

WSPA
Annual Board Meeting
July 13, 2014
Oconomowoc, WI

Minutes from meeting: 07-13-14
Called to Order 12:09 pm

Officers Present: Ron Crom, Gregg Andler, Kim Silber, Jeff Martin, Jim Hartl, Beth Voskuil, Chris Bonde, Dean Roeseler

League Operators Present: Andy Nikolai, Bill Guthmon, Dana Jarman, Tommy Lloyd, Steve Silber, Jill Nickel, Heidi Hyde, Ed Ninke, Judy Ninke, Paul Hauser, Brent Lucas

Players Present: Jon Kent, Connie O'Heron, Joe O'Heron, Lisa Vanusek-Hartl, Marc Rasmussen

Copies of 2013 Minutes were passed out and Copy of financial report was passed out. No discussion on the minutes. Gregg motioned to accept minutes, Steve Silber 2nd, unanimous

General discussion –

Connie O'Heron asked if the WSPA had any affiliation with the National BCA at this time. There is no affiliation. Tom Lubus dissolved the WIBCACL in 2007, which was unknown to the members; the WSPA has filed all necessary paperwork to change the name from WIBCACL to WSPA and will retain the non-profit status we attained as the WIBCACL in 2013.

Tommy Lloyd asked if the WSPA retain an attorney at this time and if they need to in the future, where would the funds come for it. The WSPA does not retain an attorney. An attorney was consulted when the name of the organization was switched from WIBCACL to WSPA. Funds were used from the remaining budget. At this point, the WSPA does not see a need to retain an attorney.

Steve Silber asked if anyone else had received any strange phone calls from people inquiring about how the leagues were run. He had received 2 different calls looking for information. No one else had received any at this time.

Tommy Lloyd asked if the board felt there would be any recourse against any of the players going to the National BCA tournament next year that decided to dual sanction BCACL and WSPA. The board members who were going to play in this year's tournament were told they would not be able to play. Judy Ninke sanctioned her league this summer with the BCACL and wasn't asked about the WSPA. The board does not think there will be any problems for the players.

Heidi Hyde runs a summer league and got a lot of questions regarding both the WSPA and BCACL. It was found that the majority of players want to play leagues to go to the State Tournament, not the National Tournament. The players do prefer the lower sanction fee of \$8.

Tommy Lloyd asked if the final matches could be printed somewhere so it is easier for people to see how others have done as opposed to looking it up on the computer each time. The board will look into having paper charts to follow for the final brackets next year.

The board is finding it is hard to reach players with new information. The website is being kept up to date, a Facebook page has been started, and board members are contacting League Operators to answer questions.

The WSPA is looking into starting a leisure division at the state tournament for the weaker players. More information to follow on this.

The minimum requirements for leagues were discussed. As the website states, once a league is approved, the league can sanction some divisions, but it does not have to sanction all divisions. A division consists of one schedule.

Old Business – The results of the 2013 tournament can be found at <http://tournaments.wspapool.com/> and the brackets from the tournament can be found at www.MPApool.com under the results tab.

There were some issues with the software that was used at the 2013 Wisconsin State Tournament. It was very confusing to some players when they made it to the end of their bracket and didn't realize they were moved to a final bracket. The software will be changed to make sure it is shown on the monitors that they move to a different bracket.

Tony Upchurch's rating was changed from a B to A based on known ability. This was missed after the last tournament.

Election of Officers:

Chris Bonde resigned. Gregg Andler, Beth Voskuil and Jeff Martin seeking re-election, running unopposed. Andy Kunz was seeking the Chris Bonde's position, but withdrew his request 1 hour before the meeting began. 3rd trustee spot will be left vacant at this time, the board will assign someone to that spot if needed, as per the bylaws. The spot will be open for election again in summer of 2015. Gregg motioned for himself, Beth and Chris to be re-elected. Ron 2nd, Unanimous.

Financial Report was read by Beth V. Jeff M. motioned to accept financial report, Gregg 2nd, Unanimous.

2015 Singles Events – Will take place in Oconomowoc, WI, on January 29th, 2015 thru February 1st, 2015. Olympia Resort will give \$7,000 toward prize money added to the event and the city of Oconomowoc will give \$2,000 to the event.

2015 Team event location and date has not been decided yet. Board is looking into Madison, Eau Claire, and Oconomowoc for next year. Chula Vista will not be considered again due to extra costs of facility, shuttle and parking. 23,000 sq. feet of space is needed for a combined tournament, Dean will be checking into a few other locations such as Madison Marriot West and the Patriot Center.

Board asked League Operators their opinions about splitting tournament and most thought it should be combined. Dean will look at having a combined tournament in January at Olympia.

Costs of running tournament on 2 weekends is higher, but Olympia may donate more money based on 2 weekends instead of 1. Splitting the tournament into 2 weekends opens up more venues for choices based on the fact that we wouldn't need as many tables to operate so we do not need such a large space.

League Operators would like to see the WSPA tournament dates kept away from the WAMO dates to keep costs down for sending players. Board will take that into consideration.

Sanctioning Pool Tours – This will not happen this year, it will be tabled and looked at again next year.

Sanctioning Payment Deadlines:

For Summer leagues, initial payment must be in by August 15th, while subs can be added after.

For Fall leagues, initial payment must be in by October 31st, while subs can be added after.

This year the board will look at creating a player rating committee to help build a relationship between league operators and the board. Board will take applications thru Facebook. Coming soon.

For the 2015 WSPA tournament, the Senior Singles will be handicapped. The races will be as follows: AA – 6, A – 5, B – 4. No master players allowed. This event will run during the other singles events and players will only be allowed to play in either 8 ball singles or the senior event. Walk-ins will be accepted for this event. Players must be over 50 years old to play in the senior event.

Working with the ACS – The ACS has proposed to pay the WSPA \$1 per sanctioned WI player for advertisement space on the website. Tommy Lloyd motioned that we revisit this at next years meeting. Dana Jarman 2nd, unanimous.

Don Bodden will work with leagues to run a system similar to leaguesys. The website is www.leaguepoolstats.com. It is a free pool stat tracking website and all members of the WSPA are welcome to use it. For leagues working with this website or having a website with updated stats posted, there will be no need to submit monthly stats to the WSPA.

Size of the teams for the mixed division was brought up. Some league operators would like to see 4 man teams instead of 5 man teams for the state tournament. As of this time, it will not be changing, the 2015 state tournament will consist of 5 man teams in the mixed division, with no core players and womens teams will be made up of 4 person teams with no core requirement. Changing team size will be tabled until next years meeting.

The current sanction price for the WSPA is \$8 per person. Players (subs) that play 3 weeks or less do not have to pay a sanction fee but are also not eligible to play in the state tournament. Once a player plays 4 weeks, they are required to pay the \$8 sanction fee. Jon Kent was wondering if we only received \$1.50 back from the National BCA, where will all the extra money go. The plan of the WSPA is to increase added money and possibly reduce the administration fees and lower entry fees in the future.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:54 pm Motioned by Jill Nickel, 2nd by Steve Silber, unanimous.