

USLRA Board Meeting – Conference Call Minutes

Mon. 1/21/09, 9:00pm

Present: Jenny Atkinson, Kathy Berard, Pat Burns, Scott Lynch, Alex Waite, Bob Swanson

Absent: All in attendance

Alex called the meeting to order at 9:07 pm

2nd: Jenny

Motion passed: 6 votes

There are several topics of discussion/decision:

1. New board members

Motion: Alex moved to appoint Shana Martin to the board with a term expiring in 2010.

2nd: Pat

Motion passed: 6 votes

2. Election of officers

Motion: Alex motioned for Shana to be appointed to the VP position.

2nd: Scott

Motion passed: 6 votes

Bob will send out another all call to the membership to seek board members. The notice will also be included in the newsletter... "If you like how the association is being handled, get involved so it remains. If not, get involved to help move the organization towards change."

In accordance with the bylaws, the current board members should stay in place until replacements are found.

3. Renewal of trademark

Renewal of the World Log Rolling Championships must be done by 10/14/09. The fee is billed as \$300 filing fee plus \$500 prep fee for Lathrop & Clark LLP Attorneys at Law. Roth suggested someone call the law firm to ask if they could waive or reduce the prep fee given the limited financial status of the organization.

Motion: Alex motioned for Shana to spend up to \$800 for the Lathrop & Clark LLP Attorneys at Law for the renewal of the World Log Rolling Championships while inquiring for a reduced fee as well as securing the trademark for boom running, and river pigging.

2nd: Scott

Motion passed: 6 votes

4. Taxes

Approval to have Patricia C. Nelson CPA do the ILRA C Corp taxes for 2008. Kathy will get a quote and bring it back to the next board meeting.

5. USLRA membership forms and fees

Discussion regarding membership fees and what the association offers.

6. Next Meeting Time: Monday, Jan. 26th, 2009 9-10pm

Meeting Adjourned at 10:09pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Atkinson
USLRA Secretary

USLRA Board Meeting – Conference Call Minutes Mon. 1/26/09, 9-10pm

Present: Jenny Atkinson, Kathy Berard, Pat Burns, Scott Lynch, Alex Waite, Bob Swanson, Shana Martin

Absent: All in attendance.

Alex called the meeting to order at 9:10pm

2nd: Jenny

Motion passed: 7 votes

Agenda items in no particular order:

Kathy: Still waiting on a quote from the accountant for the 2008 taxes.

1. USLRA membership forms and fees.....Scott gave an overview of the proposed plan he sent out via email.....Questions/concerns: Supporting vs. Inactive terminology?, family membership?

Information: 2008 membership dues collected: \$2140 (\$1000=elite; \$650 = \$25 which includes Junior, judge, supporting; \$440 = family, \$50 = one day pass)

Motion: Bob: "I move to offer a lifetime memberships fee of \$275"

2nd: Jenny

Motion passed: 7 votes

Motion: Scott: "I move that we set the following fee structure: Competitive Elite =

\$35, Competitive Junior., Adult Sport, Masters = \$20, Associate = \$10, Competition License = \$25.”

2nd: Shana

Motion tabled for an email vote.

Motion: Bob: “I move to table this motion and vote via email.”

2nd: Pat

Motion passed: 7 votes

Scott will send out all information by 5pm Wed. 1/28/09 and all votes must be sent in by 5pm Friday 1/30/09.

Motion: Scott: “I move that we require competitors to hold a Competition License which will be waived in 2009.”

Discussion:

Never voted on.

