

January 2014 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes

USLRA Conference Call Minutes

Sunday January 5, 2014 – 7:30 PM

Present on call: Troy, Polly, Amber, Joanie, Shayna, Mary

1.) Approval of November Meeting Minutes:

(located

at <http://uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2013/11/november-2013-uslra-board-meeting.html>)

Corrections to Term Expirations:

Term Expiring after 2015: Polly Pappadopoulos

Terms Expiring after 2016: Troy Birdsong

Mary Ogle

Shayna Magnone

Joanie moves to approve November Minutes with Corrections to Terms. Polly Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Bylaws Updates final Vote:

- New Wording, as edited by USLRA Board Members via email:

a. 4.01. General Powers; Number of Directors; Age qualification. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors (the "Board"). The number of directors of the Corporation shall be not less than six(6) and not more than nine(9). Each director shall be eighteen years of age or older.

b. 4.02. Director Classes and Terms. The directors shall be divided into two classes: Competitive and noncompetitive members. Competitive members shall be represented by not less than two(2) and not more than one less than half of the board membership. Noncompetitive members can be associate members and not more than two(2) corporate members. Directors shall be elected for a three-year term in accordance with Section 4.03. A director shall hold office until October 30 of the year in which his or her term expires and until his or her successor are elected and shall qualify, subject, however, to prior death, resignation, retirement or removal from office.

c. 4.03. Election of Directors. Upon expiration of any director's term in office, a successor director shall be elected to the Board by the affirmative vote of a majority of all Members entitled to vote. All votes under this Section 4.03 shall be by written ballots (the "Written Ballots"), which may include ballots distributed and returned by e-mail or

comparable, distributed to the appropriate Members by the Board and returned by such Members to the Secretary of the Corporation on or before a deadline specified by the Board (the "Deadline"). The Written Ballots shall contain both a list of candidates as determined by the Board of Directors and a space for write-in candidates. A candidate that receives the greatest number of votes as evidenced by the Written Ballots received by the Secretary of the Corporation on or prior to the Deadline shall be elected as a director. The Board shall take reasonable action to encourage the election by the Members of both male and female directors.

-It is noted that the Bylaws shall be posted to the website once completed.

Shayna Moves to Approve. Joanie Seconds. All approve.

3.) Discussion of Committees – Do we need a rules and ranking committee?

- Include rules on USLRA website to make clear for competitors, judges and tournament officials.
- Keep feelers out amongst competitors, if they feel the necessity for a Rules and Ranking Committee.
- Katie Rick will continue to calculate rankings.

4.) Committee Updates:

a. Communication –

Shayna will continue to work on a brochure promoting USLRA.

Committee members will contribute to facebook updates, newsletters and press releases.

b. Rules, Regulations & Officials –

Round Robin Format: Review of Round Robin Rules Document

- Eliminate Bracket portion to reduce confusion.
- Post and distribute rules document as a "Recommended Procedure"
- Will be kept flexible for first year, included in next survey for USLRA member input.
- Troy will re-word document and send to Board Members for approval.

Rules Format:

- Plan to consolidate separate tournament documents into one master document.
- Suggestion to create Handbook including Master Rules Document, as well as a sheet which directors can use to submit tournament results (for quicker posting).
- Handbook to be distributed to tournament directors prior to tournament, as well as posted on USLRA website.
- Suggestion for Tournament Liaisons to post updates of data from specific Tournament.

c. Tournament and Sanctioning – No Report

d. Property Management – No Report

e. Membership Assistance –

- Shayna has prepared membership forms for 2014.
- Discussion on a registration deadline for Members to receive an incentive item. Committee will send Joanie ideas for items for price quotes. Troy will check on budget.
- Membership Deadline date set: Postmarked by March 1, 2014.
- Delivery of incentive item projected for Midwest Championships.
- Suggestions made to collect memberships before World Championships – perhaps man a table on Wednesday evening checking if membership has been paid before a competitor can receive their competition materials.

f. Program Development –

- Joanie reports up to two new programs will begin in the Hudson, WI area
- Mary would like the two Michigan Programs added to website. Polly will add to program list.
- Joanie will continue confirming programs on her list.

g. Finance and Legal Affairs –

- Troy will get current balance for account.
- Discussion on Raising Membership Fees as follows:
Competitive Membership - \$25
Elite Competitive Membership - \$40
Associate, Lifetime and Family amounts as is.

Mary Motions to approve Raise in Membership Fees. Amber seconds. All Approve.

Troy will work on changing wording on Membership form to clarify that one parent will become an associate member per child with a maximum of 2 votes per family. This will also be added to Bylaws.

h. Ranking and Tournament Liasons –

- Tournament Liasons will be assigned when Tournament Schedule is firmed up.

5.) Polar Plunge Discussion

- Discussion on whether or not to allow an un-sanctioned Tournament to affect amateur status.

6.) Board Yearly Plan

- Will Formulate at future meeting

7.) Schedule February Board Meeting

- Sunday, February 9 – 7:30 PM Conference Call

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Shayna Seconds.

