

January 2015 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes

USLRA Conference Call Minutes

January 8, 2015 – 7:15 PM

Present on call: Troy Birdsong, Polly Pappadopoulos, Olivia Judd, Sam Hadley, Joanie Davenport, Shayna Magnone

1.) Approval of October 2014 Minutes:

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

Shayna motions to approve October Minutes. Joanie Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Approval of November Annual Meeting Minutes

<http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2015/01/us-log-rolling-association-annual.html>

Shayna motions to approve November Annual Meeting Minutes. Polly Seconds. All Approve.

3.) 2015 Board of Directors

Newly Elected Members: Olivia Judd and Brian Larsen

Re-Elected Members: Joanie Davenport, Sam Hadley, Leah Stanton

Shayna Motions to Approve Elected Members for 2015. Polly Seconds. All Approve.

4.) Election of Officers

- *Joanie motions to re-elect Troy Birdsong as President for 2015. Olivia Judd Seconds. All Approve. Troy Accepts.*
- *Troy motions to re-elect Sam Hadley as Vice President for 2015. Joanie Seconds. All Approve. Sam Accepts.*
- *Olivia motions to re-elect Polly Pappadopoulos as Secretary for 2015. Troy Seconds. All Approve. Polly Accepts.*
- *Shayna motions to re-elect Shary Birdsong as Treasurer for the USLRA for 2015, but remain unseated on board. Joanie Seconds. All Approve.*

5.) Finance Update

- Approximately \$4000 was collected in income in 2014.
- Suggested to create a cushion in bank account. Further discussion will follow on possible reintroduction of Tournament Grant program.

6.) Approval of Rankings for 2015 Season

- Troy has worked through Elite Rankings with Katie Rick and suggests approval by the board.
- Along with posted rankings, a disclaimer will be included that a competitor with any concerns should contact a board member.

2015 Elite Ranking

<http://goo.gl/XZBnYU>

Olivia motions to approve 2015 Elite Rankings. Polly Seconds. All Approve.

2015 Amateur Ranking

<http://goo.gl/2qG4wV>

Polly motions to approve 2015 Amateur Rankings. Joanie Seconds. All Approve.

7.) 2014 USLRA Annual Survey Results

Survey

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4fBb2T9fU-4YTcxWGFIRlhqam8/view?usp=sharing>

Comments

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4fBb2T9fU-4eExSWW5fTU8tLVU/view?usp=sharing>

- Discussion of comments from survey
- Log Timing Rule Change - Survey results reflect support for time limits to be changed.
 - Proposed wording:
 - Junior, Semi-Pro, Adult Sport and Masters will use the following time limits:
 - #1 log 1 minute
 - #2 log 2 minutes
 - #3 log 3 minutes
 - #4 log 4 minutes
 - #5 log until end of match*
 - *Use of #5 log is optional. If #5 log is not used, use #4 log until end of match
 - (Will be voted upon at future meeting.)
- Rolling Area discussion – Survey results indicate favor for Keeping a 3 foot safety area, but leaving the decision to a Tournament Director's discretion. It is noted that it should be stressed in a judges meeting to make sure that judges are prepared to make calls based on safety concerns.
- Proposed Wording:
 - Judges are required to call "time out" when a match rolls within three (3) feet of any barrier, in a parallel position and one (1) foot in a perpendicular position. This barrier may include any obstruction, including a dock, boom run, or shallow water. They are also required to stop a match when waves of any size gather near a match, whether from boom run matches, boats, swimmers, or any other source. *Safety is of primary importance, and judges should call time if there is ever a situation where there could be an unsafe situation. Tournament Directors have the discretion to set larger fall areas.*
 - (New Wording will be voted on at future meeting.)

- Suggestion to add judges training manual and offer training in 2015. Olivia and Joanie will reach out to experienced judges for guidance and suggestions. Shayna and Polly will work on judges manual/binder.

8.) LWC Proposal

- Troy will prepare and send proposal to LWC Board addressing suggestions to avoid change to 2/3 falls at 2015 LWC. Proposal will include survey results with USLRA member preferences.

Troy Motions to Table rest of agenda for future meeting. Shayna Seconds.

9.) Website Update

- The current website format is outdated and difficult to work with. It may be best to start from scratch and build a website on our own. Sam will check with a person she is in contact with on pricing and availability.

10.) Volunteer Log Award

- Shayna proposes idea to purchase log for Volunteer recognition drawing to be awarded at November Nationals in 2015. (Award donation was discontinued in 2014.) USLRA could continue program on their own, and check for a discounted log price.

11.) Next Meeting: February 15, 2015 – 8:00 PM.

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Olivia Seconds. All Approve. 9:03 PM.

February 2015 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes February 15, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy Birdsong, Polly Pappadopoulos, Mary Ogle, Sam Hadley, Joanie Davenport, Shayna Magnone (Not Present: Olivia Judd, Brian Larsen, Leah Stanton)

1.) Approval of January 2015 Minutes:

http://www.google.com/url?q=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.uslogrolling.blogspot.com%2F2015%2F01%2Fjanuary-2015-uslra-board-meeting-minutes.html&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNFBRW3w6vPW2W6jR_NmtuebzSkyyA

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

2.) Log Timing Rule Change

Log timing rule change

Proposed wording:

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

Polly Motions to Approve rule change for 2015. Joanie Seconds. All Approve.

