

**WSPA**  
**Annual Board Meeting**  
**August 1, 2015**  
**Oconomowoc, WI**

**Minutes from meeting: 08-01-15**  
**Called to Order 12:00 pm**

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

League Operators Present: Dean Roeseler, Bill Guthman, Dana Jarman, Tommy Lloyd, Steve Silber, Heidi Hyde, Ed Ninke, Judy Ninke, Mary Enge, Bonnie Hunkins, Jon Kent, Kerry Everson, Kerry Everson, Jen Pedek

League Operators by Proxy: Jeff Martin representing Jeremy West and Dean Roeseler representing Paul Hauser and Angela Coombs.

Players Present: Mickey Tazelaar, Kirstahn Mitchell

A Copy of the 2014 Minutes were passed around. Dean motioned to accept minutes, Heidi H. 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous

Copies of the 2014 Financial report was passed out. Asked if net loss was a concern, but it wasn't, goal of the WSPA is not to carry over a large balance, keep as much as possible in the prize fund for the players. Gregg A. motioned to approve the minutes, Jon K. 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous

Election of Officers:

Jim Hartl resigned. Ron Crom and Kim Silber seeking re-election, running unopposed. Bonnie Hunkins ran against Mickey Tazelaar. Bonnie Hunkins was elected as a trustee for a 3 year term. Gregg motioned for Ron and Kim to be re-elected and Bonnie be added as a trustee. Bill G. 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous.

Jeff Martin, previously a trustee, was promoted to Director of League Development and Marketing to take place immediately. Jeff will work with promoting pool in the state of Wisconsin and answering questions thru the website posts or talking directly to League Operators. Dean R. motioned to approve Jeff's new position, Jon K. 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous.

2016 Singles Event – Will take place in Wausau, WI on January 14 – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Event will take place at Central Wisconsin Expo Center.

2016 Team Event – Will take place in Oconomowoc, WI on March 31 – April 3, 2016. Event will take place at Olympia Resort and Spa.

2017 Singles Event – Will take place in Oshkosh, WI on January 19 – 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. Event will take place at Best Western Premier Hotel and Conference Center.

2017 Team Event – Will take place in Oconomowoc, WI on March 30 – April 2, 2017. Event will take place at Olympia Resort and Spa.

Discussions:

John Lewis of the ACS spoke to the group about the ACS. ACS is the official national league sponsor of the WSPA. The ACS has proposed to pay the WSPA \$2 per sanctioned WI player for advertisement space on the website and the endorsement. WSPA leagues do not have to sanction with the ACS, as WSPA is independent from ACS.

There was discussion about whether or not to create an elite master status where top master players would spot one game to a regular master player. It was agreed by most to not handicap the division. Motion made by Tommy L., Bill G. 2nd, passed (1 vote against)

There was discussion on a 2 night minimum booking for the Olympia Hotel for the team divisions. Not fair for players that have to start on Saturdays or are eliminated on Friday night. Tournament Director will make an effort to not eliminate teams on Friday night. Dean will give out sub codes for just a Saturday night stay for teams that do not start until Saturday.

For hotel stays – Players should call the hotel directly and let them know you are coming for the WSPA event. Players last year booked thru secondary websites and paid more for rooms and the WSPA does not get credit for booking those rooms.

Womens Master team division – If there are 8 or more teams, it will be double elimination, with a longer race to 11. If there are 7 or less teams, it will be triple elimination with a shorter race to 7. Dean R. motioned, Ron C. 2nd, unanimous.

Added money at the 2016 Tournaments – For the 2016 tournaments the WSPA is guaranteeing \$30,000 added. Guaranteed added money is lower due to unpredictable tournament participation in Wausau. Amount depends on the number of players, amount may increase.

WSPA Members – For 2015 the WSPA had about 3,300 players, hoping to get 3,800 for 2016.

There was discussion on combining singles and team events again in the future – League operators would like to see it combined again for less cost and time to players. Board will try to survey players at next year's tournament to see what the players would like.

Software to be used at the 2016 Tournaments will be the CompuSport system. Dean R. is working with the system now to become more familiar with it.

Table Contracts were discussed. John Stitch and Dean R. will provide a total of 75 tables at each tournament in 2016.

Refunds – Board will stick to the refund policy that is noted on the entry form. There will be no exceptions.

Board will start a Player and Promoter Hall of Fame for Wisconsin. Gregg A. will come up with some ideas and guidelines and then form a committee to vote of applicants. More to come.

Flyers for the 2016 Tournaments are available on the website.

The criteria for the Casual division will be defined in more detail on the entry forms so it is easier for LO to decide if their players belong in there.

PayPal has been added to Tournament Manager for League Operators, but has not been added for tournament entries at this time.

The board will look at creating a player rating committee to help build a relationship between league operators and the board. More to come.

There was discussion of changing the size of the Mens Master Team division. At this time it will not be changed.

There was discussion of having separate ratings for 8 ball and 9/10 ball. At this time it will not be changed.

General Discussion –

Brackets at the tournament - Dean will look into making sure players from the same leagues are not all put on the same charts so players get to play players from other leagues.

Jeremy West asked Jeff Martin to propose a sanction fee increase from \$8 to \$10, to help increase the payouts at the state tournament. At this time it will not be changed.

Board will look at the break schedule on all team scoresheets for next year to make sure it is fair for both teams.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:15 pm Motioned by Gregg A., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim S., unanimous.