February 2014 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes Sunday, January 9, 2014 – 7:30 PM

Present on call: Troy, Polly, Joanie, Shayna, Mary, Sam

1.) Approval of January Meeting Minutes:

(located at <http://www.uslogrolling.com/html/news.html>)

Joanie moves to approve January Minutes. Shayna Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Additional Bylaws Updates final Vote:

3.01(c)

Associate Members. Associate Members shall include any individual interested in actively supporting and promoting the purpose or purposes of the Corporation who otherwise meets the eligibility requirements as set forth by the Board of Directors. *One parent will be granted a free associate membership with each paid competitive membership for competitors who are 14 years of age or younger on January 1. A maximum of two free associate memberships will be granted per family.*

Polly Moves to Approve. Joanie Seconds. All approve.

3.) Approve Membership Form

- Membership Form to include addition of free associate membership for one parent per child.
- Membership Form will include approved pricing.
- Polly will send to Shana Versteegen to be posted on the USLRA website, Facebook, and to possibly be sent out in an email via Constant Contact.

Shayna Moves to Approve. Polly Seconds. All approve.

4.) Discussion of Merchandise/Online Store

- Joanie has researched some potential merchandise and will bring samples to the March Oconomowoc Tournament on March 2 for board members to view.
- The store will have a 2 week online life to take orders.
- It is suggested that Merchandise can be delivered to the customer at tournaments.

5.) Brochure Discussion

- Shayna has created a USLRA brochure to be handed out to potential and current USLRA members.
- Discussion on whether to have a year-specific brochure or a generic brochure that can be used from year to year with an insert schedule to be more cost effective. It is decided to make the brochure year-specific.
- Shayna will print a limited number to pass out at a table at the March 2 Oconomowoc Tournament.
- Cost will need to be researched.

6.) Amateur Ranking

The following rules were discussed and proposed:

Amateur Ranking(preliminary)

Rules:

- Amateur log-rollers will be ranked according to their best 3 finishes in the previous year.
- Only rollers who have been in at least three tournaments will be ranked.
- Competitors who move up a division will be ranked at the bottom of the new division ranking according to their previous divisions season ending ranking.
- You must be a paid member of USLRA to receive ranking points or be ranked.

The points for ranking will be:

First place 8

Second place 7

Third place 6

Fourth place 5

Fifth place 4

Sixth place 3

Seventh place 2

Eighth place 1

Tiebreak Procedure:

1. The competitor who has placed the highest at the sanctioned World Championships.
2. If the competitors have had any head-to-head matches during the season, whoever has won more times will earn the higher ranking.
3. The competitor who has achieved the highest average placement in all tournaments attended.
4. The competitor who has achieved the highest place in a tournament
5. The competitor who has attended the most tournaments
6. Coin Toss

7.) Round Robin Rules

- Round Robin Rules as discussed in January 2014 meeting

Mary moves to Approve. Shayna Seconds. All approve.

8.) Rules Format

- Add Amateur Rankings to the Rules Document.
- Rules and Ranking Document to contain all Elite and Amateur Rules.

9.) Committee Updates

- A. Communication –
- B. Rules, Regulations & Officials –
- C. Tournament and Sanctioning –
- D. Property Management –
- E. Membership Assistance –
- F. Program Development –
- G. Finance and Legal Affairs –
 - A second board member is needed to be listed on checking account as co-signer with Shary Birdsong.
Troy Nominates Polly. Joanie Seconds. Polly accepts.
- H. Ranking and Tournament Liasons –
 - Tournament Liasons will be responsible for collecting dues at registration, and updating spreadsheet.

2014 Tournament Liasons:

Polar Plunge(2/22)- **Troy**
5-0 fast Feet(3/2)- **Shayna and Mary**
Harold Fischer(4/5)- **Joanie and Polly**
Capitol Splash(4/19)- **Shayna and Polly**
Rusty Ankle(5/4)- **Polly and Troy**
Kaslo-
Midwest(6/28)- **Amber and Polly**
Go Fourth Festival(7/4)-
La Crosse Open(7/12?)- **Polly and Troy**
Namekagon River Roll Off(7/20?)- **Sam and Shayna**
Lumberjack World Championships(7/24-26)- **ALL BOARD MEMBERS**
Grand Marais - **Shayna**
Squamish(8/3-4)- **(Shana Martin)**
Morton Loggers Jubilee(8/7-10)-
Three Rivers Roleo(8/9)- **Leah & Polly**
Jack Pine(8/16)- **Mary**
Oconomowoc Rock n Roll – **Shayna and Mary**
River Rat Roll(10/26)- **Troy and Polly**
November Nationals-**Troy and Joanie**
Key Log Rolling Open?- **Shana & Sam**

10.) Schedule March Board Meeting

8:00 Sunday, March 9, 2014

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Shayna Seconds. 9:26pm

March 2014 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes Sunday, March 9, 2014 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy, Polly, Leah, Shayna, Joanie, Amber, Sam

1.) Approval of February Meeting Minutes:

<http://uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2014/02/february-2014-uslra-board-meeting.html>

Shayna moves to approve February Minutes. Joanie Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Approve Pro Rankings

Leah Moves to Approve. Polly Seconds. All approve.

3.) Amateur Rankings

- Troy has prepared amateur rankings based on a roller's top 3 tournaments.
- Questions on formula – 2 vs. 3 tournaments, should rollers be ranked if they haven't paid dues, how should points be weighted when a roller moves up into a new age division.
- It has been suggested that the best formula for moving rollers up to a new division is to use ½ of their points from the previous year.
- Discussion on whether all rollers be ranked, regardless of the number of tournaments they participate in.
- Discussion tabled for further exploration.