3.) Rolling Area Wording Change

Adapted wording:

Judges are required to call "time out" when a match rolls within three (3) feet of any barrier, in a parallel position and one (1) foot in a perpendicular position. This barrier may include any obstruction, including a dock, boom run, or shallow water. They are also required to stop a match when disruptive waves interfere with a match. Tournament Directors have the discretion to set larger fall areas for their tournament. Safety is of primary importance, and judges should call time before a situation becomes unsafe.

Polly Motions to Approve. Shayna Seconds. All Approve.

4.) Membership Form Approval

<http://goo.gl/vvehGu>

Mary Motions to approve the 2015 Membership Form. Sam Seconds. All Approve.

5.) Day Pass Form Approval

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4fBb2T9fU-4cnMzS0hJVERQcIVuUEt0UWEtS2Z1V3VOX01F/view?usp=sharing>

Joanie Motions to Approve. Shayna Seconds. All Approve.

6.) US Log Rolling Charitable Fund Seed Program Applications

- **Holmen, WI Log Grant Application**

The Holmen, WI Park and Recreation Department has applied for a log through the US Log Rolling Charitable Fund Seed Program.

Joanie Motions to Approve the Holmen Application. Mary Seconds. All Approve.

- The Woodbury YMCA has applied for a log through the US Log Rolling Charitable Fund Seed Program.

Application Tabled until next meeting.

7.) Tournament Grants

- Providing grants is a goal for 2015. This will be discussed further when 2015 budget is presented.

8.) 2015 Committees

Fundraising and Sponsorship: Joanie, Troy, Shayna, Brian

Membership Assistance: Polly

Communication: Polly, Shayna, Joanie, Sam

Program Development: Mary, Sam, Polly

Apparel: Joanie, Shayna

Finance: Troy, Shary, Polly

Ranking: Troy, Sam, Katie Rick (*will do calculations, does not sit on board*)

Judging Assistance: Olivia, Joanie

9.) Website Update

- Shayna has begun exploration of a new potential website host through Sportssignup.com.
- This website would give the ability for online registration and merchandise sales.
- There is a yearly cost, and a per transaction fee.
- Board members will also explore website through our free trial to decide.

10.) Volunteer Log Award

- Jamie Fischer will donate 1 spike log for 2014 Volunteer Drawing, to be awarded in the spring.
- A spike log will also be donated for 2015 Volunteer Drawing to be held in November.

11.) Finance

- Troy has contacted accountant for 2014 Tax Preparation.
- Troy will present 2015 budget at March meeting.

12.) Tournament Liaisons

Tournament Liaisons will gather information and results before leaving tournaments.

Five-0 Fast Feet(3/1)-**Shayna and Mary**

Capitol Splash(3/14)-**Shayna and Polly**

Harold Fisher(4/11)-**Joanie and Polly**

Rusty Ankle(5/3)- **Polly and Troy**

Kaslo-

La Crosse Open(6/20)- **Polly and Troy**

Midwest(6/27-28)- **Polly**

Go Fourth Festival(7/4)-

Three Rivers Roleo(7/11)- **Leah & Polly**

Namekagon River Roll Off(7/19?)- **Sam and Shayna**

Lumberjack World Championships(7/23-25)- **ALL BOARD MEMBERS**

Grand Marais(??) - **Shayna**

Squamish(8/1-2)- **(Shana Martin)**
Morton Loggers Jubilee(8/8-9)-
Jack Pine(8/15)- **Mary**
Oconomowoc Rock n Roll(??) – **Shayna and Mary**
River Rat Roll(10/25)- **Troy and Polly**
November Nationals(11/14)-**Troy and Joanie**

13.) Committee reports

- Olivia and Joanie are working on collecting information and ideas from experienced judges. Judging “cheat sheet” cards have been created.
- A Tournament Directors Binder has been created by Shayna and Polly to be distributed to each director. Oconomowoc Five-O Fast feet will be the first use.

14.) Next Meeting: March 8, 2015 – 8:00PM

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Polly Seconds. All Approve. 10:14 PM.

March 2015 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes March 8, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy Birdsong, Polly Pappadopoulos, Brian Larsen, Leah Stanton, Sam Hadley, Mary Ogle, Joanie Davenport, Shayna Magnone, Olivia Judd

1.) Approval of February 2015 Minutes:

<http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2015/03/february-2015-uslra-board-meeting.html>

Brian motions to approve February 2015 Minutes. Mary Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Woodbury Log Grant Application

Joanie Davenport will run this program, therefore recuses herself from vote.

Leah Motions to Approve Woodbury Log Grant. Shayna Seconds. All Approve.

