

May 24th 2011 USLRA/ILRA Meeting Minutes

On call: Laura Batson, Olivia Judd, Marcel Scott, Sam Hadley, Scott Morris, Karl Buschhaus and Shana Martin

Not Present: Doug Goodmundson, Maggie Bulk

1. New Board Member Introductions

2. Treasurer Election

a. Nominees: Laura Batson, others? – **Shana Nominates, Karl seconds
Laura Batson is Treasurer**

b. ACTION: Vote

3. Vice President Election

a. Nominees: Olivia Judd, others? – **Shana Nominates, Laura seconds
Olivia Judd is vice president**

b. ACTION: Vote

4. Rules, Regulations, and Officials Committee Volunteers (**Olivia, Sam, Shana, Scott**)

- 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

5. Communication Committee Volunteers (**Shana Martin Chair, Laura, Marcel**)

- 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.

6. Sanctioning, Tournaments, and Property Management Committee Volunteers (**Team**)

- 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

7. Networking and Membership Assistance Committee Volunteers (Abby Hoeschler, Olivia, Marcel)

- 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

8. Ranking Committee Volunteers (Karl B. Chair, Jon Berard, Scott Morris)

- 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 (Donna Burns)

9. Legal Affairs (Larry and Alex Waite Chair, Karl B.)

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

10. ACTION: Vote on 2011 USLRA World Championships

a. Bid from LWC, others? **Shana proposes, Karl seconds, passes.**
Lumberjack World Championships in Hayward, WI will be the official 2011 ILRA/USLRA World Championships.

11. Misc. job assignments:

- a. Contact each individual program listed on website and see if info is up to date and if they need anything from USLRA (Scott and Karl)
- b. Search for other existing Log Rolling Programs not listed on site (Marcel, Karl, Scott)
- c. USLRA representative for each tournament during 2011
 - Midwest Log Rolling Championships: Shana Martin
 - Go Fourth Longview: Shana Martin
 - La Crosse Log Rolling Open: Karl Buschhaus/Shana Martin
 - Namekagon River Roll Off: Olivia Judd/Marcel
 - LWC: Laura Batson/Scott Morris
 - Morton, Washington: Possibly Scott
 - Three Rivers Roleo: Olivia Judd
 - Grand Marais: Olivia Judd
 - Lake Calhoun: Olivia and Sam

- d. Print and mail membership cards – Laura and Abby
- e. Olivia will find 5 year goal plan and we will review in fall

12. Charitable Fund Log Donation explanation and e-mail vote- board needs to spearhead the outreach – start pushing in fall.

13. Other Questions?

14. Schedule next call.

Thursday July 19th 8pm Central

July 19th 2011 USLRA/ILRA Meeting Minutes

Present: Shana Martin, Scott Morris, Marcel Scott, Laura Batson, and Olivia Judd

Absent: Sam Hadley, Maggie Bulk, and Karl Buschhaus

1. **Review and Approval of May Meeting Minutes-** Shana motions, Scott seconds all approve
2. **Financial Report (Shana)**
 - a. Balance= \$10,411.18
 - b. Shana and Laura Meet Friday at Noon for adding Laura to bank account
 - c. Taxes- Will be turned in late by our accountant. Still trying to organize some funds from old bank account. Should be done by the end of the month.
3. **LWC Prep**
 - a. Timing System Vote – Shana proposes that USLRA pays Chris Fischer the additional \$300 he requests for running the boom run timing system with understanding that Alex Waite and Jon Berard will be trained on its use. Olivia Seconds, 4 approve, 1 opposes. Motion passes and we will pay Chris \$300.
 - b. Rules and format double check (Laura and Scott)- Shana will send e-mail to Bonnie, Diane, and Andy to make sure all judges have current rules. to get list of registered rollers and boomers. Laur
 - c. USLRA Membership double check (Shana, Olivia, Laura) – Shana will send e-mail to Bonnie to get list of registered rollers and boomers. Laura, Shana, and Olivia will track rollers down at LWC to collect memberships. That should be fun...
4. **Rental Property Storage**
 - a. Ideas: Nate Greenberg's, Pendletons
5. **Communication Committee (Shana Martin Chair)**
 - a. Newsletter Additions (deadline August 1st)- Timing volunteers, storage area, Feature of world champions, end of summer tournaments, feature an Oconomowoc roller, new progams, where your money as a member goes