4.) Finance

- Procedure: Add Treasurer's Report to Meeting agenda
- Shary will write checks for basic costs, will approach board for other expenditures.
- 2013 Taxes: Nothing Owed. \$275 for Tax Prep.
- Discussion of purchasing Quick Books for USLRA to avoid paying separate data entry fees. Troy will purchase Quick Books at the best price he finds.

Joanie Motions to approve purchase. Polly Seconds. All approve.

5.) Seeding Discussion

- Elite Seeding Rule reads as: The top 8 ranked elite men and women will be seeded at all tournaments. If a competitor in the top 8 is not in attendance, lower ranked competitors will NOT be moved up into the 8 seeded competitors.

- The Administrative Document suggests that there should be 1 seeded competitor for every 4 competitors.
- Discussion on Seeding procedure for Amateurs.
- Decision to seed half of the competitors present.
- Suggested new wording: *The number of seeded competitors will be half the number of competitors present, up to a maximum of 8 seeded competitors. A minimum of 3 competitors will be seeded at a tournament. If an odd number of competitors are present, the number of seeds will NOT be rounded up. (Ex. 9 Competitors would have 4 seeds.)*
- This wording will be voted on at the next meeting.

6.) Membership Requirement

- Discussion on adding wording to Rules Document that a competitor must be a USLRA Member to receive Rankings and/or Super Series Points. (There is no current text for this.)
- Troy will email the addition to the Rules Document for approval.

7.) Log Sizes and Timing:

- Log timing rules have not changed, but new wording was suggested:

Time Limits and Log Sizes

Log sizes used in USLRA competitions are:

#1-15" diameter 12' long

#2-14" diameter 12' long

#3-13" diameter 13' long

#4-12" diameter 13' long

#5-11" diameter 13' long(used only in amateur competition when available)

Elite Men/Elite Women

In elite competition, men start on a #1 log and women start on a #2 log. A match can start on a smaller log if both competitors agree. The agreed upon first log will count as the first log for timing purposes.

Elite competitors will use the following time limits:

Men

First Log 1 minute

Second Log 3 minute

Third Log 5 minute

Fourth Log until the end of match

Women

First Log 1 minute

Second Log 3 minute

Third Log until the end of match

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

Amateur

First Log 1 minute

Second Log 2 minute

Third Log 3 minute

Fourth Log 4 minutes

Fifth log until the end of match*

*Use of #5 log is optional. If #5 log is not used, use #4 log until end of match

- Troy will send all competition rules for approval by email.

8.) Corporate Sponsorships

- Board would like to pursue Corporate Sponsorship for USLRA.
- Avoid companies that already sponsor individual tournaments.
- Could help in providing tournament grants.
- Need to explore legal issues. Rich Magnone could possibly do this.

9.) Merchandise:

- Some examples were shown at Oconomowoc.
- Joanie will put together a list of possibilities.
- Suggestion to offer some merchandise choices at a table at tournaments.

10.) Charitable Fund

New Program has been applied for at the Oconomowoc Lake Club – a 1 log has been requested – they will repay by a payment plan.

Shayna moves to approve new program for review by Charitable Board. Joanie Seconds.

10.) April Board Meeting

8:00 Sunday, April 13, 2014

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Leah Seconds. 9:22 pm

**April 2014 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes
USLRA Conference Call Minutes
Sunday, April 13, 2014 – 8:00 PM**

Present on call: Troy, Polly, Joanie, Shayna, Leah, Mary

1.) Approval of March Meeting Minutes:

<http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2014/03/march-2013-uslra-board-meeting-minutes.html>

Joanie moves to approve March Minutes. Leah Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Approve Competition Rules

- Amateur division to include: *In order to receive ranking or Super Series points, competitors must be paid members of the USLRA at the time of the event.*
- Elite division to include: *In order to receive ranking points, competitors must be paid members of the USLRA at the time if the event.*

Polly Moves to Approve new wording. Shayna seconds. All approve.

- Boom run: clarify age limit to include: *athletes must have declared elite status in writing.*

Joanie moves to approve new wording. Shayna seconds. All approve.

Finalized Rules:

<http://www.uslogrolling.com/html/2014/rankings/USLRA%20Competition%20Rules%202014.pdf>

Shayna Moves to Approve 2014 Rules. Leah Seconds. All approve.

3.) Amateur Rankings

<http://www.uslogrolling.com/html/2014/rankings/Amateur%20Ranking%202014.pdf>

Joanie moves to approve 2014 Amateur Rankings. Shayna seconds. All approve.

4.) Approve Brochure

- Shayna will get pricing for brochures.
- Dates to be updated: Kaslo – May 17-19, La Crosse Open – July 12, Namekagon – July 20, MN State Championships – August 2, Jack Pine – August 16, Oconomowoc R&R – October 5.

Joanie Motions to approve brochure. Shayna Seconds. All approve.

5.) Discuss Merchandise

- Joanie will get samples of shorts, tanks, etc. to have by La Crosse's tournament. Will also look into small items like water bottles, hair ties, etc.

