

**World Atlatl Association Annual Board Meeting Minutes
Meadowcroft, Pennsylvania**

June 17, 2016

Board Members In attendance: Courtney Birkett, President
Douglas Bassett, Vice President
Debbie Andrews, Executive Secretary
Anita Lukes, Board of Directors
Lori Majorsky, Board of Directors
Jerry Nevins, Board of Directors
Glen Oechsner, Board of Directors
Leonard Riemersma, Honorary Director
Gary Nolf, Honorary Director

President Courtney Birkett called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm.

Copies of the minutes of the 2015 meeting were passed out to those who needed them. Courtney moved to approve the minutes as written. Anita Lukes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Courtney reviewed the treasurer's report as sent in by Justin Garnett. Total income was \$952.50 and total expenses were \$4282.06. At the last meeting \$3,000.00 was allocated (and now spent on) web design. The website is very near completion. As of today, the effective account balance is \$3,087.65 plus 45.00 Euros.

Courtney informed the Board that the newsletter sent by snail mail costs \$21.74 per person, and 42 people have requested the paper newsletter, for a total of \$912.48 per year. With the recent decrease in family membership costs, it does not seem appropriate to increase membership costs for those 42 individuals. Discussion ensued on options to lower the cost, including eliminating color, and sending out black and white copies in the mail. It was determined that Devin should figure out the cost of the B&W copies, with a decision to be made later.

Jerry Nevins brought up a concern of how the organization can raise more money. Some ideas raised included having small items, such as badges, magnets, etc., being sold on the new website. Another option was to have vendors sell items for a percentage of the sales or, have a listing for an annual advertising fee. Anita questioned the liability of WAA for items that are sold.

Membership is always a concern, as the numbers seem to be falling. Membership forms and Event Organizer Packets are already posted on the website. Press articles need to be shared on the website or in the newsletters. Many times events have press there, but have no follow-up to the article or filming. Case in point was the Japanese crew that came to the Letchworth meeting and filmed a lot of the contests,

but nothing was heard of the results. People come to events and learn to throw, but never seem to return, even when given equipment.

As mentioned in the treasurer's report, the new website is close to being finished.

A continuing concern is the ISAC rules concerning pass-through darts and bounce outs. A committee of John Whittaker, Courtney Birkett, and Ron Mertz. was formed last year to review and update the rules, but nothing has been presented.

An item was brought up about sending in ballots by email. It is costly and timely for Europeans to snail mail their ballots. Membership lists should be available to ascertain in e-mailers are actually members. This needs to be brought to the membership for approval as a proposal by the board at tomorrow's meeting.

Location of 2017 Meeting – Valley of Fire was mentioned for the next meeting. Douglas brought up the fact that the Bob Kitch is interested in hosting a meeting at their home in Husum, WA. It is located on the southern edge of the state near the Columbia River, not too far from Portland, OR. Discussion occurred on pluses/minuses of both places, including the time of the year it occurs. Last time the event was held at Valley of Fire, the hosts did not even know it was happening. It is the 30th anniversary of the WAA, and events need to focus on this. There is a standing committee for selection of annual meetings, consisting of Ron Mertz, Gary Nolf, and Lenny Riemersma, along with selection criteria. This committee recommended the Husum WA site to be brought to the membership for approval.

Last year Charles Swanson asked for a listing of standing committees and their members. Anita will determine what committees exist and their composition.

Graham Cave State Park in Missouri was mentioned as a site for 2018, and Letchworth for 2019. Jerry will check on the Missouri site and who is in charge.

Douglas brought up the idea of dealing with transgender issues. Should a man who becomes a woman be allowed to compete as a woman? If someone is that committed to a sex change, he/she should be allowed to throw with the preferred group. Precedent was set with Renee Richards competing with the women in tennis. The Board agreed to follow tennis precedent for now, i.e., atlal event scores are to be listed with gender as identified by the thrower. Jerry Nevins indicated that two members of the Missouri AA want to get rid of all the categories (men, women, youth). Would lack of classes discourage people to throw?

Ryan Grohsmeyer is working with a group in Canada to have a video crew come to Graham Cave State Park to film an ISAC contest and a MoSAC. Will be seen on television around the world. This information will be posted in the newsletter and website to get as many people as possible to attend. The video crew would like to have a drone to follow the flight of the dart.