3.) Judges Training

- Joanie has contacted 10 experienced judges, and has received feedback from half.
- Training Ideas will be uploaded to google docs
- Joanie and Olivia will collect videos of questionable falls to use as training examples
- Discussion on how to distribute training
- Suggestion made by one individual that mentoring by experienced judges is key
- LWC judges will not be included in training as they are not affiliated with USLRA
- Goal is to activate training in June

4.) Finance Update

- 2014 Taxes are complete. USLRA owes nothing. Question raised by accountant on USLRA's tax exempt status. Troy was previously told that the USLRA was a 501(c)(4) organization. Troy asked the accountant if she agreed, and she said she thought we were just a C corporation. She said if we are tax exempt, we have been filing the wrong tax returns, and since the government hasn't rejected them she figures it's correct. We need to start the process of applying for tax exempt status. Rich Magnone will investigate.
- Troy presented 2015 budget:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1vR5y-lyGwKt5NPDkIKSwi8fRNHW4Lu3zdoVPIgZkU_A/edit?usp=sharing

Shayna Motions to Approve 2015 Budget. Polly Seconds. All Approve.

5.) Tournament Grants

- Suggested to make \$3,000 Total Available
- Discussion on amount a tournament must raise on their own to apply for grant. Suggestion of \$4,000. This would be cash only (not to include certificates or merchandise).
- Tournaments would need to apply 6 weeks before the tournament for the grant, and show proof of money raised 2 weeks prior.
- Board will vote on wording and implementation next meeting.

6.) 2015 Goals

- Roth Judd has offered to lead a Strategic Planning Meeting for the USLRA board this summer. He has suggested 2 sessions. Date will be decided at a later date.

7.) Website

- Thank you to Shayna for her work on Sportssignup. USLRA will use this site for online registrations and merchandise sales. A link will be added to current (or new) USLRA website.
- Sportssignup will cost \$50/year for online registration.

Joanie Motions to approve usage and payment of Sportssignup. Brian Seconds. All Approve.

- Troy has spoken with current website administrator. They will try transferring the current website to a new format. If this is unsuccessful, Migrating the site to a new host such as GoDaddy will be explored.
- Suggestion to Authorize spending up to \$300 on migration to a new site.

Olivia Motions to Approve up to \$300 on website. Polly Seconds. All Approve.

8.) Discussion on LWC

- LWC contacted Troy to let him know they'd like to invite only top 8 ranked rollers in each amateur division. Board discussion on many flaws with this model. Troy will contact Andy once again to present these issues and discuss a better option.

9.) Next Meeting

- March 29, 2015 at 8:00 PM.

Troy motions to Adjourn. Joanie Seconds. All Approve. 9:50 PM.

March 2015 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes March 29, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy Birdsong, Polly Pappadopoulos, Mary Ogle, Leah Stanton, Joanie Davenport, Shayna Magnone, Olivia Judd (Not present: Brian Larsen, Sam Hadley)

1.) Approval of March 8, 2015 Minutes:

<http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2015/03/march-2015uslra-board-meeting-minutes.html>

Shayna motions to approve March 2015 Minutes. Mary Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Tournament Director Binder

- Binders have been created to be helpful resources to tournament directors.
- Two directors have approved with positive feedback.
- Binders will include judge's helper cards and L/R fall coin – both to be placed on lanyard provided by USLRA.
- Changes/additions can be made as necessary to update information

Joanie motions to approve Tournament Director Binder. Leah Seconds. All Approve.

3.) Sportssignup Update

- April 4 - target date to Launch
- Online Registrations for Membership and Tournament Registrations

4.) Judges Training Update

- As part of training program, certified Judges would receive a USLRA Judge shirt provided by USLRA. T-shirt for Judges, Golf Shirt for Master Judges.
- Joanie will explore shirt options and costs and report at April meeting. Vote will be taken on approval of shirts for certified judges.
- Topic brought up of video replay of falls. Parents have brought video to judges after falls have been called to contest. Board will work on a written video policy to implement. Nothing is in writing at this point. Olivia will work on wording of

policy to be voted on at April meeting. Troy will add to Judges/competitor meeting lists.

- Board would be open to instant replay in the future but is not there yet.

5.) Strategic Planning Session

- Will be held July 18, 2015.
- Roth Judd will structure and run session.
- Olivia will write up and email specifics to board members.

6.) Constant Contact

- Troy has created an archive of email addresses
- Will try to reduce number of email addresses to reduce cost.
- Could be merged with Sportssignup for email usage. Shayna will explore.

7.) Tournament Grants

- Grant Amount: Up to \$1000 per tournament.
- Must have proof of at least \$4000 (cash) in additional sponsorship raised. (Not to include Gift Certificates or Merchandise.)
- To help achieve or maintain Level 2 or Higher Tournament Status.
- Application must be received at least 6 weeks prior to tournament, and proof of monies raised must be given no later than 2 weeks prior to tournament.
- Application Form will be created and Troy will write specifics and send to Tournament directors.
- Application will be posted online and included in Tournament Director Binders.

Polly Motions to approve re-implementation of Tournament Grants. Joanie Seconds. All Approve.