6.) Judge Training Form

- Shayna has created a sample quiz for judges. Board members will take quiz and make suggestions for revision.
- Leah will find out who provided training sessions in the past.

7.) Elite Status Declaration form

- Joanie will formulate a document for a competitor to declare Elite Status.
- Will send to board for review.

- This form should be filed with membership applications when received.

8.) Website Maintenance

- Troy will speak with Shana about obtaining more access to website.

9.) Super Series

- Troy will work on frequent updates of Super Series points.
- Spreadsheet and Typed-out format should both be available.
- Current Super Series Standings can be found at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1MY5Alqx3r5rXp9LvM1fzFgitsBrubd4hZveWoU4j7BM/edit>

10.) Finance

Discussion of Proposed 2014 Budget

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/ccc?key=0AofBb2T9fU-4dDFzODVIREItU25CTmh6Zy1CWFFITIE&usp=sharing#gid=0>

11.) Pro Tournaments/Sport Promotion

- Prize money is best incentive for Elite Competitor attendance at new tournaments.
- Spring is a difficult time of year for Elite Competitors with school, work, etc.
- Board will make an effort to use more social media contact to promote the sport. Facebook posts are to be more frequent – quizzes and giveaways are suggestions for fun and engaging posts. Polly will work on creating an Instagram account for USLRA, to live post from tournaments etc.

12.) Other

- Suggestion that all tournaments provide counters for Fall Counts. Board will explore purchasing (or making) counters to travel to tournaments for use. This aids the spectators.

13.) May Board Meeting

8:00 Sunday, May 18, 2014

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Leah Seconds. 10:03pm

June 2014 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes Sunday, June 22, 2014 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy, Sam, Leah, Polly, Shayna

1.) Approve June 2014 Minutes

<http://www.uslogrolling.com/html/news.html>

Shayna motions to approve May Minutes. Leah Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Rule/Word Change Approval:

If the Logs do not meet the buoyancy standards, the judge has the discretion to finish the match on a 13' log of the same diameter (if available), the next larger log or to finish the match on the smaller, less buoyant log, as long as the water does not rise above either of the competitor's ankles.

(Found under "Standards for Log Buoyancy")

Sam motions to approve word change. Polly Seconds. All approve.

* Either 12' or 13' logs can be used if the recommended logs are not available.

(Found Under "Time Limits and Log Sizes")

Polly motions to approve. Leah Seconds. All approve.

3.) Corrected Competition Rules (Updated to USLogrolling.com on June 10, 2014)

Sam motions to approve 2014 competition rules. Leah Seconds. All approve.

4.) Finance

Troy gave a Balance Update. Deposits have been made (\$650 from Charitable Fund for Oconomowoc Log, \$560 memberships)

Checks will be written for the Oconomowoc Log (\$650), Insurance (\$648), and Superseries awards and taxes (Approximately \$1000).

Discussion of how much of a cushion to keep in the balance. (1,000-2,000 dollars)

Shayna will look into less expensive plaques/trophies for Super Series.

5.) Review of Three Rivers Roleo Tournament and Registration

Board Approves the Three Rivers Roleo as a Level Two Tournament for 2014.

6.) Procedure Discussion

Discussion on what decisions require a motion and vote.

7.) USLRA vs ILRA

Annual Reports have been filed for both. (At a cost of \$10/each.)

For now we will keep both organizations as separate businesses.

8.) Tournament Sanctioning

Troy proposes a more formal Sanctioning Agreement for all USLRA Sanctioned Tournaments in the future. (Beginning 2015)

Different Fee plans will be explored.

Proposed wording:

USLRA Sanctioning Agreement

- **Tournament must be run using USLRA Rules.**
- **Any variance from the stated rules must be approved in advance by the full board.**
- **Tournament entry form must state “All Competitors must be a current member of the USLRA.”**
- **Tournament managers must turn in the complete match and tournament results to the tournament liaison.**
- **Published results should include all competitors who are in the tournament.**

9.) Discussion of Day Passes for Membership

Official wording for day pass structure needs to be added for 2015.

This issue will be discussed more after further exploration and data collection.

10.) Wikipedia Page

Board will explore updating page to explain and enhance understanding of the sport.

11.) Merchandise Update

Update unavailable from Joanie. Merchandise will not be available at Midwest.

12.) Property Owned by USLRA

Troy has taken a photo inventory of USLRA property and conditions.

Jamie Fischer is interested in purchasing docks. Will investigate how much the docks actually cost and who they were manufactured by.

12.) Lincoln, NE Update

Sam sent initial proposal. Has had no response as of yet.

13.) Things to watch this season:

Should semi-pro use pro log times?

Would Adult Sport/Masters work at LWC, or would competitors rather stay in semi-pro?

How many matches would actually use a #5 log? (It is noted that Hayward is looking into obtaining a #5 log.)

Would USLRA tournaments benefit from having competitor Jerseys with numbers?

14.) Pro-Log Roller Declaration Form

Add to form: I understand I will not be able to return to amateur status.

Polly will update and send via email for board approval to be ready for Midwest Championships.

(Email approval was obtained.)

Form will be signed to obtain eligibility to boom run.

15.) July Board Meeting

8:00 Sunday, June 13, 2014

Board will also plan to have a meeting at LWC – date/time to be determined.

