

USLRA Conference Call Minutes

February 17th, 2013 8pm

Present: Shana Martin, Karl Buschhaus, Laura Batson, Sam Hadley, Joanie Davenport, Leah Stanton, and Polly Pappadopoulos

Missing: Aaron Yeshe, Amber Scarborough, Marcel Scott

1. Board Member Introductions

Current Board:

Term expires after 2012 (Thank you for your service!):

1. Olivia Judd

Term expires after 2013:

1. Shana Martin
2. Karl Buschhaus
3. Laura Batson
4. Marcel Scott

Term Expires after 2014:

1. Sam Hadley
2. Aaron Yeshe
3. Amber Scarborough
4. Joanie Davenport

Term Expires after 2015:

1. Leah Stanton
2. Polly Pappadopoulos

Shana Nominates- Joanie Seconds all in favor

2. Officer Vote

- a. President- Shana Martin Nominated
- b. Vice President – Sam Hadley Nominated
- c. Treasurer - Laura Batson Nominated
- d. Secretary – Leah Stanton Nominated

Shana Nominates- Karl seconds all in favor

3. Committee Assignments (view excel doc for specific assignments):

a. Communication –

- Shana will get moving on Winter Newsletter!

-Sam, Karl, and Leah will work on 2013 program updates for website.

b. Rules, Regulations and Officials:

- No rule changes for 2013
- Shana will make rules more organized and then have booklet printed for members and directors

c. Tournaments and Sanctioning

- We will assign tournament liaisons on next call
- Discussion of USLRA grant for prize money- will continue and hopefully finalize on March Call

d. Property Management

- Leah will help keep track of items at Chris Fischer's house
- Shana will get item list on USLRA website
- Discussion of purchasing set of spike logs for rental

e. Membership Assistance –

- Karl moves to removes competitor card fee- Joanie seconds- all approve
- USLRA membership benefits document to Polly
- Joanie will help with T-Shirt Design

f. Program Development

- Shana will create program promo postcard ASAP
- Sam and Laura will generate YMCA Mailing list and mail postcards out
- Will focus on summer camps and outdoor pools in future

g. Finance and Legal Affairs:

- Shana will handle World Championship renewal and tournament insurance
- 2012 Taxes are almost done

h. Ranking

- All responsible for collecting brackets from tournaments for Katie Rick

4. 2013 USLRA Calls/Meeting Schedule

3/24/13 8pm Phone Call

5. Anything Else?

**USLRA Conference Call Minutes
March 24th, 2013 8pm**

On call: Amber, Sam, Joanie, Marcel, Laura, Polly

6. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

Shana Moves, Marcel seconds, all in favor!

7. Committee Topics (view excel doc for specific assignments):

a. Communication –

- Program updates for website (Sam will lead)
- Updated rules document for website (no changes, just better wording)

b. Rules, Regulations and Officials:

Retype rules document (no changes, just rewording)

c. Tournaments and Sanctioning

2013 Tournament Liaisons:

Capitol Splash- Shana

Rusty Ankle- Polly

Harold Fischer- Joanie

Kaslo-

Midwest- Shana & Amber

Go Fourth Festival-

La Crosse Open- Polly & Shana

Namekagon River Roll Off- Sam & Shana CHANGE TO JULY TBD

Lumberjack World Championships- Sam, Marcel, Shana, Joanie, Karl

Washington County Fair- Polly

Squamish- Shana Martin

Morton Loggers Jubilee-

Three Rivers Roleo- Leah & Polly

Key Log Rolling Open- Shana & Sam

d. Property Management

Get quote for spike logs set

e. Membership Assistance –

Joanie will look at T-shirt design

Shirts will include USLRA website, logo and ???

f. Program Development

Generate YMCA Mailing List- Sam will get going on this

g. Finance and Legal Affairs:

Shana needs to renew the World Championship Trademark

h. Ranking

Get final list from Katie and put on website

8. 2013 Tournament Grant-

\$3,000 total funds available.

Up to \$1000 per tournament.