Next meeting: Tuesday: Feb. 3rd, 2009 9-10pm

Alex moved to adjourn at 10:23pm

2nd: Bob

Motion passed: 7 votes

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Atkinson

USLRA Secretary

1. Executive positions for 2009. Secretary?
2. Super Series forms/fees (if any)
3. Newsletter funding (foundation?)
4. Charitable foundation board of directors (maybe it mirrors the USLRA)
5. There are 2 outstanding checks from prize money issued in 2007. What should we do about them? \$4100 for Lizzie Hoeschler and \$75 for Greta Ingbreton.
6. Board Positions:
Below is a summary of the USLRA board positions:
2008 (expired terms)
Jenny Atkinson, Secretary

vacated by Crystal Gross
Emily Peterson

2009

Alex Waite President
Kathy Berard, Treasurer
Bob Swanson

2010

Pat Burns
Scott Lynch
Shana Martin VP

2011

TBA
TBA
TBA

- Equipment
 - Ranking
 - World Championships Committee
 - Schedule for 2009
11. Treasure/Budget
12. Sanctioning Package

13. Committee Reports:

President Report: Alex Waite

Rules Committee: Scott Lynch

Committee members: Scott, Larry, Jenny

Communications Committee: Bob Swanson

Committee Members: ?

Ranking Committee: Jenny Atkinson

Committee members: Katie, John, Pat, Alex

Equipment Committee: Pat Burns

Committee Members: ?

Treasure's Committee: Kathy Berard

Committee members: ?

Next Meeting Time: ?

Meeting Adjourned at ?

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenny Atkinson

USLRA Secretary

USLRA Board Meeting teleconference 2/3/09

Present: Pat Burns, Shana Martin, Scott Lynch, Kathy Berard

Not attending: Alex Waite, Jenny Atkinson, Bob Swanson

Call meeting to order by Shana Martin, Vice President at 9:07pm.

Meeting Minutes

Motion by Scott Lynch to approve meeting minutes of 1/26/09.

Seconded by Pat Burns.

Corporate Taxes

Kathy Berard reported that Patricia Nelson, CPA will be able to file 2008 ILRA corporate taxes for approximately \$500-\$600.

Motion by Shana to approve payment to Patti Nelson CPA to file corporate taxes for 2008 in the amount not to exceed \$600.

Seconded by Pat Burns.

Kathy will check with Patti Nelson about the ability of the ILRA to make donations to the foundation to alleviate tax liability.

Trademark Renewal:

Shana will contact Chad Bartell re. ILRA World Log Rolling Championship Trademark renewal.

New Board Members:

Doug Goodmundson and Olivia Judd have expressed interest in taking two of the 2011 board positions.

Motion by Shana to have the board accept Doug and Olivia to the board with terms expiring 2011.

Seconded by Scott Lynch.

2009 USLRA Membership:

Discussion and approval of new membership fee structure. Membership cards/competition licenses will be developed and sent to all new members.

Pat Burns will investigate machine to create cards along with printing services to create the 2009 membership cards.

Super Series:

USLRA is teaming up with Lumberjack Enterprises to include ALL AMATEUR TOURNAMENTS in the 2009 super series. Super series will be free to all USLRA

members.

Donna Burns and Shana Martin will keep track of current rankings, and Shana will post on the USLRA website.

Newsletter:

Kathy Berard will send **Corkey Waite** the 2007 and 2008 USLRA member address for the newsletter mailing.

Board approved funds to print and send via US Mail the USLRA newsletter. It will also be posted on the newly updated web site.

Web Site:

Shana Martin, Travis Wells, and George Martin will continue to update the new USLRA website with tournament fliers, USLRA membership info, and Super Series info.

Next conference call meeting will be held on Monday, March 9th at 9pm.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:00pm by Pat Burns.

Seconded by Shana Martin.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Berard

USLRA Treasurer (filling in for TBA Secretary)

**USLRA Board Meeting
Teleconference Monday, March 9, 2009**

Present: Shana Martin, Kathy Berard, Scott Lynch, Alex Waite, Olivia Judd, Doug Goodmundson, Pat Burns

Meeting called to order at 9:05pm by Alex.

1. Approve minutes of previous meeting.

Alex moved to approve meeting minutes

Seconded by Shana.

2. Appoint Taylor Duffy as potential board position with term through 2011

Motion to appoint Taylor Duffy by Shana.

Seconded by Scott.