Sam motions to Adjourn. Shayna Seconds. 9:05 PM.

May 2014 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes Sunday, May 18, 2014 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy, Polly, Shayna, Sam, Joanie

1.) Approve April 2014 Minutes

http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2014_04_01_archive.html

Shayna moves to approve April Minutes. Joanie Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Rusty Ankle Recap

- Ideas to get less experienced rollers to competitions:
 - Add a novice bracket?
 - Add a consolation bracket?

3.) Use of Google Docs

- All agree to usage of account and website to communicate
- Board website has been created for important documents

4.) Discussion of USLRA owned property

- Listing of all rental property available
- Board owns many docks – perhaps not necessary to keep them.
- Board will explore selling some docks with a contract to rent them back from new owner if needed

5.) Lincoln, NE USLRA Event

- Interest in holding an event in Lincoln, NE for summer of 2015
- RFP will be created, including mileage, types of logs, minimum number of competitors (10 women, 10 men – minimum), tanks, mileage for transportation of USLRA equipment from Hudson
- Sam will draw up a proposal

6.) LWC – Hayward Priorities

- Use of #5 Log
- Some feel this may be unfair to use, as some programs do not own #5 logs to practice on
- Troy will collect data on how many matches could actually make it to a #5 log
- Recommended to add to yearly survey to get member feedback
- Recommend addition of an Adult Sport or Master's Category
- Schedule USLRA Members to be present on Dock to aid in brackets, fall counts, etc.
- Could USLRA take over the bracket formation and keeping for LWC, using USLRA bracket generator, and live updates of brackets online.
- Troy and Shana will draft a letter to be sent.

7.) Merchandise Update

- Some clothing merchandise samples were displayed at Rusty Ankle
- USLRA Logo is too complicated to reproduce onto clothing etc.
- Could the Logo be updated or a portion be used? Do we need a new logo?
- Joanie will look at Waterbottles and small items to sell at Midwest Championships.

8.) Website

- Add a description of what Log Rolling is and how a tournament works
- Create a logrolling promo package/press kit that can be used with potential sponsors
- Equipment Rental items listed on website
- Marketing our athletes – Create a page to include bios of Elite Athletes with photos of them rolling. Athletes could fill out these bios with their membership forms.
- Make merchandise available in the future.

9.) Finance

- \$500 could be put towards merchandise purchase
- QuickBooks has been purchased
- Membership dues continue to come in and deposits have been made

10.) June Board Meeting

8:00 Sunday, June 22, 2014

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Shayna Seconds. 9:35 PM.

July 2014 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes Sunday, July 13, 2014

Present on call: Troy, Polly, Shayna, Joanie, Amber

1.) Approve June 2014 Minutes

<http://www.uslogrolling.com/html/news.html>

Polly motions to approve minutes. Shayna Seconds. All Approve.

2.) LWC Planning

* Dock workers (USLRA Volunteers) will be on hand (one for each dock) at LWC to track fall counts, flip score cards, assist as needed. (LWC has approved this.) A schedule will be drawn up for volunteers.

* USLRA will have a table at Registration to check and collect memberships.

* Effort to be made to streamline judges calls.

Polly motions to approve. Leah Seconds. All approve.

3.) Discussion on Pro Rankings

* Rankings may not reflect ability of rollers, due to the number of tournaments attended (men's especially). How do we tackle this issue to gain a more accurate ranking?

4.) Judging Issues

- A clear procedure is needed for judging, so that their calls are not misinterpreted by the competitor. It should be clear that there is no discussion or communication on a fall.
- Job descriptions can be written up to be presented pre-tournament to judges
- A coin or flip card on a string (to be worn around neck) to indicate which side took the fall should be used.
- Judges can look down for 5 seconds to recall the fall.
- A list of judges will be created to indicate experience (Head Judges, Pro Judges, Amateur Judges).
- Some options to review in the future: Creating judging certification – levels to be passed, Payment of Judges based on their certification or experience.

5.) Membership Structure

Should we continue to use the day fee? Should that fee be raised?

Could tournaments be structured to give a discount to members? (Full tournament fee would include the cost of a day pass.)

6.) Tournament Sanctioning Update

Sample of what a sanctioning agreement may look like:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cy7gJR8kkOyGfLYOjzVrCSFCdiciQvU27JQg2EweGKI/edit>

7.) Merchandise Update

Joanie is pricing options from different printers.
Looking at a solid color graphic, simplifying logo to print better.

8.) Website

Create a logrolling promo package/press kit to have available on USLRA website.

Put together a description of what logrolling is, and how a tournament works.

Joanie will work on these.

Sample Press releases –

2015 – USLRA can send press releases for each tournament. (John Pappadopoulos can assist.)

9.) Tournament Liaison Update

Namekagon River Roll Off(7/20)- **Sam and Shayna**

Lumberjack World Championships(7/24-26)- **ALL BOARD MEMBERS**

Grand Marais(8/2) - **Shayna**

Squamish(8/3-4)- **(Shana Martin)**

Morton Loggers Jubilee(8/7-10)-

Three Rivers Roleo(8/9)- **Leah & Polly**

Jack Pine(8/16)- **Mary**

Oconomowoc Rock n Roll – **Shayna and Mary**

River Rat Roll(10/26)- **Troy and Polly**

November Nationals-**Troy and Joanie**

10.) Things to think about at LWC for the future

Semi Pro Log Times – should they be consistent with Pro Log Times?

