

**Ontario Water Polo Association  
Board Meeting Minutes- approved  
GoTo Meeting On line conference  
Sunday, April 12, 2015  
8:00 p.m. – 9:56 p.m.**

Present: Andrea Kennedy, Joanne Brown, John Krawchenko, Angelos Kotzambasis, Dragana Sunjic, Scott Craig  
Staff: Kathy Torrens, Zoltan Csepregi

Regrets: Quinn Fairley

- **Motion:** Minutes of the Board meeting of February 25<sup>th</sup> to be accepted after last line corrected, and to be kept in-camera, not to be posted for general access, due to the nature of the business being related to Human Resources. The motion was moved by Andrea Kennedy, seconded by John Krawchenko, carried  
Minutes from March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to be amended; review deferred to next meeting. Moved by Andrea Kennedy, seconded by Joanne Brown, carried.

**- Old Business**

**a. Review Action Item worksheet** – work in progress; Angelos to provide tutorial to Andrea and Kathy on how to make a directory of documents for easy access.

**- Committee Updates**

**a. Promotions** – Joanne Brown reported one application was received from Shadow WP club; Andrea received a query form Titans WP and will pass the information along to Joanne and Kathy

**b. By-Law revision** – John Krawchenko reported he is working with Steven Indig, they have teleconference scheduled for next week, and should have proposed changes ready for review by the end of next week.

**c. Financial review, budget** – Scott reported budget for 2015/2016 is not ready yet. He is currently working with Nancy and is anticipating having it ready by April 22-April 24. Kathy prepared Year to Date Actuals vs. Budget comparison based on Quick Books numbers. Cost of teleconferencing discussed; first month is free, after that it will be approximately \$40 per month. Motion to approve using Go To Meeting platform, moved by John Krawchenko, seconded by Dragana Sunjic, carried.

**d. Grants: Current** - Scott – nothing to report

**e. Grants: Proposal** – Scott – nothing to report

**f. Website** – Angelos reviewed different options, changing website engine, using existing and updating more regularly. Zoltan discussed use of social media (Facebook and Twitter). John Panethere had set up both accounts when he was with OWP. Content and information to be posted on OWP website is sent by Clubs to Kathy and Angelos. Communications from Clubs needs to be up to dated, discussion regarding the process to be discussed at June 2015 Strategic Planning meeting.

**g. Technical Committee Liaison-** Angelos: this role is now part of the Technical Advisor position. Zoltan and Technical Committee are coordinating efforts to have a meeting.

- **Strategic Planning Meeting** – Andrea reported getting most clubs responses; Next step is to refine the cost and to keep the cost within the budget. WPC AMG is taking place the same weekend at the same venue.
- **Quest for Gold** – Kathy received notifications from the Ministry and the payments have been mailed. Andrea Kennedy will respond to the Letter of complaint on behalf of the Board of Directors.
- **Technical Update** – Zoltan is preparing proposal for upcoming year. He was unable to connect with Quinn and is planning to utilize Go To Meeting platform to facilitate meeting with Technical committee.  
Robert Thompson resignation had been communicated to Technical Committee, Kathy and President via email. The communication is to be sent to all Board members and added to next meeting agenda for discussion. As per By-Laws, 2 members of Technical Committee are members of the Board of Directors. In case of vacancy, Board can appoint a candidate for the balance of the term. Vice Chair of the Technical Committee and the OWP President can suggest candidates for this position.
- **Provincials** – Angelos reported 9 teams registered for 14U co-ed Provincial tournament, and 5 teams for 12U invitational. Angelos will act as OWP rep at this tournament; Kathy to provide banner and medals for Gold, Silver and Bronze winners of the 14U event.  
The OWP Board agreed that the rules in the 2013-14 handbook as posted on the website would stand as the tournament rules since new rules had not been agreed upon by the Technical Committee nor presented to participating clubs prior to the event.
- **Officials**- training and evaluation: Kathy reported that regional referee clinic had 20 participants; they all received course materials, and participated in the practical training. Kathy will forward names of participants to KW as organizer of 12U invitational to consider utilizing new referees. Kathy to send the list of all referees in the province to Zoltan.  
Technical Committee to review the position of OWP Head Referee.
- **Office**- Kathy reported on the status of our lease. She had meetings with property managers. April rent and expenses for internet and telephone are covered. Mail will be changing, additional cost is anticipated. Next meeting is on Tuesday. Without subsidized rent there might be a significant increase. Sport Alliance was an original lease and OWP was subtenant. Kathy will report if any updates.
- **Variance** – report presented in Budget section
- **Membership fees** – to be discussed at the special AGM in June; John to speak with the lawyer next week.
- Other business – Angelos suggested to have OWP represented at PANAM games. Kathy reported she will be volunteering, same as Joanne, and Andrea is working to liaise with WPC. Zoltan suggested using this event as an opportunity to promote water polo and OWP. Zoltan to prepare a proposal for the next Board meeting.

Action Items:

- The President requested that “New Business” be a standing item as part of the OWP Agenda going forward.

Meeting adjourned at 9:56

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Andrea Kennedy, President

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Dragana Sunjic, Secretary