8.) Goals list

- Increase promotion of log rolling
- Continue to work on improving judging
- Continue to work to improve log rolling tournaments including our world championships.
- Work toward adding pro tournaments and increase purses for pro tournaments.
- *Goals to be added and solidified at Strategic Planning Session in July.*

9.) Website/Media Update

- Troy has gained access to html editor and has made updates to website.
- John Pappadopoulos will write feature articles on professional athletes – approx. 1 per month
- Amateur and Competitor buttons will be added to home page. An about page will also be created.
- Suggestion made to have headshots taken of Pro Competitors to use for Competitor Page. Shayna will talk to Rich about possibility.
- 2 gigs. Data space still available

- Facebook: An amateur Facebook page will be created to separate from professional page, in order to create a better marketing tool and professional image. Shayna has volunteered to start a new Amateur Facebook page.

10.) Next Meeting

- April 26, 2015 at 8:00 PM.

Shayna motions to Adjourn. Joanie Seconds. All Approve.

April 2015 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes April 26, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy Birdsong, Polly Pappadopoulos, Sam Hadley, Olivia Judd, Brian Larsen, Mary Ogle, Joanie Davenport, Shayna Magnone

1.) Approval of March 2015 Minutes:

<http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2015/04/march-2015uslra-board-meeting-minutes.html>

Olivia motions to approve March 2015 Minutes. Brian Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Tournament Grants

- Review of Three Rivers Roleo Application
- Tournaments music give entry form with Prize Money Breakdown as proof of monies raised.

Joanie motions to approve Three Rivers Roleo 2015 Tournament Grant Application. Polly Seconds. All Approve.

3.) Video Rule

- *Judges' decisions are final. When deciding a match, judges will not review or take into consideration any photos or video taken by a spectator.*
- Rule to be implemented immediately.

Brian motions to approve new Video Rule. Sam Seconds. All Approve.

4.) Website

- New front page of USLRA website has been created and has gone live.
- Front page will display feature articles, athlete articles. Twitter and Facebook feeds to be included on front page.
- SportsSignup registration page has been added to membership page and has gone live for online member registrations.
- One tournament has shown interest in using SportsSignup through the USLRA for online tournament registration.

5.) Judge Training Update

- Olivia has submitted the Judge Training Assessment for board review. An email vote will be taken to approve the assessment.
- Joanie requests that all board members comment on the Judge training materials.
- Two tiers of judges can be achieved: Judge and Master Judge.
- Olivia and Joanie are exploring options for Certified Judge Identifiers (shirts, badges, etc.)
- In working with the Judge materials, Olivia has discovered a language problem within certain rules: It is suggested that "Tournament Director" be changed to "Tournament Director or Director's Representative", so that if a competitor is also the director, they can recuse themselves from a decision and refer to their head of competition or otherwise designated representative. A vote will be sent via email to approve this language change and will be officially approved at next meeting.

6.) Strategic Planning Session

- Will take place July 18 in Hayward at a location yet to be named. 10am -6pm.
- This will set groundwork for the next 5-10 years.
- Board will explore necessity for a second planning date to be added. Olivia will send out a doodle for scheduling options. A central location will be sought.

7.) Insurance

- 2015 Annual Renewal of Insurance – Options are being considered.

8.) Topics for next meeting:

- Misconduct policy
- Budget – Judges Shirts/badges and Breakfast for Judges Trainings
- Approve Email Votes

9.) Next Meeting

- Sunday, May 31, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Brian Seconds. All Approve. 9:51 PM.

May 2015 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes May 19, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Polly Pappadopoulos, Sam Hadley, Joanie Davenport, Olivia Judd, Troy Birdsong, Shayna Magnone **Not present:** Leah Stanton, Brian Larsen

1.) Approval of April 2015 Minutes:

<http://uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2015/05/april-2015uslra-board-meeting-minutes.html>

**Olivia motions to amend April 2015 Minutes. Troy Seconds. All approve
Olivia motions that board members will have 48 hours to review meeting minute documents before they are publicly posted. Polly seconds. All approve.**

2.) New Committee Appointments

1. Committees

- a. Insurance Shayna, Olivia, and Joanie
- b. Communication and Social Media: Sam, Joanie, Polly, and Shayna
- c. Tournament Directors Communication/Judging Assistance: Joanie and Olivia
- d. Program Development: Sam, Joanie, Polly, Mary
- e. Taxes: Troy
- f. Awards: Shayna and Joanie
- g. Fundraising and Sponsorship: Joanie, Sam, Troy, and Brian
- h. Membership Assistance: Polly and Shayna
- i. Finance: Troy, Shary, Polly
- j. Ranking: Troy, Sam, Katie Rick (will do calculations, does not sit on board)

3.) Committee Updates

- **Insurance:** Insurance Committee will send out no more than 3 options for La Crosse Open Insurance. Options for remaining insurance concerns will be emailed to the board by June 10.
- **Communication:** Athlete highlights on USLRA website are well received. A timeline will be developed for posting athlete articles. All info@uslogrolling.com emails will be forwarded to the communication committee. Committee will discuss before a response is sent within 24 hours of receipt. The communication committee will take on the USLRA newsletter duties.
- **Tournament Directors Communication/Judging Assistance Committee:** Polly will continue making and distributing Tournament Directors Binders, but will not sit on committee. A June 30 deadline is set for Judging Training materials. All board members should email Olivia with concerns.
- **Program Development:** Committee will get in touch with all programs by June 15 to update website and to inform programs of ways we can be of assistance.
- **Taxes:** 2014 Taxes are complete. C-corp/501c6 – Troy is working on application and will report to board at August 2015 meeting. He will provide and explanation of benefits and why we are seeking this. Board member raises concern that we will be in competition with Charitable fund.***Polly suggests inviting a Board Member from the Charitable Fund board to speak to us at our next meeting on this subject and answer any questions the USLRA board may have. Polly will make contact.
- **Awards:** A proposal with pricing will be presented at the May 31 meeting.
- **Fundraising and Sponsorship:** Sponsorship will be an off-season project.