Must have proof of \$4000 in additional sponsorship raised.
Must apply no later than 2 weeks before contest date.

Shana will write up a letter to tournament directors about this grant.

9. Next Meeting.

Call 8pm Sunday May 5th.

USLRA Conference Call Minutes Tuesday October 1st

In attendance: Sam Hadley, Amber Scarborough, Joanie Davenport, Polly Pappadopoulos, Laura Batson, Marcel Scott, Leah Stanton, Shana Martin.

Before meeting: review of e-mail from Jay Hoeschler. Recap of the Key Log Open provided by Board Member in attendance: Leah Stanton. Floor opened for questions or discussion in regards to points brought up in e-mail. Tabled for ranking section of meeting.

10. **Approval of July Meeting Minutes (located at <http://uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2013/07/uslra-e-mail-meeting-minutes-july-2013.html>)** Shana moves, Marcel seconds. All approve.

11. 2013 Issues/Ideas Review:

Issue #1: LWC Judging

Potential Solutions:

- Meet judges meet judges day before tournament.
- Possibly look at moving the ILRA World Championships to a different venue
- 2 Volunteers at matches with score cards ensuring matches are running correctly

Issue #2: Amateur Ranking

Potential Solutions:

- Super series can be updated after each tournament to count toward official ranking of juniors.
- Set up an amateur ranking committee?
- hard to rank when they are changing divisions
- Could do an amateur ranking but if they age up, they will not have a rank

Issue #3: Membership

Potential Solutions:

- Log Rolling Applications could go through a USLRA person
- More reminders to people who don't pay
- Have LWC provide e-mails of all competitors
- At dinner night before
- Have somebody in LWC office during entire check-in (Bonnie might need the help!) ALA does this
- Hand out T-shirts at World Championships as incentive

Issue #4: "Rolling Up"

Potential Solutions:

- Level 3 only (when semi-pro is not offered)
- Athletes should pick one division or the other
- Can "declare pro" anytime throughout season but cannot go back once officially declared pro.

Issue #5: Elite Log Time Limits

Potential Solutions:

- set time limits on all logs (issue is some may feel forced into starting on smaller logs)
- Leave it the same
- La Crosse Log rolling Association Log Ranking System

12. Board Nominations for 2014:

- Mary Ogle (accepted)
- Shary Birdsong ?
- Troy Birdsong (accepted)
- Shayna Magnone (accepted)
- Emmaray Einstein (pending)

13. Committee Updates:

a. Rules, Regulations, and Officials

2014 needs? Judge training, time changes?

- Log Time changes
- Possible judge payment per hour for those who have gone through a "training"
- online test?

b. Communication:

2014 needs?

- *More facebook involvement?*

c. Super Series (chair- Donna Burns)

- *Have current super series*

Donna will order awards for presentation at

d. Sanctioning, Tournaments

2014 needs?

- *In order to be sanctioned tournaments need to follow USLRA Rules and Tournament guidelines.*

e. Property Management

2014 needs? Website listing?

****Add available items to USLRA Website*

f. Networking and Membership

2014 needs?

- *ALL COMPETITORS must be members. (See above)*

g. Ranking:

Review and approval of Elite submitted Ranking Document.

- *Cannot vote on ranking document until December 1st (in case of another competition announced).*

“Should the Key Log Open be included in the 2014 Elite Log Rolling Rankings”

- *8 “No” Votes*

Reasoning:

- *In February board meeting board voted to approve 2013 rules*

- *Advance notification was sent in regards to rules*

- *USLRA Board Member present did bring up issue and DID NOT vote and agree on “new rule”.*

- *Longview competition was also not included due to time limit issues.*

h. Legal Affairs

2014 Needs?

- *World Championships Renewal DONE*

i. USLRF

- *Funds Transfer done by Laura*

- *Shary Birdsong manages this*

j. Program Development

- 2014 Needs?

- Postcards – Sam on 1,700 of 5,000 addresses **BREAK UP THIS JOB**

14. 2013 Membership questionnaire questions

***Send out reminder middle of October

-Only send survey to paid USLRA Members

-Nominations

- Log Time Limit Question

- Ideas for certifying judges

15. **Schedule November 2014 Planning Meeting.**

Tuesday November 5th 7:30pm Conference Call.