Welcome Taylor Duffy to USLRA board.

3. ILRA World Log Rolling Championships trademark renewal

Motion by Doug to approve \$710 expenditure (\$300 filing fee and \$410 attorney fee) for filing trademark to be paid to Lathrop & Clark. Shana will contact Chad Bartell.

Seconded by Shana.

4. ILRA World Log Rolling Championships in Hayward, WI discussion

The organization requests 3 out of 5 falls on all matches. We will require membership. USLRA will need to offer volunteers to help.

5. Meeting minutes on USLRA web site

The board approves the posting of meeting minutes on the web site
Shana will start putting up meeting minutes on web.

6. Constant Contact for emailing log rolling community

Discussion of costs and functionality. It would run about \$15-\$30 per month with a 30% discount with 6 month prepay. It would be helpful for newsletters. Even though the emailings would be quarterly, the charge is still monthly. It is still less than regular postage. Price based on number of email addresses. It would be a nice transition from paper to email. Next newsletter in June, notify people that subsequent communication will be via email.

Motion by Scott to approve the use of Constant Contact for the purpose of email contact with a maximum of \$15/month.

Seconded by Olivia.

7. Committees: choose members and chairs.

Rules, Regulations, and Officials: Chair Scott Lynch

Possible Training May 3rd; June 12/13th; July 23-26; August 1/2. by member - Larry Waite

- Updating of the rules as needed once a year. Always accomplished by the same date every year (no mid season rule changes unless by board action).
- Training of new officials and continued training of current officials
- Define, create, and implement Protest Committee and process

Communication: Chair Shana Martin

- Newsletter (posted on website)
- Website
- Mailings (both e-mail and postal)
- Announcing of tournaments, rule changes, elections, minutes, meetings, and all other news of interest to the membership (think transparent organization)
- When other committees need to communicate to the membership, it is done through the communication committee.

Sanctioning, Tournaments, and Property Management: Chair Pat Burns

- Sanctioning
 - Application Process
 - Ensuring compliance with sanctioning

- Tournaments
 - Coordinating with tournament organizers
 - Making USLRA resources available to tournament organizers
 - Acts as tournament liaison (communicating with other committees on tournament's behalf)
- Property management
 - Rental of equipment
 - Storage
 - Maintenance and replacements
 - Procurement of new/additional equipment
 - Transportation

Networking and Membership Assistance Chair: Shana Martin, with help from Olivia Judd, Kathy Berard

- Acts as a liaison for member's concerns and questions
- Recruitment of new membership
- Handle membership renewals
- Liaison for both elite and amateur athletes
- Coordinate USLRA resources to assist log rolling programs
- Acquire and maintain contact information of members

Ranking: Jenny Atkinson, Katie Rick

- Elite ranking
 - Translation of results into ranks (by a certain date every year)
 - Furnish sanctioned elite tournaments with rankings
 - Providing rankings for any tournament other than a sanctioned elite tournament is at the discretion of the committee
- Assist in seeding of amateurs at tournaments by request
- Super Series (?)

Legal Affairs: Chair TBD (This will not be used that often, so maybe an officer can be the representative)

- Ensure compliance with bylaws
- Draft changes to bylaws
- Contracts
- Liabilities

Motion by Alex to accept nominations for these committee chair positions.
Seconded by Pat.

Next meeting Monday, March 30, 2009 9pm

Motion by Alex to adjourn meeting.
Second Scott.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Berard
USLRA Treasurer

**USLRA Board Meeting
Teleconference Monday, June 1, 2009**

Present: Shana Martin, Kathy Berard, Taylor Duffy, Olivia Judd, Doug Goodmundson, Pat Burns, Scott Lynch

Not present: Bob Swanson, Alex Waite

Meeting called to order at 9:05pm by Shana Martin.

Approve minutes of previous meeting.

Shana moved to approve meeting minutes from 5/4/09.
Seconded by Olivia.

