

USA Boccia, Inc
Board Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2015

Attendance: Jim Thomson, President; Kathy Brinker, Vice President; Mark Flora-Swick, Treasurer; Cathy Drobny, Secretary; Charles Brown Athlete Rep
Invited Advisors: Mary Hodge, Jeff Jones

Agenda

1. ParaPans

USA boccia has been notified by USOC that we MUST pay for one of the official accreditation packages. At the same time they have also offered us an additional credential at their expense. The frustration is that since we did not understand their expectation, we did not budget for it. It could be a \$2000 expense. This will greatly increase the load on each of the 5 athletes.

Jeff Jones and Cathy Drobny approached the New York Team through James Thomson and Mary Hodge to see if they could fund sending Jim as our NGB Official. The PCA staff could be the USOC funded position.

The PCA position should be filled by a person who already is in the USA Portal System. Also the selection process needs to be followed to fill the 'Other Staff' Position. An excerpt from the process follows:

Additional Staff:

Describe the intended method of identifying the pool and selecting the candidates to be considered for Additional Official position(s):

There will be no application process. The PCA will be recommended by individual athletes. The coaching staff and team leader will also be invited to make recommendations.

After the receipt of recommendations, the nominees will be evaluated and approved by the Selection Committee, defined in Section 7, based on each nominee's past experience in national and international competition and their overall knowledge of the sport of Boccia. The individual athlete's recommendation will be a first consideration."

Who is available in the long list pool:

James Thomson

Others available are: Mark Flora-Swick, Will Lowry, Ken Siderine, Cathy Drobny, Terri McMillan, Becky Seeley, Kevin Berry, David Berry, Bill Richards

Decision:

New York can fund James' accreditation slot. They will approach the two candidates from the New York staff, Lowry and Siderine, to see if they can be available August 5-12 for the Parapan American Games.

Jeff to write Katie and Dean at USOC to inform them that we can fund the NGB credential position and that we accept the additional Official funded by USOC.

Mary to discuss with Will and Ken

Cathy will begin the selection process confirmation

Cathy will begin the background check process for Jim and candidate

Jeff is sending uniform colors and logo to USOC

Athletes: Matt Hiltner may not class in. Kathy Brinker will talk with Matt to prepare him for the classification process.

2. Insurance

Proof of insurance is required by USOC to complete our agreement at the High Performance Management Organization. Mark sent e-mail with Eric Marsch at USOC. Eric sent list to Mark of insurance companies familiar with NGB's

Mark's question to USOC is : what is the minimum we need to be insured?

Mark is hoping to get quotes from 3 companies for us to compare..

3. USOC visit

Jim and Cathy have been invited for an orientation to the USOC. Their meeting is Monday June 29, 2015. Boccia keyrings will be presented to USOC mentors.

Mark will meet Cathy in Lawrence to bring boccia keyrings for 'dignitary gifts'

The Board discussed specific questions to be presented.

4. Bylaws

Version 2.0 of the Bylaws for USA Boccia, Inc were circulated. There was a short discussion about how the board would be elected over the next 10 years. And about the need to develop our Committee structure over the next 2 years.

Cathy Drobny moved that we adopt the By-Laws Version 2,0 Mark Flora-Swick seconded. It was unanimously accepted.

Kathy Brinker and all who have contributed to the bylaws were thanked for their hours of review.

5. Nationals

60 Athletes have submitted registrations. Lee Lobmeyer is working on communicating with coaches and athletes to complete missing parts of their registration.

Mark is working on transportation. New York is bringing two vans if they can be of assistance. Staff has been arranged. Volunteers are being secured.

A portion of the equipment has arrived from Blaze. We will ask for missing equipment: power strips, extension cords.

A reception to announce USA Boccia, Inc is planned after awards. there will be cake, snack/ pizza, Jim will give State of the Organization and use slides. We expect about 100 to attend.

6. Other

A. Need to Schedule a Tech Committee Meeting before Nationals

B. Mark asked for feedback on website:

C. Jim will contact Blazesports to ask for historical files and a report for what is in the Treasury
membership database
coaching database
historical files

Cathy Drobny- Secretary

Approved at October meeting