6. Networking and Membership Assistance Committee Volunteers (Olivia, Abby, Laura)

a. Get the membership word out! – facebook, contact program directors, tracking people down at tournaments, speak to benefits (newsletter, required for many tournaments, insurance support for tournaments, super series)

8. Ranking Committee Volunteers (Karl)

a. Passing the torch – Contact Jon Berard and Katie Rick

11. Misc. job assignments and updates:

a. Contact each individual program listed on website and see if info is up to date and if they need anything from USLRA – Scott, Karl, and possibly Olivia will get started now

b. Search for other existing Log Rolling Programs not listed on site- Marcel, Scott

c. USLRA representative for each tournament during 2011.

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- LWC: Laura Batson/Scott Morris
- Morton, Washington: Possibly Scott
- Three Rivers Roleo: Olivia Judd
- Grand Marais: Olivia Judd
- Lake Calhoun: Olivia and Sam

d. Print and mail membership cards- Laura will continue this!

12. Charitable Fund Update (Shana)- Need to get in touch with Kettle Moraine and Jamie to see how and when they will get the log. We will also look into logs that are only partially painted from JR for a lower price.

13. Other Questions? - None

14. Next call:

Tuesday August 9th 8pm

October 2nd 2011 USLRA 2012 Season brainstorming

Present: Olivia, Marcel, Scott, Sam, Laura, Shana

- Add another tournament earlier on in season
- Possible tournament in Mankato (Sam)
- Rental equipment- get away from Chris. Solidify storage place and educate others how to use equipment
- Question about running starts? Maybe have a starting BOX or two lines. Can't do running start hand timing. Goal is to make consistency among tournaments so that things don't get out of control.

- New pro tournament development
- Development for kids- more programs.
- USLRA Instructor trainings- hand in hand with judging training and timing system training. (possibly cover expenses for instructor)
- Online training materials- get Sue Bulk's video possibly?
- Monthly log rolling training video on USLRA Website
- We should look at putting together an entire package to make available- consider charging for it
- Sam Fenton films snowboard movies in winter- we could possibly have him film
- Encourage others to film training videos to put on website
- Anybody have videos of log rolling?
- Tab on website for "Starting a program" – include info on charitable fund and link to application
- Post card to all YMCA's in Midwest promoting new programs
- Contact Brad to see about \$ for sport and USLRA involvement.
- Possible part time person to find sponsors to sponsor USLRA for tournament building and Prize money and amateur programs. Prizes for kids.
- Leave bracket question on there (explain what it is)
- Are you willing to donate time- make specific list:
Making membership cards, following up with tournament directors, misc. tasks,
- Create downloadable brackets for USLRA website
- Send copy of survey to board before sending out.

Board approves purchase of purchase of \$15,000 spike receptacles.

USLRA Annual Membership meeting
Saturday, November 19, 2011
Hudson YMCA

Members in attendance:

Olivia Judd
Jamie Fischer
Jenny Atkinson
Karl Bushhaus
Diethert
Davenport
serpico

Ranking Committee report

11,403.47 balance in checkbook
purchased pizza

charitable fund update: non profit, lending out logs to programs.
after 6 months, they can begin to pay back the log cost

rules committee: boom starts looking to be changed.
proposed ranking changes to be submitted via email by Jon Berard

grant money distribution. may get next year 50% charitable fund and 50% distribute to tournaments (Stihl money)
option to have tourney directors apply for grants.

current board: 3 or 4 spots need to be filled. email nominations.
Shana, Doug, Maggie, Karl
laura, scott, Olivia, Marcel

Survey

volunteer needs for 2012: grant/sponsorship writing
super series tracking
membership card making and mailing
blog post writing
facebook page
training videos
charitable fund fundraising
program followup and communication
rental equipment storage and maintenance
Jenny offered to store equipment at Grand Marais
brackets (accurate)
printyourbrackets.com ??

3 top areas in survey:
focus of board
new program dev
starting new contests
athlete recruitment

Jamie has kits and info for new programs
5 state area
possible partnership with USLRA association
Jamie interested in sharing so he can work with USLRA

Olivia will post on Facebook a question about finding logrolling shoes.

Karl noticed a drop in attendance of Junior rollers.
entry fees going up. There should be a cap on family entry fees.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm