

Minutes of the 25th Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of
The World Atlatl Association
Izaak Walton League A.D. Sutherland Chapter
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
July 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:55 p.m.
Officers present – President Leonard Riemersma, Vice President Gary Nolf
Directors present – John Whittaker, Jon Wood
Also present was annual meeting committee member Ron Mertz.

The minutes of the 2011 board meeting were read, and it was stated that everyone had read the minutes of the membership meeting. Gary Nolf moved to accept the 2011 minutes. John Whittaker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The last treasurer's report available was the October-December 2011 report. Alex Woods, the new treasurer, was unable to provide an update at present, so it was decided to forgo the treasurer's report until he can provide a current one.

Ron Mertz provided an annual meeting committee report. Ron headed the committee, and Gary Nolf and Russell Richard were also involved. They had come up with guidelines to govern annual meeting organization. Ron reported that they wanted to establish the rotation of meeting locations, staying with the current rotation of locations in the eastern, central, and western parts of the U.S. They defined the West as states in the Mountain and Pacific time zones, as well as Alaska and Hawaii. Central includes states completely or partly in the Central time zone, including the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. East includes the Eastern time zone but excludes Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee. They would like to include Europe in the rotation of meetings. If it is agreeable to the President and Board, and to the Europeans, they would like to try to hold the annual meeting in Europe every five years. For meetings, a committed primary organizer, not a committee, is needed, someone who has experience in organizing events and who has attended past annual meetings. John Whittaker wondered if it would be possible to subsidize a European board member coming here to the annual meeting. (Europeans are used to having organizations pay for travel.) Some people suggested putting a cap on how much the WAA would pay and making sure the budget can stand it. It was noted that many Europeans who go to events are not WAA members. Recruiting in Europe is weak, but having an annual meeting there might help. Ron suggested that we could pay for a one-year membership for Europeans to get people to join. The Board found the guidelines acceptable and planned to present them to the membership. (See attached guidelines.)

Lenny summed up the minutes of the WAA's second email meeting from April 5-26, 2011. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and approve a proposal of recognition awards for Roderick Laird, Leni Clubb, and Saratoga, Wyoming, and award plaques in recognition for 25 yrs of service to Bill and Marcia Tate, Leni Clubb, and Tim Boucher,

as well as to Lloyd Pine for the development of the ISAC, and to Pascal Chauvaux for his contributions. Motions for all of these things had passed during the email meeting. It was moved and seconded to approve all of these. Motion passed.

Old Business:

It was thought that a motion was needed to posthumously grant the 2006 president's award to Terry Keefer, since it was only done at the membership meeting. Ron said the president awards it and doesn't need approval.

People should know that Tim Boucher is the new agent for the WAA.

Newsletters as a bound volume is an ongoing project, and they are still working on a cover. Someone will get in touch with Diane Lister to check on progress.

The website needs a manager, and no one has come forward to help/take over. The question was raised whether, if we update the website, we should offer electronic membership payments through Paypal. Lenny has emails from Jack Rowe about what the procedure would be to add it. All that would be needed is a bank account and an email address. All transactions are sent via email. The cost to run this would be about 2.9% or about 30 cents per transaction for membership dues. Jack Rowe would be able to help set it up if we decide to do it. Also, the event website right now is on a separate website, and the current one (Bravehost) is about to stop hosting free sites, although the calendar can be moved to another free site (Bravesites). Should the calendar be made part of the main site? Lenny wanted to make the board aware of how things stand, but no motions were made.

An atlant museum was proposed last year by Russell Richard and tabled. The Board discussed it again. A larger committee would be needed to look into location, contents of the museum, cost, etc. Lenny thought the issue should be tabled again and looked at in the future. Someone else commented that the WAA isn't focused in one place enough to have a museum in one place. Also, there may not be enough members/dues to support a museum. It was decided to discuss this with the membership the following day.

The idea of a Hall of Fame, which would include records of throwers, was discussed. It could be added to the website as a record. It was decided that there was no need to pursue it at this time. There are many records already on the website.