Ranking Committee Report (Pat Burns)

Nothing to report

Rule Committee Report. (Scott Lynch)

Assisted Starts at the discretion of the tournament director, amateur divisions may use an assisted start in which the log is held steady at each end while the competitors position themselves. Once both competitors are in position, the head judge will begin the match by calling Ready, Steady, Roll, at which time the log will be released. When the head judge has determined that both competitors have equal control, he/she will call Time in and time will start. For assisted starts, the log must be oriented perpendicular to the dock or pool edge.

#5 Log: For amateur tournaments, the use of a #5 log is permitted.

It will be defined as being 11 in diameter and minimum of 12 feet in length. If a #5 log is to be used, the time limits for the match will be as follows:

#1: 1 minute

#2: 2 minutes

#3: 3 minutes

#4: 4 minutes

#5: until end of match

Shana moves to approve the rule changes.

Second by Doug.

LWC Discussion:

Athlete meeting/informational meeting
Ranking report

New Membership format
Rule changes
LWC rules (3 out of 5 falls for all matches)
Email association with suggestions for next year.

Communications Committee Report (Shana)

Shana went thru topics for the newsletter that is about half done. Email newsletter should be sent out on 6/4/09. Corkey will create a paper newsletter that will go out by the end of June.
Facebook page being built by Olivia

Membership Committee Report (Kathy)

60 paid members as of 5/31/09

Legal Affairs Committee Report (Shana)

A screen shot from the USLRA web site will be done of the announcement for the 2009 ILRA World Log Rolling Championships to satisfy the trademark renewal agreement. Submitted

Misc

Insurance policy of \$567 with coverage of 2 tournaments paying \$200 each. To cover liability. USLRA will cover remaining \$167 of premium.

Motion by Shana to approve the USLRA spending \$567 for an annual policy to cover two tournaments in 2009. both tourney directors will pay \$200 each toward the policy.

Second Pat.

Russ Ellison award. Investigate. Look thru old files. Have Jenny do a writeup.

USLRA possibly award 2nd and 3rd place for mens and womens boom and log rolling. (4 sets of awards and possibly 6 with semi-pro)

Photo of all log rollers and boom runners at LWC.

ILRA BYLAWS being sent from Olivia.

Monday, July 13, 2009 next meeting 9pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Berard
USLRA Treasurer

USLRA Board Meeting

Teleconference Monday, July 13, 2009

Present: Shana Martin, Kathy Berard, Olivia Judd, Alex Waite, Doug Goodmundson, Pat Burns

Not present: Bob Swanson, Taylor Duffy, Scott Lynch

Meeting called to order at 9:08pm by Shana Martin.

Approve minutes of previous meeting.

Shana moved to approve meeting minutes from 6/1/09.

Seconded by Alex.

Ranking Committee Report- LWC ranking discussion (Shana)

Questions were arising regarding use of the USLRA ranking for LWC.

Shana will craft an email to Andy stating the following:

The ILRA will revoke the World Championships title if the USLRA rankings are not used. Because LWC is sanctioned, our rules and ranking will be used.

LWC

Discuss possibility of having a membership meeting @ LWC. Conclusion is there is no time with all the festivities for the 50th anniversary.

USLRA Bylaws state that an annual meeting must be held by October.

Board will discuss future policy of having the USLRA annual meeting at the World Championships. Possibly Thursday night if LWC hosts the 2010 World Championships.

The board will look into reserving the Comfort Suites on the Thursday evening in Hayward for the 2010 annual membership meeting.

Alex recommends meeting in Tomah or a neutral location instead of at a competition.

Kathy, Shana and Olivia will be at the competitor meeting taking care of USLRA memberships.

Communications committee report (Shana)

Newsletter being sent out.

Included will be a letter from LWC that shows who is seeded for Elite Log Rolling and Boom running.

Included will also be information about voting for the Russ Ellison Award.

USLRA Insurance (Kathy B):

Insurance company indicated that Jenny's Grand Marais tournament would be an additional day beyond what has been paid for. The charge will be \$145 for the second day. Due to the late notice, the board discussed the possibility of picking up the premium.