USLRA Conference Call Minutes Tuesday November 5th

Present on call: Shayna, Shana, Mary, Polly, Marcel, Sam, Troy, Amber, Joanie

16. **Approval of October Meeting Minutes (located at**

<http://uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2013/10/october-conference-call-minutes.html>

Shana moves to accept meeting minutes from October – Polly seconds all approve.

17. Nominations:

Term expires after 2013 (Thank you for your service!):

Shana Martin

Karl Buschhaus

Laura Batson

Marcel Scott

Term Expires after 2014:

Sam Hadley

Polly Pappadopoulos

Amber Scarborough

Joanie Davenport

Term Expires after 2015 (Nominees)

Mary Ogle – will help with writing

Troy Birdsong – will help with ranking

Shayna Magnone – will help with membership

Shana moves to approve board membership to the three nominees for 2014. Joanie seconds – all approve... welcome to the board!

5. Approval of nominees
6. Executive Committee Nominations and Vote:

President: Troy Birdsong
Vice President: Sam Hadley
Treasurer: Shary Birdsong (non board member)
Secretary: Polly P.

All approve.

18. Rule Changes/Updates:

5. “Rolling Up” Clarification and rewording. Current Wording:
U17 Athletes may only "roll up" if a Semi-Pro division is not offered or there are fewer than 3 athletes in U17.

*New wording: “U17 Athletes may only "roll up" at a **level three** tournament in which a Semi-Pro division is not offered **and** there are fewer than 3 athletes in U17Boys/Girls. If prize money or elite prizes (excluding medals or trophies) are accepted athlete will not be able to return to amateur status.”*

Joanie Seconds- all approve.

- *Semi- Pro Definition: **Semi-Pro (no age limit)** This is the stepping stone to Elite. These are serious rollers who want to improve and compete at major tournaments. Will roll in spikes when such equipment is available. After two world championship wins, athlete must advance to the elite division by the following season.
Polly seconds – all approve.*

6. Round Robin Format Finalization (no current wording, will put this in tourney organization form) - Troy will work on this with Joanie

7. Log Time Limits:

Current Wording: **Elite Men/Elite Women**

#1 (15” dia 12’ long) 1 minute / #2 (14” dia 12’ long) 1 minute

#2 (14” dia 12’ long) 3 minutes / #3 (13” dia 12’ long) 3 minutes

#3 (13” dia 13’ long)* 5 minutes / #4 (12” dia 12’ long) until end of match #4 (12” dia 13’ long)* until end of match

*If 13’ long logs are not available, 12’ logs may be used.

Junior, Semi-Pro, Adult Sport and Masters will use the following time limits:

Amateur

- #1 (15" dia 12' long) 1 minute
- #2 (14" dia 12' long) 2 minutes
- #3 (13" dia 12' long) 3 minutes
- #4 (12" dia 12' long) 4 minutes
- #5 (11" dia 12' long) until end of match*

d. Amateur Ranking
Currently: none

Discussion around pros and cons of set time limit. Possibly having different option for amateur vs. pros. Namekagon and LWC need a #5 to shorten matches. Decision was made to leave time limits the same, but to not necessarily close the door on this issue for the future.

Sam moves to leave these times the same, Marcel seconds all approve.

19. Fill out 2014 Plan of work and committee task form.

Communication committee members: Shana, Sam, Shayna, Polly
Rules, Regulations, & Officials committee members: Entire Board
Tournaments and Sanctioning Committee Members: Mary and selected tournament liaisons
Property Management: Leah Stanton and Chris Fischer
Membership Assistance: Shayna, Polly, Joanie
Program Development: Sam, Joanie, Mary
Finance and Legal Affairs: Shary and Joanie
Ranking: Tournament Liaisons (Katie Rick will do calculations but does not sit on committee)

20. Schedule January Board Meeting.

7:30pm Sunday January 5th