Would Adult Sport and/or a Novice Bracket have a place at LWC?

Would matches at LWC utilize a #5 log?

Could assigning competitor numbers (jerseys) to Amateurs be beneficial? (They could be used all season. This would aid in identifying competitors to the audience.)

15.) July Board Meeting – at LWC

7:00 at Wednesday, July 23 picnic

August Board Meeting

Sunday, August 17 – 8:00 PM

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Amber Seconds. 9:40 PM

**July 2014 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes
USLRA Meeting at LWC
Wednesday, July 23, 2014**

Present at meeting: Troy, Polly, Shayna, Joanie, Amber, Sam

1.) Judging

- Troy will attend judges meeting.
- Discussion on judging procedure.

2.) Things to think about at LWC

- Addition of Adult Sport
- Key Log
- Should Semi-Pro use Pro Log times
- U17 vs. Semi-Pro (increase participation in U17)
- Competitor Numbers for Amateurs
- Keep log rolling in direction away from dock in running matches.
- One competitor asked to not be called to roll at the same time he is chopping.

3.) Future Planning

- Board Members will assemble a list of goals for the remainder of year, 2015, 5 and 10 year goals.
- Continue working to maintain and improve relations with LWC
- Work toward more education: Education of Instructors (Certification program?), Create DVD, Educating Judges and helping to gain experience and develop
- Begin a USLRA Logrolling Camp (Joanie will look into the Possibility of developing a lumberjack camp with Jamie Fischer)
- Sponsorship
- Form relationship with Foundation Board
- Create Online Registration for Memberships.
- Board should utilize Constant Contact for more frequent communication
- President could produce a State of the Association Letter to update members on what we are working on and our goals.

August 2014 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes Sunday, August 18, 2014 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy, Joanie, Polly, Shayna and Mary

1.) Approve July 2014 Minutes

<http://www.uslogrolling.com/html/news.html>

Shayna motions to approve July Minutes. Mary Seconds. All Approve.

2.) LWC Follow Up

- Positive feedback has come in from members on Flipping Score Cards and Volunteer Presence on the Docks.

- Will work towards the addition of coins for falls next year.
- Troy will offer to completely take over brackets for LWC, and will print an official bracket to reduce errors. He plans to generate a final version of all brackets after the finals on Saturday.
- There were 30 more amateurs this year than last.
- Ideas for streamlining amateur matches:
 - 2/3 falls (all members present agree this is not optimal)
 - Start Amateurs on a 2 log for all matches
 - Run the Boom Qualifying at a different time (Wednesday evening?)
 - Run all age groups together on one day (letting people know in advance)
 - Move U7 to a different Day or on 2 separate days
 - Limit the number of competitors by qualifying
 - Hold firm to registration deadline
 - Online Registration
- How much time should be allowed between pro matches? Suggested 10 minute recovery period between
- A policy is needed on being late to matches (for choppers)
- Discussion on how to resolve the problem of Choppers skipping their back bracket matches
- Form a Judge Rotation
- USLRA should reach out to Ketchikan rollers and other remote places - should they receive a discounted USLRA rate? Need to get them involved in the super series
- Ideas to enhance show: Add Championship Amateur matches to the show (halftime?) or Girl vs. Boy champions face off, Add River Pig or Grand Entrance to Open the show back in

3.) Squamish Results

- The Squamish tournament is run Co-Ed, thus creating a problem for rankings.
- Discussion on how women should be awarded points – by gender or actual placement in co-ed, as a minimum of 4 competitors is needed by gender for rankings.
- Proposed wording: Pro-competitors will receive points for the place they earn (regardless of gender) for the Squamish Days Logger Sports co-ed competition.

Polly Motions to Approve. Mary Seconds. All Approve.

4.) Press Release Sample

John Pappadopoulos has written a sample press release with suggestions from a sports writer perspective. These are available for tournament directors at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18DbN7NosVgRn6pWpdrqb3ifPj5RS2sMS8Dr7NrWWFNY/edit>

5.) Volunteer Recognition

- Board would like to begin recognizing a “Volunteer of the Year”

- Winner would receive a plaque
- Members can give nominations, board will review nominations and choose most deserving.

5.) Super Series Discussion

- Shayna will explore pricing for different award options
- It is suggested that Semi-pro rollers will be awarded Super Series points in their respective age groups, according to their placement in Semi-Pro.

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Joanie makes a motion to approve. Shayna Seconds. All Approve.

6.) Tournament Sanctioning

- Troy continues to work on Tournament Sanctioning Document for 2015.
- Wording will be added about the day fee for non-USLRA members, or a discounted fee for USLRA members.
- A prize money pay out/break down will be added to the document.
- Troy proposes a 7 day time limit to report results. *A form should be included for directors to submit their results on
- Troy will run the form past all tournament directors to seek their feedback.

7.) USLRA Brackets

- Steve Klingemann and Troy continue to work on cleaning up mistakes on brackets
- They've added a variable font size to allow space for full names.