Pat moved that the board pay the \$145 additional premium.
Shana seconded.

Membership committee.

Olivia will send an email to all registered competitors letting them know they need to be paid members of either Canlog or USLRA in order to compete at LWC in Log Rolling or Boom Running.
Olivia will contact Bonnie Salzman to get an email list of registered people.

Legal affairs.

Need paperwork from attorney's office pertaining to trademark renewal.

Next meeting: Monday, August 10, 2009 9pm.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Berard
USLRA Treasurer

**Annual USLRA Membership Meeting
Saturday, November 14, 2009
Hudson YMCA**

Present: Shana Martin, Kathy Berard, Olivia Judd, Alex Waite, Scott Lynch

Not present: Bob Swanson, Taylor Duffy, Doug Goodmundson

Members attending: Jon Berard, Laura Johnson, Jamie Fischer, Chris and Laura Fischer, Katie Rick, Leah Burns, Chris Serpico, Jeff Steinhauer

16 extra people attending (some members, some not)

Meeting called to order at 5:50pm by Shana Martin.

Approve minutes of previous meeting.

Shana moved to approve meeting minutes from 7/13/09.
Seconded by Scott.

Treasurer report by Kathy Berard

USLRA checkbook beginning balance 1/1/09 = \$9611.97

Ending balance as of 11/14/09 = \$11,140.44

Net profit for 2009 = \$1528.47

Kathy will oversee completion of 2009 by getting corporate taxes filed.

United States Log Rolling Charitable Foundation balance \$2925

Ideas for using charitable foundation funds discussed.

Use money for fundraising

Semi pro level of log rolling

USLRA purchase #5 log

Rules committee Report by Scott Lynch

Two changes occurred in 2009.

Added #5 log for amateurs

New procedure for a person held log rather than pole start

A question was raised about the distance from an impediment to call a time out. The rule was written based on a small tank. Have judges use their best judgement.

Motion by Shana to approve the rewrite of 2009 rule format.

Seconded by Alex.

Ranking committee Report by Jon Berard and Katie Rick

Presented preliminary rankings and went through changes.

Laura Fischer would like to see the numbers redone annually based on the number of tournaments at different levels.

Communication Committee Report by Shana

Join email list on web site

Newsletters via Constant Contact

Website is maintained by Travis Wells.

The organization wishes to thank him for all his hard work.

Property Management Report by Chris Fischer

Equipment is all paid for.

Demo tank 20x20

30x80 tank

full set carpeted logs

2 sets spike logs

sound system

two timing systems

one boom

staging (30x12' dock and 24x30 dock)

make it easy to use

Trailer needs more decking.

Chris needs to purchase tarps and will contact treasurer when acquired.

Advertise on web site

Charitable Foundation

Larry Waite, John Hallett, Roth Judd are working on the foundation. Ideas for foundation funds: purchase logs and send out mailing to summer camps, Red Cross, YMCAs, Girl Scouts. Provide log and volunteer training. Transportation of log. To get more programs going.

Looking for leads for new programs.

Membership report: Idea to create a new log roller startup package. This since USLRA will be charging for a competition license in 2010.

2010 Board Elections

Kathy Berard is leaving the board after having been active for 6 1/2 years.

Ballots sent via email need to be returned to Kathy by December 1.

Kathy Berard, Bob Swanson, Alex Waite expiring terms
Scott Lynch stepping down.

Nominations for board:

Maggie Bulk
Scott Morris log rolling program in California
Alex Waite- Scott's remaining 1 year term

2010 Officers:

Shana Martin, President
Alex Waite, Vice President
Maggie Bulk, Secretary
TBA Treasurer

All USLRA Committees can use help. Feel free to assist the hard working board members.

The board will look into insurance and find out what it covers and what the charge is.

Thank you to all people attending this meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Shana.
Second Alex

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Berard
USLRA Treasurer