New Business:

Richard Lyons had emailed that Ken Faucher (the new newsletter editor) is not a board member and at this moment is the assistant editor. Margie Takoch is still on the board. There was a motion made in 2005 (recorded in the board minutes) that the editor should also be a board member, and the motion carried; this now presents a problem. Could that motion be rescinded? Discussion ensued. Ron Mertz was at the 2005 meeting and remembers that Richard was not happy with the motion. John Whittaker made that

motion and still thinks that it's a good idea for the editor to be ex officio a board member. The editor should be included in meetings because s/he fulfills an important function and should be kept in the loop. However, the editor is appointed by the president, and board members are elected. John Whittaker thought that the bylaws would probably have to be rewritten to deal with this. Richard wrote that we could rescind that motion. Ken is not interested in being on the board. He could be kept as the assistant editor (and thus exempt from the motion) until it's seen if he will change his mind. It was decided that the simplest and best course of action was probably to rescind the earlier motion. The editor could still attend meetings but not vote. Gary Nolf moved to rescind the 2005 motion, and it was seconded by John Whittaker. The motion was discussed. The editor is appointed by the president, and Ken interviewed with Margie, Lenny, and Richard and came highly recommended. John Whittaker wondered if there was a standard procedure for picking the editor, whether it was up to the president or the board. Ron Mertz thought maybe the president could appoint the editor after consultation with the board. Lenny will research this. The motion was voted on and passed.

World Atlatl Day was put together by Linda Brundage through PaleoPlanet. Linda is totally in charge of the event right now. People wondered if it is an actual WAA event. Also, there are concerns that distances could favor younger competitors, and some wondered if Linda could look at changing the distances for younger members. Gary and Deb from Ohio thought 30 m was too far and discouraged new atlatlists from throwing. There were comments about this on the WAA Facebook page. Europeans said they threw at 40 m, and so 30 m was no big deal. Some from New York felt that with so many people the greater distance was an advantage for those who are better throwers. Ron thinks this is a real problem. If it's *World Atlatl Day*, it should be inclusive, not singling out the best throwers. Linda seemed open to that, in communications with Ron. Lenny pointed out that this was not a "sponsored" WAA event. It was decided to discuss this with the membership.

Top Ten awards going to non-members is a concern. It was thought that maybe this issue should be looked at by the general membership. The cost of plaques and what the WAA is losing by sending plaques to non-members should be investigated. One thought was that we could continue to let non-members receive awards and charge a mailing fee. This issue has been ongoing for several years. No one wants to discourage people from participating by requiring membership to throw an ISAC. There was a suggestion that only members should receive a plaque, while others get a certificate. Another issue is ascertaining whether people who let their membership lapse were members at the time they threw their high score. It was pointed out that there are no fees to throw an ISAC because it's not a sanctioned event. If fees were charged (at an event) who would check membership, take money, etc. The idea of certificates for non-members was favored. It could also be a way to get non-member top ten throwers to become members. The issue will be brought up with the membership.

Should "open" and "primitive" ISAC categories be reviewed? At the previous meeting (2011) the issue was brought up. Chris Henry thought a field tip shouldn't exclude a dart from the primitive category. People also wondered about rests on atlatls. John said that

primitive/open is put into the score spreadsheets. Europeans have all primitive equipment and different ideas (bone tips etc.). John wondered if this data is useful. Is this a problem that needs to be solved? Should we get rid of primitive/open? The categories are not defined sharply enough to be useful. John likes it in theory because in theory it gets people to use more primitive materials, but in practice the divisions are not enforced, so no one really cares. In discussion on PaleoPlanet, people decided they don't worry about it. It has no bearing on placement with scoring anyway. John thought maybe at the beginning people thought open equipment would give an advantage, but it hasn't turned out that way. The idea of redefining the categories by leaving the dart point out of it (as in, exclusive of the point, it's P/O) was raised. The issue will be discussed with the membership.

