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## USAPO Directors Meeting APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2020

A conference call meeting of the USAPO board of directors was called to order by Pres. John Guard at 8:45am Central time on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Members present were: John Guard-SD, Mike Pena's-MN, Robert Miller-PA, Joel Wagner-CT, Michael Fitz-IA, Don Klehm\_ILL, Roger Neate-OH, Conrad Gruber-MN WPO Board member and Mike Rhoades-OH.

Roger Neate said the last Directors meeting minutes and Annual meeting minutes had been sent to the directors. Don Klehm moved, seconded by Mike Fitz; to accept minutes as written. Motion Passed.

Roger did the same for the Treasury report saying that after all the bills and other expenses were paid we have \$8880.00 in our checking account. Don Klehm moved, seconded by Mike Fitz, accept the treasury report as read. Motion Passed.

Don Klehm moved, seconded by Mike Fitz to vote on accepting the new board member Mike Rhoades-Ohio. Motion passed 5 Yes 1 Abstain 1 No.

Mike Fitz moved, seconded by Don Klehm to adjoin. Motion Passed.

Roger L. Neate Sec. Treas.

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## USAPO Directors Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020

A conference call meeting of the USAPO board of directors was called to order by Pres. John Gaard at 8:58am Central time on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Directors present were: John Gaard-SD, Mike Penas-MN, Robert Miller-PA, Joel Wagner-CT, Michael Fitz-IA, Don Klehm-IL, Michael Rhoades-OH, Conrad Gruber-MN WPO Board member, and Roger Neate-OH.

Old Business: None

New Business:

WPO Report – Conrad reported that Russia was considering canceling or postponing the 2020 World Match in St. Petersburg Russia. A decision was going to be made May 1<sup>st</sup> 2020. A subsequent discussion with Conrad relayed that Russia was postponing the 2020 World Match until June 12-21, 2021. It is unknown at this time how this affects Irelands scheduled 2021 World Match.

New Plow Storage in Germany – Roger Neate reported that the USA containers would be moved to more permanent storage in Germany. It will cost 220E\$ to ship and 10E\$/mo for storage. Don Klehm moved to pay the shipping and storage fee for the 2020 year, seconded by Mike Fitz. Motion passed.

Financial Support for World Plowing Team – Austin Magnuson-Conventional and Kevin Albrecht-Reversible will be representing USA in Russia, Gene Gruber will be the USA

Judge, and Joel Wagner will be the USA Coach. Discussion. No action at this time, will revisit before the Russian World Match.

#### Election of Officers –

John Gaard nominated for President by Mike Fitz. No further nominations.

Nominations moved to close – Passed.

Mike Penas nominated for Vice-President by Don Klehm. No further nominations.

Nominations moved to close – Passed.

Joel Wagner nominated for Sec-Treasurer by Don Klehm. No further nominations.

Nominations moved to close – Passed.

The USAPO Officers are now

John Gaard – President

Mike Penas – Vice-President

Joel Wagner – Sec-Treasurer

#### State Reports –

CT- Nothing to report

IL – Nothing to report

IA – Getting ready for 2021 Iowa State Match. Location near Marshalltown, IA

MN - Nothing to report

SD - SD State match likely to be dependent on local threshing bees

PA – PA State Match still scheduled for July 16-18, 2020 On Jay's farm

OH – USA National Match is being organized by Don Hays for July 31<sup>st</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 with the banquet on July 30<sup>th</sup>. OH State Match would be August 2<sup>nd</sup>. OH wants to continue going ahead with planning but realizing the event is dependent on the progression of the virus. There is concern about being able to get accommodations. Additionally, the banquet may be more difficult to organize. Mike Rhoades informed me that Banquet would be held at the plowsite.

Recent correspondence with Mike Rhoades said it

Recent correspondence from Don Hays provides additional information for the USA National Match in OH.

- For reservations for the banquet, call Robert Maurer at 419-230-6863.
- For equipment, contact Roger Fourman at 937-459-7466 and Don Hays at 765-570-2546
- Three hotels are recommended (cut-off date for reservation is July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020)
  - Best Western of Celina in Celina, OH - call 419-586-4919
  - Best Value Inn in Celina, OH - call 419-586-4656
  - Quality Inn & Suites in St. Marys, OH – call 419-394-2710

- Celina is about 10 miles from the plow site and St. Marys is about 13 miles from the plow site.
- The banquet will be served wedding-style with 2 meats.
- For all other questions call
  - Roger Fourman at 937-459-7466 or
  - Don Hays at 419-363-3806 or 765-570-2546

Adjourn -

Don Klehm moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Fitz seconded.

Meeting Adjourned

Joel Wagner, Sec-Treasurer

Sec-Treas Note:

2020 dues are due for some. If there is a red mark on your address label, my files indicate your dues are due for this year. If I'm in error, please let me know.

As the new Sec-Treas there may be some rough edges for a while. Please be patient with me till all is sorted out. If there are things I can do better or more efficiently, please don't hesitate to call, text, or email.

Lastly, my membership list has names addresses and some phone numbers. If you are interested in what I have for you, please call or email. And speaking of email, I would be appreciative to have your email address so I can contact you by email instead of hard mail.

Your Sec-Treas

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