- **Apparel:** The monies earned from apparel sales in 2014 will go towards the purchase of new apparel items to sell in 2015. An effort is being made to bridge the branding between USLRA Log Rolling and Local Log Rolling Schools. Patches could be added to USLRA apparel to identify one's log rolling school. USLRA jackets include embroidery.
- **Membership Assistance:** Shayna will be added to this committee as she is responsible for the SportsSignup online registrations.
- **Finance:** Budget will be emailed prior to each USLRA Board Meeting.

4.) Namekagon Tournament

- If Namekagon is in compliance with USLRA rules, the USLRA would cover the cost of online registration fees – being the trial run of the online registration on a one time basis, contingent on running a fully sanctioned tournament.

Polly motions to approve this wording for communication with the Namekagon River Roll Off Tournament Directors. Shayna Seconds. All Approve.

5.) USLRA Rule Wording Vote

- Wording in the 2015 USLRA Competition Rules will be changed from "Tournament Director" to "Tournament Director or Tournament Director's Representative".

Olivia motions to change wording from "Tournament Director" to "Tournament Director or Tournament Director's Representative". Sam Seconds. All Approve.

6.) Log Application Vote

- Application from Nicole Shreeve – Healy, Alaska

Sam motions to approve application. Polly Seconds. All approve.

Polly will forward approved application to the Charitable Foundation.

7.) LWC

- Troy contacted LWC Board Member. They are on board to use our recommendations for the 2015 LWC Tournament. They are interested in developing a qualifying system for future years.
- USLRA board will work hard to make sure that things go as quickly as possible at LWC for amateurs.

9.) Next Meeting

Sunday, May 31, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Sam motions to Adjourn. Joanie Seconds. All Approve. 9:56 PM.

May 2015 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes

May 30, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy Birdsong, Polly Pappadopoulos, Sam Hadley, Mary Ogle, Olivia Judd, Shayna Magnone, Joanie Davenport **Not present:** Leah Stanton, Brian Larsen

1.) Guest Speaker – John Hallett, President USLRF

- John was invited to speak on behalf of the Charitable Foundation, updating the USLRA board on application procedure for the Seed Program, review of roles for each board
- The Charitable Foundation is interested in looking at other ways to assist the sport in addition to the seed program, and open to suggestion from the USLRA.
- Alaska Application discussed
- It is noted that the Seed Program Application form should have the following added: Schedule for repayment, distance from other programs.

2.) Approval of May 19, 2015 Minutes:

<http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2015/05/may-19-2015-uslra-board-meeting-minutes.html>

Olivia motions to approve. Mary seconds. All Approve.

3.) Committee Updates

- **Insurance:** Olivia reports that quotes have been gathered. Insurance Committee will update and act by Tuesday.
Troy motions to authorize Olivia, Joanie and Shayna to purchase insurance for an amount up to \$500 by unanimous consensus. Shayna seconds the motion. All approve.
- **Communication and Social Media:**
 - A. Decision made to send traditional Logo to Three Rivers Roleo by June 11. Shayna will provide a modified Logo if requested.
 - B. Discussion on producing a commercial to be used on website and for whatever is needed - to be explored and pursued in the future. Communications Committee to set timeline for 2016 season.
 - C. Banners and Backdrops: Color Vote – Green Chosen as the official color of the USLRA banners and backdrop. Shayna will order banners. Tournament liaisons will contact tournament directors to ask about use of banners at individual tournaments.
Shayna motions to approve the purchase of 2 banners for up to \$100 (for the Three Rivers Roleo). Troy Seconds. All Approve.
- **Tournament Directors Communication/Judging Assistance Committee:**
 - A. Judges Lanyards – One box of lanyards will travel between tournaments for judge usage. Once Judges training is completed, each individual judge will receive a lanyard with their judge's badge included.
 - B. Namekagon Tournament update – deadline set of Thursday, June 4 to accept online registration offer.

- **Program Development:** Committee in process of contacting current programs, asking for photos and offering the USLRA's assistance.
- **Taxes:** Troy has updated ILRA/USLRA
- **Awards:** no update
- **Fundraising and Sponsorship:** no update
- **Membership Assistance:** Constant Contact Email addresses need to updated.
- **Finance:** Troy submitted report.

4.) Strategic Planning Session

- July 18 – Sam is contacting venues in Hayward to price options.

5.) Misconduct Policy

- No current policy on athlete or judge misconduct – will be explored.

