

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TRI-STATE WHEELCHAIR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
PHONE CONFERENCE MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2, 2010**

Board Attendees: Debbie Armento, Ralph Armento, Carolynne Bethka, Ken Brucato, Jimmy Cuevas, Phil Galli, Jennifer Johnson, Pat Redden

Absent (excused): Daniel Martin, Trisha Yurochko

Absent (unexcused): Kelly Bucchere, Shaun Bucchere

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM. Roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes: Pat moved to accept the minutes from December 12, 2009. Debbie seconded. The vote to accept the minutes was unanimous. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report (abbreviated): Trisha reported to Ralph that the balance in the TSWAA account as of 12/31/2009 was \$ 4,016.73. Carolynne motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Pat seconded. The vote to accept the Treasurer's Report was unanimous. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report: Ken advised us that, as a result of a school project, he created a Facebook page for TSWAA. It was generally agreed to keep the page temporarily active and monitor the communications for the next few months. Ken will also contact Kelly, as she has also developed a Facebook page.

Tri-State Reunion - Ken and Ralph communicated that a site has been chosen (which is New Jersey City State University). The reunion will take place on Saturday, March 20, 2010 in their multipurpose room. It will serve as both the reunion and annual meeting. Although the banquet room will cost \$400.00 to rent, a conference room (for the annual meeting) is included in the fee. As a result of Ken's connection with the university, this is a 33% savings over the normal fee. The banquet facility can hold a little over 200 people. It was generally agreed that we need to keep the price down. Consequently, we will be going with the cold buffet luncheon at \$14.95/person. Ken will determine if we have to pay for parking. It was generally agreed that we should keep the price to \$20.00. Carolynne motioned that Tri-State pay a maximum of \$400.00 to help defray the cost of the ancillary fees (room rental, DJ, etc.) Phil seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

With regard to the reunion/annual meeting program, the following was discussed:

- Pat will contact Joan Wheeler for pictures and invitees will be asked to scan and send their old photos of Tri-State events to Debbie.
- Jimmy agreed to work on a Powerpoint presentation.
- Board members were asked to send their suggestions for individuals to receive "special Tri-State awards" to Ken
- Phil will ask Bart Stawicki if he would D.J. We will offer Bart a small fee (i.e. \$50 and/or offer to pay for the Stawicki's meals.
- All members should continue to collect emails addresses of old members and forward them to Debbie
- Ken will work with Danny in determining the board election slate.
- Carolynne and Jennifer will work on a sports/recreational information packet to be handed out at the event

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Update on D&O Insurance: Application has been submitted to New England Insurance Professionals for pricing.

Background Checks Update: A letter was sent last week for all board members to apply. Ken asked us to complete ASAP. Letters will go out to the head coaches shortly.

IRS Update: Omitted

Update on WASUSA: Debbie informed the board that, with the resignation of Arleen Sand, she had been approached by WASUSA to head up the Junior Committee. Debbie had accepted and is now working with the Junior Committee, NJDC personnel and Cindy Housner/LOC on the 2010 games in Chicago.

Phil acknowledged the contributions by both Arleen and Randy Chiavaroli. He stated that he had been involved with transferring the equipment inventory, which is now in the possession of Kelly Behlmann in St. Louis. He procured Barry Ewing to donate a weight bench to WASUSA and to retrofit our Tri-State weight bench. Ken had the idea of sending a note from Tri-State; thanking Arleen for all she has done.

Phil also advised us that there are a number of changes in the WTFUSA Rule book. These will be summarized when the new rule book is printed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM. The next meeting will be our annual meeting at Jersey City State University at 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 20, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph C. Armento
Secretary