Gary Nolf made a motion to adjourn, Lori Majorsky seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Andrews
Executive Secretary
6/22/16

**World Atlatl Association Annual Meeting Minutes
Meadowcroft, Pennsylvania**

June 18, 2016

Members in Attendance: Andrew Majorsky, Lori Majorsky, Nisa Holbrook, Randy Whaley, Jerry Nevins, Sue Mercer, Erich Zeh, Cheryl Berg, Robert Berg, Linda Nolf, Gary Nolf, Anita Lukes , Jon & Lisa Wood, Ben & Joe Struzynski, Gordy Behrendt, Mary Riemersma, Leonard Reimersma, Margie Takoch, Frank Takoch, Douglas Bassett, Courtney Birkett, Debbie Andrews

Call to Order: President Courtney Birkett called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm. Ballots and attendance sheet were passed out.

Thank You to Margie and Frank Takoch for hosting the event. Margie in turn thanked Doug Bassett for organizing and tracking the scoring, Debbie Andrews for assistance with t-shirts, etc., and everybody else who helped make it a successful event. Debbie in turn requested that people please donate some money to offset the extra unexpected costs that Margie had to pay for the tent and dinner.

Newsletter: Sending out the newsletter by mail is costing money. Forty-two people have requested paper copies, at \$21.74 each, for a total of \$912.48 per year. It was decided to look into printing costs, black & white copies, and review the subject at the next meeting.

Voting by email: Discussion was held about adding email as a method to send in ballots. Ballots could be emailed to the secretary as well as snail mailed. This will make it easier for European members to vote. No vote taken.

ISAC Rules: Douglas brought up the issue of the rules regarding bounce outs and pass throughs. It was felt that if a pass through dart can count, then a bounce out dart should also count. Doug did make contact with John Whittaker, who said he felt the rule as currently written should remain. The current rules committee consists of John Whittaker, Courtney Birkett, and Ron Mertz. The last time the rules were edited was in 2013.

Douglas proposed that in case of a bounce out, the scoring of the bounce out is the responsibility of the scorekeeper. Gary Nolf seconded. Discussion: If the scorekeeper is not certain of the score, then the majority of flight participants makes the score determination. If there is no concensus, the scoring remains with the scorekeeper. This proposal unanimously passed. It was noted that the rules on the website need to be updated.

A motion was made by Gary Nolf to amend the current rules to add "and bounce outs" to the section regarding pass throughs. Lennie Riemersma seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Anita Lukes moved to have any references in the rules to bounce outs not being counted deleted from the ISAC rules. Linda Nolf seconded the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

All of these motions should be sent to the ISAC committee for comments/concerns.

Elections: The results of the election as determined by the election results committee (Mary Riemersma, Sue Mercer, and Nisa Holbrook) are as follows:

President: Anita Lukes – 25 votes

Board of Directors: Linda Nolf – 22 votes
Ryan Grohsmeyer – 15 votes
David Sheppard – 16 votes
John Whittaker – 24 votes.

Linda, David, and John are the new board members.

2017 Annual Meeting: Douglas brought up the interest of Bob Kitch having the 2017 meeting at his house in Husum, Washington. The predicted date will be the first weekend in August. During the Board meeting yesterday, Gary Nolf and Leonard Riemersma (2/3 of the Annual Meeting Committee) recommended Husum as the 2017 site.

The motion to have the 2017 Annual Meeting in Husum, Washington, was made by Gary Nolf and seconded by Douglas Bassett. The motion passed unanimously.

It will be the 30th anniversary of the WAA. Any ideas for events should be sent to Anita (alukes@gmail.com).

ISAC (revisited) – When someone comes in late after the ISACs have been thrown, what can be done to help that person get his/her ISAC done? This has happened several times, with the result of the late attendee having to find at least two other people who haven't thrown yet to compete with them. Options are to let people who have already thrown throw again, with their second scores not counting, or to let the responsibility rest with the individual to plan his/her arrival more appropriately. The consensus of the group is to let the current rule stand, as it is the responsibility of the individual to plan his/her arrival accordingly.

It was noted that a replacement for Devin is still needed to do the newsletter. Devin needs to step down this summer.

Motion to adjourn was made and accepted at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Andrews
Executive Secretary
6/22/16

THE WORLD ATLATL ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

Cash Balance at the Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$6800.94
<hr/>	
INCOME	
Memberships	\$1912.10
WAA T-Shirts	10.00
Pins	2.00
<hr/>	
TOTAL INCOME	\$1924.10
<hr/>	
EXPENSES	
Newsletter Printing	\$432.31
Postage for Newsletter	266.78
Postage—Other	44.40
Awards	1469.00
New Web Design	3000.00
Current Web Charges	184.95
Bank Charges	30.00
Foreign Check Charges	20.00
PayPal charges	47.82
Annual Report Fee—Colorado	10.00
<hr/>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5505.26
<hr/>	
CASH BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$3219.78
<hr/>	

Respectfully submitted

Anita L Lukes

Anita L Lukes, Interim Executive Treasurer
9/14/2016