6.) Next Meeting

- Sunday, June 28 – 8:00 PM

Olivia motions to Adjourn. Shayna Seconds. All Approve. 9:58 PM.

June 2015 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes June 28, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy Birdsong, Brian Larsen, Polly Pappadopoulos, Sam Hadley, Mary Ogle, Olivia Judd, Shayna Magnone, Joanie Davenport **Not present:** Leah Stanton

1.) Approval of May 30, 2015 Minutes:

<http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2015/06/may-30-2015-board-meeting-minutes.htm>
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Olivia motions to approve. Sam seconds. All Approve.

2.) Committee Updates

- **Communication and Social Media:**
 - More photos are needed to post after tournaments.
 - Athlete and Feature Articles have been well received.
- **Tournament Directors Communication/Judging Assistance Committee:**
 - 6/27 Judges Training was successfully held in Madison before Midwest Championships
 - Rules were brought up to be changed or clarified (Olivia kept list)
 - Another training will be held on July 11 before the Three Rivers Roleo
 - Judges Lanyards have been well received and used.
- **Fundraising and Sponsorship:**

- Tank tops were made and sold at Midwest Championships
- **Membership Assistance:** SportsSignup is working well.
- **Finance:** USLRA, ILRA WI Business Registrations have been paid for 2015.

3.) Strategic Planning Session

- July 18 – will be held at the Hayward Public Library 10am.
- Additional persons will be invited from Charitable Foundation, Tournament Directors etc.

4.) LWC

Shayna motions to hold Annual Meeting July 22 at 7:00 pm. Polly Seconds All Approve.

- Wednesday, July 22 – Annual Member Meeting to be held – 7pm.
- Schedule for Volunteer Dock Workers will be sent around.
- Question raised: Should we offer a reduced fee for competitors who compete in other timber sports than logrolling at LWC, and may already belong to an association for those fees. It is suggested that we offer a \$20 day pass for professional logrollers.

*Vote Taken: Should a \$20 day pass be made available for professional logrollers in 2015:5 yes, 3 no. **Not approved.** This issue will be revisited in a later meeting for the 2016 competition season.*

5.) Tournament Reminders:

- A person will be elected to send out information to tournament directors, and remind to post their tournament info with at least 30 days notice. (To help keep in compliance with USLRA rules.)

6.) Next Meeting:

- July 22, 2015 – 7:00 PM (Venue TBA)
 - **All USLRA Members are invited.**

Olivia motions to Adjourn. Sam Seconds. All Approve. 9:50 PM.

July 2015 USLRA Membership Meeting Minutes Hayward, WI July 22, 2015 – 7:00 PM

Board Members Present: Troy Birdsong, Polly Pappadopoulos, Sam Hadley, Mary Ogle, Olivia Judd, Shayna Magnone, Joanie Davenport

1.) President Troy Birdsong addresses Membership

- **Finance Report** - \$6,100 Current Balance. Expenditures: Judges Training Materials, Taxes, USLRA banners, \$1,000 Grant to the Three Rivers Roleo.
- **Rule Changes in 2015** – Amateur Log Time (Log time stays with the Log number), Tournament Directors Discretion added to define fall space (3 Foot, or Tournament Director’s Discretion), Language added to rules in which “Tournament Director” is used, to include “Tournament Director or Tournament Director’s Representative. Recommendation made by USLRA to rollers to begin matches on a #2 Log at LWC (in response to the time constraints at LWC).
- **Judge Training** – Training has been developed by USLRA. Standardization of Judging is desired result. 3 step training system: 1. Online Assessment 2. Volunteer Hours Logged at Tournaments 3. Attend Judging Workshop held before and in conjunction with Tournaments. USLRA has added Judges Lanyards equipped with Rule Reminder cards and Coins to call falls.
- **Visioning Session** – Held July 18, 2015 in Hayward, WI. Ideas for the framework of the association for future years set.
- **Marketing** – Social Media: Steps have been taken to promote and Market our Professional Athletes and increase our presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. A series of articles has been developed with a combination of In-depth profiles and Q & A shorts. USLRA Brackets for Tournament usage have been updated to include match order, seeding and full names.

2.) Member Based Comments/Questions

- Inventory at Chris Fischer’s House: Need better location (tanks, trailer, logs), and to be made more accessible to Tournament Directors. The Deithert family offers to work with this.
- Thank you extended for the Judges Training, and suggestion to continue training and education of judges.
- Suggested to be certain at tournaments that rollers aren’t facing away from the dock.

Meeting Adjourned. 7:35 PM.

August 2015 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes August 9, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy Birdsong, Polly Pappadopoulos, Shayna Magnone, Mary Ogle, Sam Hadley, Brian Larsen, Joanie Davenport

1.) Approval of Minutes

June 28

<http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2015/07/june-2015-uslra-board-meeting-minutes.html>

Annual Meeting

<http://uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2015/08/july-2015uslra-membership-meeting.html>

Brian motions to approve. Troy seconds. All Approve.