8.) CAN-LOG

- USLRA will seek to form a relationship with CAN-LOG. Troy will reach out to them.
- Also seek to form relationships with other Lumberjack Associations - perhaps suggesting a discounted rate for members of these other associations.

9.) Log Size Specifications

- It was brought up to Troy at the Three Rivers Roleo that at tournaments this summer, Log Sizes have not been consistent. It was suggested that the variance in log size should be changed to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch rather than $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. The board will explore this further in the future.

10.) Media

- USLRA is now on twitter. @USLogrolling
- Future planning to update website: add pages with athlete profiles, archival, update photos and media pages, add online payment system

11.) Finance

- 4,935.00 in membership dues has been collected.
- Payments left this year: Super Series Awards, taxes.
- Board will look at budgeting for Tournament Grants in the 2015 season.

12.) Other topics

- Joanie is exploring the idea of a camp for Amateurs led by Jamie Fischer. Is working on details and dates. Funds would go back to USLRA to form potential scholarship fund. She will type up a proposal.

13.) Tournament Liaisons for remainder of season

October 5 - Oconomowoc Rock-n-Roll: Shayna and Mary
October 26 – River Rat Roll: Troy and Polly
November 8 – November Nationals: Troy and Joanie

14.) Apparel

- Joanie will be meeting with two additional apparel suppliers
- Logo has been simplified for better transfer

15.) Annual Board Meeting

- Plans will be made to hold Annual USLRA Board meeting on November 8, after the November Nationals Tournament in Hudson, WI. All USLRA members will be invited to attend. (Meeting could also be videotaped for members unable to attend.)

16.) Next Board Meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Mary Seconds. 10:03 PM.

**September 2014 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes
USLRA Conference Call Minutes
Sunday, September 14, 2014 – 8:00 PM**

Present on call: Troy, Mary, Sam, Polly, Joanie, Leah, Shayna

1.) Approve August 2014 Minutes

<http://www.uslogrolling.com/html/news.html>

Shayna motions to approve July Minutes. Polly Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Volunteer Recognition

- Discussion on beginning a new volunteer recognition program

- USLRA Board will nominate first Volunteer to be recognized in the Fall 2014 Newsletter.
- Newsletter article will call for nominations from USRLA members for other volunteers to be recognized.

3.) **Super Series Awards**

- Shayna will work on comparing costs for different styles of Super Series plaques for 2014.
- Laser Engraved plaques are an affordable option.

4.) **Tournament Sanctioning**

- Troy has sent out an email with a sanctioning document proposal to select Tournament Directors to gather opinions and thoughts. Shana Martin approved, John Hallett suggested adding language reflecting the Day Fee for USLRA non-members. Katie Rick raised concerns with the document, mainly in regard to the time frame suggested for tournament results.
- Could tournament Registration papers be used in lieu of this document?
- The document will be made a voluntary sheet to gather information.
- The information from the forms could be made available on the website to be used for press releases and to create a more organized system of advertising tournaments.

5.) **CAN-LOG**

- Troy reached out and did get a response. They will discuss a relationship with USLRA at their next meeting on October 4, 2014.

6.) **Media**

- **Website:** Shana will contact the individual who updates the website to arrange for Rich Magnone to have the ability to add information and merge pages to the website. A board page should be created.
- **Maroon PR:** USLRA was contacted by this PR firm. Troy will respond and tell them that USLRA is not in a position to use their services.

7.) **Insurance**

- Joanie will work on researching Directors and Officers Insurance for the USLRA Board.

8.) **3 Foot Crash Zone Discussion**

- A 6 foot crash zone has been suggested by some USLRA members. Most are not in agreement with this, but wording could be changed to suit individual tournament directors' preferences for their specific venue.

- Changes could be made to include “a minimum of 3 feet” or “height of the tallest roller”, and could combine with “at the tournament director’s discretion”.
- As Insurance options are being looked at, information will be sought out as to what an insurance standard or safeguard might be in determining the distance.
- Board will continue to discuss and explore options.

9.) Tournament Director’s Meeting

- The board would like to meet with Tournament Directors from all Tournaments, to gather their thoughts and suggestions as to how we can better serve their needs and support their individual tournaments.
- A gathering of all directors has been suggested, but since this would be geographically difficult, an effort to gather small groups will be made in the Spring of 2015.

10.) Tournaments

- October 5 - Oconomowoc Rock’n’Roll – Liaisons: Mary Ogle
- October 26 – La Crosse River Rat Roll – Liaisons: Troy and Polly
- November 8 - Hudson November Nationals – Liaisons: Troy and Joanie

11.) Annual Board Meeting

The 2014 Annual URLRA Board Meeting will be held in Hudson on November 8, 2014, following the November Nationals Tournament at the Hudson YMCA. All USLRA Membership is invited to attend.

16.) Next Board Meeting will be held Sunday, October 19, 2014 at 8:00 pm.

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Shayna Seconds. None opposed.

October 2014 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes Sunday, October 19, 2014 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy, Sam, Polly, Amber, Shayna and Joanie

1.) Approve September 2014 Minutes

http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2014_10_01_archive.html

Shayna motions to approve July Minutes. Amber Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Elite Rankings

- 2014 Elite Rankings have been prepared and submitted to board
- Will Post after January 1, 2015
- Board Members will individually review for accuracy
- Discussion begun on expanding points: Points could be awarded for a win – 3 points for a Level 1, 2 points for a Level 2, and 1 point for a Level 3. It is decided that this issue will be included in the Member Survey and revisited at a later meeting.

