

WSPA
Annual Board Meeting
July 23, 2016
Oconomowoc, WI

Minutes from meeting: 07-23-16
Called to Order 11:08am

Officers Present: Ron Crom, Gregg Andler, Kim Silber, Jeff Martin, Beth Voskuil

League Operators Present: Dean Roeseler, Dana Jarman, Heidi Hyde, Paul Hauser

Players Present: Marc Rasmussen, Shelly Benson

A Copy of the 2015 Minutes were passed around. Jeff M. motioned to accept minutes, Gregg A. 2nd, unanimous

Copies of the 2015 Financial report was passed around. Gregg A. motioned to approve the minutes, Kim S. 2nd, unanimous

John Lewis of the ACS presented a check to the WSPA in the amount of \$1994, which for every player that sanctioned with ACS and WSPA, WSPA received \$2 from ACS. ACS membership has been increasing steadily.

Upcoming ACS tournaments:

- October 15 – 18, 2016, Davenport, Iowa
- November 3 – 6, 2016, WI ACS Tournament
- January 17 – 21, 2017, ACS Midwest Tournament
- May 13 – 20, 2017, ACS National Tournament (Las Vegas)

WSPA -

2017 Singles Event – Will take place in Oconomowoc, WI on January 26 – 29th, 2017. Event will take place at Olympia Resort and Spa.

2017 Team Event – Will take place in Oshkosh, WI on March 30 – April 2, 2017. Event will take place at Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center.

2018 Singles Event – To be determined yet.

2018 Team Event – To be determined yet.

Discussions:

9 Ball will be changed for the 2017 tournament.

Players must call the 9 ball (or 10 ball) for the final shot. No slop on the last shot.

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Male players in the Master and AA division will play 10 Ball.
Male players in the A and B divisions will still play 9 Ball.
Women M/A and B divisions will still play 9 Ball.

Dress Code – There will be no changes in the dress code at this point. Dress code will be strictly followed unless a medical excuse is provided.

Referees CAN NOT point something out during a match. If there is a dress code issue, team must be notified before each player's first game. Once a player starts shooting, a dress code violation cannot be called. If a player is running late for a match, before he/she starts his/her game, violation must be called, otherwise match continues as is.

Ratings for the 2017 Tournaments – WSPA will use the MPS ratings for players requesting rating changes. Bonde system may be gone in the future and we will discuss then if we will start using the Fargo ratings (A BCA rating system).

Neighboring states sanctioning and playing in the WSPA State Tournament – Ron would like to open WSPA up to neighboring states to help them start their own independent organizations. John Lewis feels Illinois would not do this due to the presence of ACS in the state. He feels the only reason to do it is to make the WI tournament larger. WSPA will check with league operators that operate in Wisconsin, near the border, to see if this would affect their leagues. Player ranking would also be an issue for players from outside of WI. WSPA would have to rely on LO to place players in the correct divisions.

For right now, nothing will change. Will be tabled for next year to possibly consider if the LO is based in WI, or at least 1 bar playing in WI, teams from other bars in that league that are not in WI are able to play in the tournament.

Raising sanction fees – For the 2017-2018 league year, sanction fees will be increased to \$10 per player. Gregg A. made a motion to raise to \$10 in 2017 with adding an additional \$5,000 to the prize fund for the tournament. Dean R. 2nd, Passed unanimously. In 2017, there will be a guaranteed \$35,000 added.

For this year's tournament, the WSPA will contract for more tables so we will have enough to run minis and 2nd chance tournaments.

There was discussion about moving the tournament back to 1 week, starting on a Wednesday and finishing on a Sunday. Some LO's would like to see it moved back to 1 week instead of split singles and teams. 2016 Tournament numbers were down 12% for the singles event that was held in Wausau, WI. A large majority of WSPA players are from the south east corner of the state. We will take a look at this year's tournament in Oshkosh to see if we have comparable numbers. Some issues with 1 week are not many large enough venues available to hold the tournament, Wausau is ok for size, but far for the southern leagues, and not sure on the future of the Olympia Hotel. WSPA board members will be checking into some other places for 2018. (Shopko Hall in Green Bay, Wausau, Oshkosh or Oconomowoc)

Sponsorships for 2018:

ACS – To be determined, Miller/Coors \$5,000, McDermott - \$5,000

Meeting Adjourned: 12:32 pm, Motioned by Dean R., 2nd by Gregg A., unanimous.