2.) Committee Updates

- **Insurance:**
 - USLRA needs to clarify 501c3 before insurance paperwork can be completed. August 18 deadline set for paperwork.
- **Tournament Directors Communication/Judging Assistance Committee:**
 - Training Sessions have gone well. High Attendance at Hayward Training with lots of good feedback.
 - In Person Training should be continued.
- **Program Development**
 - Programs have been contacted and will be updated on website.
 - Polly and Sam plan to develop postcard to send to YMCA list.
- **Awards**
 - Suggestion made the 2nd and 3rd place professional Log Rolling competitors should be recognized at LWC.
- **Membership Assistance**
 - Memberships have been updated to include LWC registrants. 117 Amateur, 35 Professional
- **Finance**
 - Current Balance: \$6292.17
 - Membership: \$1618.99
 - Constant Contact: (\$45)
 - Judging Materials: (\$133.75)

3.) Resignation

- Leah Stanton has submitted a letter of resignation from the USLRA Board of Directors.

Olivia Motions to accept resignation. Shayna Seconds. All Approve.

4.) LWC Follow-Up

- Starting on a #2 Log was successful for amateur competition. Average match time went from 9 to 6 minutes. An average of about 2 minutes was cut from each match. (This should be shared with membership and LWC organizers.)
- Boom Run Issue: Boom became loose during competition.
 - USLRA Boom Running Rules Should be included and followed. Rules will be reviewed for clarification for 2016.

5.) Strategic Visioning/Planning

- Successful meeting held in Hayward on July 18.
- Polly will compile all notes and results from the visioning session.
- Strategic Planning session will be set for Fall 2015.

6.) Fall Area Rule

- **New Wording Proposal**

Judges are required to call "time out" before the log reaches a parallel distance from a barrier that is equal to the height of the taller roller, or if the log is within one (1) foot of a barrier in a perpendicular position. Tournaments held in tanks or in pools that do not meet this requirement may set a different safety standard, with USLRA approval, so long as the Tournament Director, Tournament Director's representative and judges receive additional safety training.

Olivia Motions to approve new wording of Fall Area Rule. Joanie seconds. All approve.

7.) Misconduct Policy

- Sam and Olivia will develop a proposal to be sent before the September Meeting.

8.) Semi-Pro Division

- A U-13 Age Division Roller entered Semi-Pro this season, creating confusion in awarding super-series and ranking points.
- Semi-Pro will be added as a separate category to Super-Series and Amateur Ranking.
- The definition of Semi-Pro Division needs to be updated and clarified. (To be discussed at a future meeting.)

9.) Administrative Document

- Needs updating. Troy will start work on this.
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B4fBb2T9fU-4SkY1b0Rzam9rVUE/view?usp=sharing>

10.) Qualification System for LWC

- As amateur numbers continue to grow, this may become necessary. Will be explored for 2016 season. Board members will suggest ideas.

11.) Miscellaneous

- Joanie Davenport recommends the USLRA holds a meeting with LWC officials before and after competition to encourage communication and discover ways that the USLRA can support the event.
- Suggestion made to complete more work in the off season between November and March, setting deadlines and action items.
- A summer wrap-up letter to be written for newsletter.
- Survey Questions to be developed.
- One board seat is open in 2016.

12.) Next Meeting:

- September 13, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Brian motions to Adjourn. Joanie Seconds. All Approve. 9:50 PM.

September 2015 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes

USLRA Conference Call Minutes

September 13, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy Birdsong, Joanie Davenport, Olivia Judd, Polly Pappadopoulos, Sam Hadley, Mary Ogle, Brian Larsen, Shayna Magnone

1.) Approval of Minutes

August 9 Meeting

<http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2015/09/august-2015uslra-board-meeting-minutes.html>

Olivia Motions to Approve. Mary Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Committee Updates

- **Insurance:**
- **Tournament Directors Communication/Judging Assistance Committee:**
- **Communication and Social Media Committee**
 - *Troy Motions to add John Pappadopoulos as a Communication and Social Media Committee Member. Brian Seconds. All approve.*
- **Program Development**
 - Polly and Sam continue to develop postcards to be distributed to YMCA's.
- **Awards**
 - Super Series Awards: Will remain in same format as 2014. Troy will calculate point totals after the River Rat Roll.
- **Membership Assistance**
 - Suggestion to make a push for Lifetime Membership purchases for the holiday season.
- **Finance**
 - *Troy motions to combine Taxes committee with Finance Committee into one Finance/Tax Committee. Polly Seconds. All Approve.*

3.) Qualification System

- Ideas will be collected for qualifying requirements from board members.

4.) Administrative Document

- Will be looked at for revision.
- Seeding Process listed is different that what is currently being followed by the USLRA.
- Pros and cons will be assessed and discussed.

5.) Strategic Visioning/Planning

- **Prioritized Goals:** Olivia will send organizational email on prioritizing and scheduling.

6.) Misconduct Policy:

- Fairness, Language and Conduct are main objectives.
- Sam and Olivia are creating a proposal.
- Suggestions include: no input taken from Parents of Non-minors, 1 warning system, Approval of removal to be granted by 1 USLRA board member AND 1 Tournament Director or their representative, Competitors to sign policy at beginning of season.

7.) Fall Newsletter

- Information will be gathered for Fall Newsletter to be distributed ahead of fall tournaments.

