

World Atlatl Association
Annual Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
November 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Nevins at 8:05 pm EST. Those in attendance were President Jerry Nevins, Secretary Debbie Andrews, Frank Lukes, David Patterson, Steve Barnett, Vice President Devin Pettigrew, Annual Meeting Committee Member Ron Mertz, and Webmaster Janeen Grohsmeyer, who set up the meeting, got it started, and disengaged herself.

Jerry welcomed everyone, thanked Janeen for setting up the meeting and serving as Webmaster, and welcomed Mike Caldwell as the new Webmaster.

Jerry asked if there were any requested changes to the minutes. The minutes were posted on the website and were also printed in The Atlatl newsletter. Dave Patterson moved to approve the minutes, and Devin Pettigrew seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

The schedule for site selections for the Annual Meetings was reviewed. The 2024 meeting is scheduled to be held at Cahokia in September 2024. No site has been nominated for 2025, which is to be held in the East, and a site also needs to be chosen for 2026 in the West. The status of Valley of Fire is doubtful, and Angelo Robledo is working on an alternative site. If anybody has suggestions for Annual Meeting sites, please contact the Annual Meeting Committee of Len Riemersma, Gary Nolf, and/or Ron Mertz. A notice of the need for a site for 2025 and 2026 will be printed in the next newsletter.

Unfinished Business from last year:

Anita Lukes sent out an email regarding needed changes in the Liability Waivers. The BOD voted to have the new Liability Waiver posted on the WAA website.

New Business:

Jerry Nevins brought up the idea of having a Junior Class contest for 5-10 year old children due to the difficulty of younger children being unable to hit the target at 20 meters. The proposed guidelines for the contest are as follows:

1. The ISAC target shall be used.
2. The throwing distances shall be 10 and 15 meters.
3. The age range for participating shall be 5 yrs -10 yrs.
4. A junior participant shall be allowed to throw alone.
5. If a Junior score sheet is not available, the regular score sheet will be used with appropriate notations.
6. Participating in a Junior ISAC shall not rule out participating in a regular ISAC.

Steve Barnett suggested that the junior class age range be changed to 10 and under. Many younger children would like to throw, and if they are under 5 it would mean they would have to throw the longer distances.

It was brought up that the standard rule is that you may only throw one ISAC per day. This should be reinforced with the Junior Contest. The child must choose between throwing the adult (youth) contest or the junior contest.

Junior scoresheets should be submitted to John Whittaker for compilation.

It was suggested by Debbie Andrews that the first year be experimental. Do we have an international need for a different category and rules for 10 and under, or should it just be a local event?

Dave moved to accept the Junior ISAC contest as experimental ,and Ron seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Jerry brought up a problem with the on-line store. Our shipping rates cited in the store are way below the official post office rates are, and therefore WAA is losing money on every purchase that is shipped. Jerry will look into post office rates and inform the board. Most items bought are mainly T-shirts, polo shirts and bumper stickers.

Current membership is approximately 280.

Jerry volunteered to take over the Instagram site if Angelo is too busy. The organization need to pursue it for the younger generations.

Ron brought up a problem with the terms of the president and vice president. They used to run so that the positions were up for election in alternate years, but due to a vacancy they are now on the same year. It shouldn't be a problem, as that has always been the election procedure in the USA, but if a vacancy occurs again, the president should appoint a new vice president to fill the remainder of the term.

Debbie brought up an email she received from the Casting Director of a show called ALONE on the History Channel. There is an opportunity for a skilled atlatlist to become a contestant. She would like to post the email on the webpage for interested throwers to pursue. Steve Barnett said he had seen the show, and it is very intensive. It is set up much like Survivor, with participants dumped in the wilderness with very little very little gear and must live off the land.

Jerry adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm EST.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie Andrews, WAA Secretary