The next annual meeting will be in Madison, Connecticut, on Oct. 3-6, 2013, at Hammonasset State Park.

Gary Nolf commented that there is nothing written on how to run an event. For example, there is no checklist, or information on getting a Grand Champion plaque, etc. John Whittaker moved that it be brought up to the general membership whether they want a committee to write a manual for event organizers and how Grand Champion awards are done. Gary Nolf seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn and was seconded by John Whittaker. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Birkett
WAA Executive Secretary

9/23/2012

Minutes of the 25th Annual Meeting of the WAA Membership
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July 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. The agenda for the meeting had been handed out beforehand.

Lenny Riemersma asked if there were any questions regarding the 2011 minutes. No one had questions. It was moved to accept the 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Lenny explained the email meeting in April 2011 concerning awards presented to recognize people's contributions. It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the email meeting. The motion passed.

The last treasurer's report available was from December 2011. The new treasurer (Alex Woods) was in Africa and couldn't send an up-to-date report. Lenny went through the last available report. On October 1, 2011 the WAA had a balance of \$9,703.40. Between then and December income totaled \$1,422.88 and expenses totaled \$606.75. The balance at the end of 2011 was \$10,519.53. It was moved and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

According to a report from the secretary, the highest number of events this year (as of the time of the annual meeting) was in New York (17), closely followed by Wyoming (16), Texas and Ohio (both 14), and Wisconsin (12). In the middle are Missouri (9), California (7), Pennsylvania (5), Iowa (3), and Tennessee (2). States that have/will have only one event are: Arizona, Nevada, New Jersey, Kansas, Montana, Illinois, Idaho, Vermont, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, as well as Ontario, the only Canadian event this year.

Committee reports:

The annual meeting committee, consisting of Ron Mertz, Gary Nolf, and Russell Richard, came up with guidelines for locations of the annual meeting. Ron spoke a little on the topic. Originally the WAA always met in the west. He thought the locations started rotating around the country around 2004. [A review of the WAA records shows that the annual meeting was held outside the West as early as 1999.] Ron went over the guidelines. East, West, and Central are now defined in the guidelines. Also, if it is agreeable to members and enough people commit, the WAA should try to hold the annual meeting in Europe every five years. There must be a designated primary organizer experienced in organizing, having attended at least two previous annual meetings. Arrangements for a dinner are encouraged, as well as an accessible location with nearby lodging. Holding the meeting at an archaeological/historical or scenic site is a plus, as is a guest speaker. Someone asked how a potential host can request to hold a meeting. Ron said a handbook had been proposed to help organizers. Gary Nolf said they were going to ask for people to put this handbook together. Possibly it could be hosted on the website. There was a question about where the meeting will be in two years (next year it will be in Connecticut). The location is not yet known.

Meeting of the Board of Directors of
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July 15, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 8:49 a.m. The purpose of this meeting was to resolve any outstanding issues from the membership meeting the previous night.

Officers present – President Leonard Riemersma, Vice President Gary Nolf
Directors present – John Whittaker, Jon Wood.

The biggest issue is the website and the motion made last night that if no replacement webmaster is found by December 31 the Board should authorize money toward finding someone to set up a new webpage for the WAA. John Whittaker is to head a committee to look into finding a new webmaster.

Lenny moved that, as of December 31, 2012, if no one has stepped forward to take over and work with the website from within the organization, the WAA allocate \$1000 that John Whittaker can use in forming a committee to find someone that could do a webpage. John seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

The board is going to suggest to organizers that they keep a record of people who register at annual meetings so there is a record for future locations. This would help people know how to plan for annual meetings.

They also would like to have approval for using the WAA logo so a plaque can be made and presented to the area where the annual meeting is held (this year the Izaak Walton League of America). No motions made.

Ron Mertz is authorized to be in touch with Linda Brundage to keep the event they have for World Atlatl Day but to get a more user-friendly contest.

There was a mention of Paypal; if we hire someone to work on the website we should make adding Paypal part of that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Courtney Birkett
WAA Executive Secretary

9/26/2012