No report given.
10. **Office Report:** No report given.
11. **Committee Reports**
  - a. **International Games Committee:** No report submitted.



**Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports, USA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 8, 2014**  
**7:00pm – 10:15pm EST**

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

- i. **2014 NJDC:** An update will be in full detail for NDA. Deb reported that there was an increase in athlete participation by over 20%. The feedback was great and positive. Deb is still working with the LOC to close out these Games.
- ii. **2015 NJDC:** There are three possible bid cities for the 2015 NJDC. The first is Dayton, Ohio. Deb has been in contact with Ron Eiferf from the Dayton Conventions and Visitor Bureau. Deb has sent him several documents that were filled with answers to Ron's questions regarding how to run NJDC. Jessie and Trisha Yurochko, two members on the Junior Committee, have been copied on every email and Deb has updated them both via phone conversations. Deb is awaiting Ron's response following his discussions with his Board. The second bid city is in Puerto Rico. Jimmy Cuevas offered to go back to Puerto Rico to the site of the 2013 IWAS World Junior Games. There are numerous concerns with this bid, however, that are making a commitment to this city problematic. Also, Deb never received a formal bid from Puerto Rico but rather just an email expressing interest. The third bid is from New Jersey. There is a group of individuals who have been talking about helping out with NJDC only if Dayton, Ohio falls through. A firm commitment is still needed from some Tri-State members. The group is meeting this week to discuss WASUSA's needs. Ralph and Deb checked out one hotel just in case and to be ready.
- iii. **2016/2017 NJDC:** Deb received a bid from both Lincoln, Nebraska and Atlanta, Georgia to host in 2016. Gregg, Jerry, and Deb have conducted separate site visits to Lincoln. Deb will have a detailed report on Lincoln for the Junior Committee and the Board when everyone meets at NDA. Deb has had numerous conversations Jeff Jones, BlazeSports, regarding the Atlanta bid. The Junior Committee has reviewed the Atlanta. Deb, Trisha and Jessie are meeting with Jeff via conference call tomorrow evening to discuss the bid.
- iv. **2018 NJDC:** Deb recently got a call from New Orleans and they are very interested in hosting NJDC. The city is building a new sports venue and wants to host NJDC at this venue. Deb has been in contact with them several times. This contact was initiated by Pam Carey.

**c. Marketing Committee:** No report given.

**d. Strategic Planning:** No report given.

**e. Governance Committee:** No report given.

**f. STCs and NGBs:**

**i. STCs:**

- 1. **Archery:** No report given.
- 2. **Powerlifting:** No report given.
- 3. **Swimming:** No report given.
- 4. **Table Tennis:** No report given.

**ii. NGB's**

- 1. **Track and Field:** No report given.

**12. Regional Point Organizations:**

**a. Western RPO:** No report given.

**b. Central RPO:** No report given.



**Wheelchair and Ambulatory Sports, USA**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**September 8, 2014**  
**7:00pm – 10:15pm EST**

c. **Eastern RPO:** No report given.

**13. New Business**

a. **National Delegates Assembly and National Leadership Summit:** Gregg has heard a lot of buzz around our Leadership Summit.

**14. Motion to Adjourn:** Melinda motioned to adjourn the meeting. Darlene 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

**15. Next Meeting:**