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Minutes of the WOA Executive Board Meeting
May 2, 2021, ZOOM

In Attendance May 2, 2021

President Dean Corcoran called the meeting to order at 3:09pm on May 2, 2021. The following Board Members were present:

Board Member	WOA Region
Dean Corcoran (President)	Region 1 Associations
Steve Simonson (Vice President)	Region 5 Associations
Todd Weber	Region 1 Boards
John Lindsey	Region 2 Associations
Cindy C-Wilson	Region 2 Boards
Terry Beckstead	Region 3 Associations
Robyn Buck	Region 3 Boards
Terry Simmonds	Region 4 Associations
Tyler Trimble	Region 4 Boards
Dave Van Laar	Region 5 Boards
Karl Johanson	Region 6 Associations
Bob Francis	Region 6 Boards
Brian Armes	Soccer
Dani Yorkston	Spirit

WOA Staff Present: Todd Stordahl, WOA Executive Director and Kerri Stordahl, WOA Director of Operations.

Guests Present: Ken Koester, NASO Director of Business Development, Lori Olson, Northwest Volleyball, Marc Blau, Tacoma Pierce Co. Volleyball.

Approval of Agenda

Tyler Trimble/Bob Francis moved to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion Passed.**

Approval of Minutes

Robyn Buck/Karl Johanson moved to approve the minutes as presented. **Motion Passed.**

Reports from Regions

Region 1: **Dean Corcoran/Todd Weber** reported that Region 1 has completed successful volleyball and football seasons and are preparing for the remaining sports. Region 1 will also be holding region-wide meetings with representatives from all sports to discuss strategies for recruiting and retaining officials. On a very sad note, we have to report the sudden passing of long-time WIAA District 1 Director and Everett School District AD Robert Polk. Robert was also a SCBOA basketball official and a true advocate for officials on the District 1 Board. He will be missed.

Region 2: **John Lindsey/Cindy C-Wilson** report some concerns over travel fees and the fact that AD's really don't know how to use Arbiter and that causes scheduling issues. District Secretary Tom Doyle will be retiring soon.

Region 3: **Terry Beckstead/Robyn Buck** reported that Tacoma Basketball has held several DEI meetings and invited other associations/board to attend. They were extremely well received.

Region 4: **Terry Simmonds/Tyler Trimble** reported that Region 4 conducted its Regional meeting on April 20th via conference call. Members from the Region submitted items that they wanted Todd Stordahl to address.. He also presented the WIAA initiative to move to ArbiterPay/ArbiterGame.

Region 5: **Steve Simonson/Dave Van Laar** reported that their region is continuing to work on COVID protocols and have had several meetings. There continues to be frustration with implementation. Most officials are glad to be working games.

Region 6: **Karl Johanson/Bob Francis** reported their region is dealing with the effects of having to move back phases. (COVID) All associations/boards report major reductions in the number of certified officials. The ID football officials made a major positive contribution which enabled their groups to cover games.

Soccer: **Brian Armes** reported that it has been a very challenging soccer season so far. Covid protocols, different phases, less officials, new Arbiter processes, and some rural travel pay concerns have all played a part.. They have been met with hard working, dedicated assignors and officials. We are all better for it. Receiving game fees within a couple days of the game has been a shining light of excellence.

Spirit: **Dani Yorkston** reported that Cheer and Dance/Drill have been working closely to align expenses to schools for consistent billing through ArbiterPay. Dance/Drill is holding both virtual and in person competitions where Cheer will only be virtual. Both groups are learning a lot about virtual competitions and it's enhancing the use of technology in both sports.

Gymnastics: **Dean Ratliff** reported that the transition to ArbiterPay seems to be going well. They have completed one league's season and almost a second one. Everyone is working well with all COVID guidelines. All meets have been in person.

WIAA Report

Todd Stordahl reported that WIAA staff meets every Friday with the Governor's office. They have been advocating to play despite roll-backs as well as suggesting creative ways to continue playing.

NASO Report

Ken Koester reported that the NASO Board has voted to keep everyone active this year. They are working on putting together recruiting campaigns to focus on those that have opted out of officiating this year. They will be rolling out a PSA at the NASO Summit.

WOA Conference/Golf Tournament

Kerri Stordahl reported that staff has been in contact with the Yakima Convention Center on plans for this year. The conference will be virtual, with the hope of playing the golf tournament in person at AppleTree. There have also been discussions on planning a social in conjunction with the golf tournament.

2020 – 2021 Membership Breakdown
Todd Stordahl reported on the membership breakdown and answered questions. We are down approximately 35% in all sports.

Executive Board Meeting Follow-up
None

RTO Update
Todd Stordahl reported that he met with Cathy Schick (Seattle Academy) who is the new WIAA point person for the Fee Review Committee. She has some ideas she would like to implement to highlight what the program is doing for officials.

Requests for Action
Financials:
2018-2019 Financial Report - Todd Stordahl answered questions on the enclosure.

Personel:
Bob Francis/John Lindsey moved to extend the contract of the Executive Director. **Motion Passed.**
Dani Yorkston/John LIndsey moved to add a 2.5% cost of living increase to each year of the contract. **Motion Passed.**

Annual Preseason Assigner Meeting:
Brian Armes/Dave VanLaar moved to require assigners to attend a preseason assigner meeting in order for their association/board to be eligible for the state tournament. Effective for the 2021-2022 school year. **Motion Passed**.

Sport Coordinators (Postseason):
Brian Armes/Tyler Trimble moved to allow the Executive Director to hire assistant sport coordinators for each sport to assist in overseeing the scheduling, invoicing and other tasks for postseason. The postseason admin payout will be adjusted to reflect funds being distributed to the WOA to fund the positions. **Motion Passed.**

Line Judges - Volleyball RTO Committee
Request was withdrawn.

Region 6 Boards Representative:
Dean Corcoran will set up ZOOM call with applicants.

Executive Director's Report
Property Update – **Todd Stordahl** reported the house will have new tenants moving in this week.

Cindy C-Wilson/Robyn Buck moved to adjourn the meeting**. Motion Passed.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kerri Stordahl, WOA Director of Operations
Next Meeting Date – August 12-14, 2021