



Board of Director's Meeting Minutes  
 January 28, 2020  
 7:00 pm  
 Location: Center on Halsted  
 3656 N Halsted St, Chicago, IL 60613

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board Position</u>	<u>Attended?</u>
Matt Herek	President	Yes
Jay Gonnam	Vice President	Yes
Lindsay Frounfelkner	Vice President	Yes
Brandon Knop	Secretary	Yes
Michael Rice	Treasurer	No
Christina Federighi	Director at Large	Yes
Matthew Graham	Director at Large	Yes
Paul Johnson	Director at Large	Yes
Myles Lawter	Director at Large	Yes
Chris Rinere	Director at Large	Yes
Zack Zusag	Director at Large	Yes

### Call to Order

#### PRIOR MEETINGS:

1. Approval of Agenda:
  - a. **Approved.**
2. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. **Approved, with comments.**

#### PRESENTATIONS:

1. Northalsted Business Alliance – Kevin Richards

- a. Alliance runs 2 current festivals (Pridefest & Market Days) and is in talks to add a third to celebrate fried chicken over Labor Day weekend
- b. The Alliance partners with community organizations like CMSA to staff gates and beer booths
- c. They will have 5–6 booths that will need volunteers if we want opportunities to fundraise

#### **OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. President
  - a. Thank yous to various members of the board for their work on various projects
2. Vice President – Athletics (Marketing Committee)
  - a. Women’s dodgeball and open dodgeball are up and running; Lindsay is helping out with open dodgeball as well
  - b. Kickball is working on finding fields for its next season; lights are not available, and Clarendon large field is not available
3. Vice President – Operations (Events Committee)
  - a. Basketball has kicked off; there are a few teams looking for free agents
  - b. Pool has a small following but is self-sufficient
  - c. Badminton is running well, up to 7 courts this season
  - d. Jay will reach out to Center on Halsted to see if they can offer a discount on their self-defense class, given turnout for our separate class in prior years
4. Secretary
  - a. A few complaints raised regarding soccer scheduling this season; have discussed with commissioner and board
5. Treasurer
  - a. N/A

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. eSports
  - a. New sport will begin with tournaments in March/April
  - b. We are in discussion with Ignite gaming lounge for partnership; determining final cost and availability for tournaments
  - c. Targeting March 21 for the first tournament
2. Website
  - a. Development is still underway; should be ready for end of March unveiling

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Financial Policy Updates
  - a. Suggested update to policy to waive remaining fees due by players following the season if a special exception was made, and funds were not repaid; commissioners would be responsible for policing this
  - b. Discussion whether this could change to be before budgets close for season or whether the individual should be locked out of registration
  - c. Certain members discussed concern with optics of certain players not playing, but wanting financial hardship to not be a barrier to inclusion in our community
  - d. Discussion tabled to future meeting for a vote

2. Code of Conduct
  - a. Updates to conduct policy were discussed to specify updated behaviors that are not appropriate for our members
  - b. Members discussed whether we should return language that restricted physical contact vs. more general language
  - c. Policy would take effect in March 2020
  - d. **Motion: Herek, Second: Graham. Motion passes.**
3. Annual Party
  - a. Party will be at 7 PM at the Cubby Bear; band and drag show are set as entertainment (T Rex and Mystery Machine); ends at 1 AM
  - b. Blue Ballers team will be working check-in for \$500 to cover future tournament fees (we had typically paid an outside group for this)
  - c. Fliers are being prepared by committee and will be on social media
4. Hall of Fame Induction
  - a. Ceremony will be 4/25 from 5 pm to 9 pm
  - b. Location is to be determined; we will look at Center on Halsted and Sidetrack
  - c. **Motion to provide \$2,000 for ceremony: Gonnam, Second: Frounfelkner. Motion Passes.**
5. Beach Volleyball Refund
  - a. Approximately \$15,000 refund will apply for this season; league will waive player fee for all players
  - b. Due to refund, board will approve an exception to the 10% carry-over rule to cover these extra funds
  - c. **Motion: Knop, Second: Lawter. Motion Passes.**
6. Women's Flag Football
  - a. Election still has not occurred following the season
  - b. Board discussed recommendations as to how to proceed; determined that the liaison and Federighi will set up election with captains voting on behalf of their teams; will reach out to current co-commissioners to discuss prior to sending around requests for nominations

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Basketball sponsorships are running short this year and with a large payment for officials due in February, it is likely the sport will run a negative balance this season without new sponsors. The board discussed ways to improve the budget situation and potential sponsors.
2. Next meeting will be on February 24, 2020 at 7:00 PM at the Center on Halsted.

**Adjourned at 8:58 PM.**