8.) Next Meeting:

- October 18, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Olivia motions to Adjourn. Joanie Seconds. All Approve. 9:50 PM.

October 2015 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes USLRA Conference Call Minutes October 18, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Present on call: Troy Birdsong, Polly Pappadopoulos, Joanie Davenport, Shayna Magnone, Mary Ogle, Olivia Judd **Not Present:** Brian Larsen, Sam Hadley

1.) Approval of Minutes

September 13

<http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2015/10/september-2015-uslra-board-meeting.htm>
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Shayna Motions to Approve. Joanie Seconds. All Approve.

2.) Committee Updates

- **Tournament Directors Communication/Judging Assistance Committee:**
 - Shayna reports on status of Chicago Fire Project
- **Communication and Social Media Committee**
- **Membership Assistance:**
 - Membership Application due date for 2016 to be determined.
 - Discussion to continue on need/usage of Day Pass.
- **Finance**
 - Current Balance: \$6034.41
 - Go Daddy: (\$167.76)
 - Constant Contact: (\$45)

3.) Administrative Document

- Board is looking at updating and revising USLRA Administrative Document. All will review and make suggestions.

4.) Qualification System for LWC

- Suggestions made for categories of qualification

5.) Semi-Pro Rules/Qualification

- Ideas presented to be added to by board members

6.) Amateur Ranking

- Re-Evaluate formula or number of tournaments
- Question posed – Should certain tournaments be weighted?

7.) Vision Meeting Discussion

TOP TIER

- A. Create consistent by-laws, administrative documents, and rules
- B. Provide judges training, certification, and refresher courses
- C. Acquire directors and officers insurance
- D. Designate board members as chairs of committees
- E. Start small and follow a plan to establish/expand the geographic base of log rolling

Polly motions to approve 5 top tier goals as listed. Olivia Seconds. All Approve.

- Roth Judd consulted with the US Log Rolling Foundation Board. They have offered financial assistance to help in achieving Vision Session Goals.
 - (To include: Costs associated with judges' training, certification, and refresher courses, Partnering with tournament directors to guide and support events, Establishing and expanding the geographic base of log rolling.)

8.) Miscellaneous

- Troy will begin list of Annual Survey Questions and distribute via Google Document.

9.) Next Meeting:

- November 22, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Joanie motions to Adjourn. Olivia Seconds. All Approve. 9:28 PM.

November 2015 USLRA Board Meeting Minutes

USLRA Conference Call Minutes

November 22, 2015 – 8:00 PM

Attendance: Troy, Sam, Polly, Joanie, Shayna, Brian, Mary, Olivia

1. Approval of Minutes

October 18 Meeting

<http://www.uslogrolling.blogspot.com/2015/10/october-2015-uslra-board-meeting-minutes.html>

Motion: Brian

Second: Troy

Motion carried

2. Committee Updates

Insurance

- Insurance documents are being processed.

Communication and Social Media

- Discussion about updating historical records, providing 2nd - 3rd/4th place awards at LWC; the Fall newsletter was sent out; annual survey is under construction.

Tournament Directors Communication/Judging Assistance

- Judges continue to use cards that are provided, athletes and judges still giving positive feedback about this, judge training continues to evolve.

Program Development

- Program development continues and postcards are ready to send, compiling list of recipients.

Awards

- Final Super Series awards have been ordered and sent to recipients.

Fundraising and Sponsorship

- USLRA apparel will continue to be available; discussion about redesigning logo continues.

Membership Assistance

- No report

Finance

Current Balance: \$6474.41

Deposit: \$485.00

Constant Contact: (\$45)

3. Ranking

Thank you to Katie Rick for managing ranking for many years, she is stepping down this year; Troy will take the lead and create a committee for this.

4. Katie Rick requested sanctioning for Three Rivers Roleo and the release of all media rights for tournaments run by KRICK, LLC. A three year media rights release granted.

Sam Hadley: motion Troy Birdsong: second email vote to follow

5. Official notice of email vote:
Request for purchase of D&O insurance coverage for \$614.
Motion: Joanie Davenport Second: Brian Larsen
Unanimous email vote on 11/17/15 Motion carried
6. Survey questions were discussed
7. USLRA Board nominations were requested
8. Strategic Plan teams were encouraged to set deadlines and create plans of action to move goals into SMART goals:
 - a. Create consistent by-laws, administrative documents, and rules [Chair: Troy Birdsong, Kathy Mast, Polly Pappadopoulos]
 - b. Provide judges training, certification, and refresher courses [Chair: Olivia Judd, Brian Larsen, Katie Rick]
 - c. Acquire directors and officers insurance [Chair: Joanie Davenport, Roth Judd, Mary Ogle] **Action taken, insurance ordered**
 - d. Designate board members as chairs of committees [Chair: Joanie Davenport, Roth Judd, Mary Ogle]
 - e. Start small and follow a plan to establish / expand the geographic base of log rolling [Chair: Sam Hadley, Shayna Magnone, John Hallett]
9. Next Meeting
Sunday 3 January 2016

Motion to adjourn: Joanie
Second: Olivia
Adjourned at 9:34