3.) Super Series Awards

- Shayna has secured a vendor for new Super Series Awards – Wood Cookie type plaques, with Roller's name burned in, with new simplified logo.
- Plaques will be ordered leading in to November Nationals to be awarded as possible, for those places that are secured. Unsecured places will be prepared and sent at a later date.

4.) Website

- Joanie Recommends that we rebuild a new website from scratch, to enable a more user friendly format with easier links.
- A USLRA Board Page to include documents, minutes, and board member information will be added to website.

5.) LWC Proposal

- Troy has prepared a proposal for the LWC board concerning the 2/3 falls change for amateurs. Proposal includes several different suggestions to save and better budget Amateur match times.

5.) Log Rule Discussion

- Question is posed – should the Log times be changed for Amateur Matches, should the matches be required to start on a #2 Log. It is suggested that the Time should be kept with the Log.
- After review of a similar issue in 2013's Membership Survey, it is decided to re-write a clearer explanation for a vote on the 2014 Membership Survey.

6.) USLRA Board Terms Expiring

- **4 Board Member Terms expire after 2014:**
Joanie Davenport
Sam Hadley
Amber Scarborough
Leah Stanton

- Call for Nominations to fill these four seats will be added to the Fall 2014 Newsletter, posted on Facebook, and taken at the Membership Meeting on November 8.
- Nominations will be listed for Vote in the Membership Survey, and top votes will be approved by the current board.

7.) Finance

- Balance: \$5445.64

8.) USLRA Membership Survey

- Discussed questions to be included on Membership Survey.

9.) Tournament Liaisons for remainder of season

October 26 – River Rat Roll: Troy and Polly

November 8 – November Nationals: Troy and Joanie

10.) Next Board Meeting: Annual Membership Meeting will be held November 8, 2014 at the Hudson YMCA immediately following the November Nationals Tournament and Awards. All Members are encouraged to attend.

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Amber Seconds. All Approve. 9:39 PM.

**November 2014 USLRA Annual Member Meeting
Hudson, WI
Saturday, November 8, 2014 – 5:40 PM**

Present at meeting:

USLRA Board Members: Troy Birdsong, Polly Pappadopoulos, Joanie Davenport, Shayna Magnone

USLRA Members Present: Jamie Fischer, Bob Jones, Brian Larsen, Chris Serpico, Jennifer Serpico, John Pappadopoulos, Jeff Koblitz, Garrick Birdsong, Ellie Davenport, Dave Davenport

1.) Approval of October 2014 Minutes:

http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2014_11_01_archive.html

Minutes not approved due to lack of quorum.

2.) Board Update

- Troy gave a President's Update on the state of the USLRA, and the accomplishments of the board in 2014.
- Troy read a report on the US Log Rolling Charitable Foundation submitted by John Hallett, President of the Charitable Foundation.

3.) Board Nominations

- There are 4 seats open on the USLRA Board for a term beginning in 2015.

Current Board members

Term Expires after 2014:

Sam Hadley-Vice President
 Amber Scarborough
 Joanie Davenport
 Leah Stanton

Term Expires after 2015:

Polly Pappadopoulos-Secretary

Term Expires after 2016:

Mary Ogle
 Troy Birdsong-President
 Shayna Magnone

- Nominations taken for 2015 Board Candidates:
 Olivia Judd
 Brian Larsen
 Jamie Fischer
 Liz Gay
- Voting will take place within the 2014 USLRA Survey to be sent to all USLRA members via email.

4.) Timing Issues at Lumberjack World Championships

- LWC has voted to change amateur matches to 2/3 falls, rather than 3/5.
- There were 30 more matches this year, lengthening the time of Amateur Competition.
- The board would like to remain at 3/5 falls per match. Some proposed ideas:
 - limiting use of paddle boat
 - adding a third rolling dock
 - starting matches on a 2 log, with a possible time change for logs to keep the time with the log.
 - having qualifiers for LWC

(Note: Most present like the idea of adding another dock.)

5.) Open Forum

- It is suggested that Speed Rolling should have rules or guidelines.
- Splitting Round Robin divisions into 2 separate logs creates confusion for judges and scorekeepers, and does not allow the rollers to have an adequate break between matches (although given the same amount of time, creates pressure on rollers for final matches.)
- U-17 division – Co-ed? It is difficult for tournament directors to know how to run the division, how to put on tournament paperwork, ordering awards is difficult. One suggestion is to adjust the age brackets to widen divisions.
- USLRA Day Fee/Membership Required for Tournaments – is this required for all rollers at all tournaments? How should this be presented through YMCA programs? A possible solution would be to add wording of caution, such as: No super series points will be awarded without a paid USLRA membership.
- Lumberjack Camp possibility discussion. Concerns raised were: would not bring in much profit, dates could be an issue, ages of participants. Jamie Fischer would be willing to help out, but it would be difficult for him to host. Discussion will continue for possibilities.

Troy motions to Adjourn. Shayna Magnone Seconds. All Approve. 6:38 PM.