



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 13, 2021  
7:15pm  
Location: Google Meet**

Drew Ladochi motion to open meeting 7:19pm, Jeremiah Stevens second, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board Position</u>	<u>Attended?</u>
Michael Richardson	President	Yes
Katie Niemi	Vice President	Yes
Chris Rinere	Vice President	Yes
Drew Ladochi	Secretary	Yes
Jeremiah Stevens	Treasurer	Yes
Pete Gately	Director at Large	Yes
Yvette Holt	Director at Large	Yes
Jason Topping	Director at Large	Yes
Katie Villalobos	Director at Large	Yes
Chris Ward	Director at Large	Yes
Adam Whittaker	Director at Large	No

**eSports attendance: Jacob Rhodes, Jason Moore, Ladimir Geake,**

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Approval of Agenda Jason Topping motion to approve agenda, Katie Niemi second, all in favor. **Motion Passes**
2. Approval of October 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes Motion to approve Drew Ladochi, Jeremiah Stevens second, all in favor. **Motion passes**

**STANDARD BUSINESS**

1. Treasurer's Report - Jeremiah
  - a. Summary of balances in checking, savings, hardship fund, 6 month CD (Brodie Award). Brodie Award will need to be renegotiated in January 2022 for a better rate.
  - b. Audit of 2019 complete and paid. Still working on 2020 audit and need to pay.

- c. Review of membership numbers 1330 total numbers. We are hoping to reach 1800. We had over 3000 in 2017.
  - d. Drew Ladochi motion to approve treasurer's report, Jason Topping second, all in favor. **Motion Passes**
- 2. eSports presentation - Jacob Rhodes
  - a. CMSA eSports Funding Presentation. Provided the goals of eSports to grow in the broader Chicago area and national level. Already created a venue to share CMSA's mission of creating space for LGBTQ+ people in sports to a much wider audience.
  - b. CMSA eSports will offer 8 leagues in January. We currently have over 500 members enrolled on the main Discord server.
  - c. Proposing a special CMSA eSports Membership not including the CMSA regular annual fee. eSports can help drive exposure of CMSA as an LGBTQ+ Chicago based organization that people can be made aware of.
- 3. Committee Reports and discussions
  - a. Social Media/Website/Newsletter - Drew
    - i. Coming soon to an inbox near you - Biweekly content suggestions for CMSA to use for upcoming posts and a plan for how to create content that engages our audience.
  - b. Officials Financial Review committee update
    - i. Brian and Pete reaching out to other organizations to gather more data on pay rates.
  - c. Bylaws review committee
- 4. Sports -
  - a. Badminton - Michael
    - i. They have started open gyms prior to a new season to gain interest. They have implemented their new policies and procedures.
  - b. Basketball – Open - Katie/Michael
    - i. Commissioner will hold a town hall to ascertain logistics and interest for the upcoming season.
  - c. Basketball – Women's - Katie
  - d. Cornhole – Drew
    - i. New location with new commissioner. Bethany Church will be
  - e. Dodgeball – Open – Katie
    - i. Not enough interest after commissioner surveyed previous teams
  - f. Dodgeball – Women's- Katie
    - i. Women's dodgeball requesting a full carry over from 2020 season that was cut short due to COVID-19.
    - ii. Drew Ladochi motions to approve that women's dodgeball gets to use any unused funds from the women's dodgeball season in 2020, Michael Richardson seconds, all in favor. **Motion passes.**
  - g. eSports – Katie
    - i. We already received the proposal for discussion on annual membership fees. eSports is waiting to give a green light on an article written about CMSA eSports that could drive more members and exposure for CMSA.
  - h. Football – Open - Chris Rinere
    - i. New board starts January 1st, 2022
  - i. Football – Pride Bowl - Chris Rinere
  - j. Football – Women's – Chris Rinere
    - i. They need to complete the closeout of their books for the season.
  - k. Kickball - Katie
    - i. Kickball has a new commissioner Sam Pinter. Drew will become his liaison
  - l. Pool – Chris Rinere and Drew
    - i. No new updates. League will be finished soon.

- m. Soccer - Chris Rinere
  - i. Chris Ward is the new commissioner.
- n. Soccer – Pride on the Pitch- Drew
- o. Softball – Open - Michael
  - i. Commissioner will not be returning. Associate commissioner will not be returning either.
- p. Softball – Pride Tournament – no update
- q. Softball – Women’s - Michael
  - i. Books are closed
- r. Table Top - Katie N.
  - i. Waiting until February or March to run another league.
- s. Ultimate - Chris - No update
- t. Volleyball – Beach - Chris
  - i. We need to reach out more to beach volleyball to gauge interest in people running beach volleyball this upcoming season.
- u. Volleyball – Open – Chris - No update
- v. Volleyball – Women’s – Chris
  - i. Registration just opened

### **SPECIAL BUSINESS**

1. eSports Discussion
  - a. Ideas discussed on if we can lower or remove fees on CMSA Annual Memberships for eSports members. CMSA By-Laws and Policies and Procedures require any person participating in CMSA league activity to have a current CMSA annual membership.
  - b. Jason Topping to draft an email to present to eSports on a possible outcome from our discussions.
2. Special Event - Self Defense Class - Yvette H
  - a. The leader of the event, Heidi, is volunteering her time and the Center on Halsted will provide us space for use during this event. We need to see what the capacity is for the room they are providing us. We are hoping to do a Saturday morning with advance notice.
3. Covid Standards - Drew
  - a. Drew Ladochi motion to approve five proposals on changes to recent COVID-19 procedures for Leagueapps clarification, Jason Topping second, all in favor. **Motion passes.**
4. Pickleball - Drew
  - a. Drew Ladochi presented a proposal by Ryan Campbell to help create a pickleball league with Ryan as the commissioner. He helped create rules for the league and a preliminary budget.
  - b. Drew Ladochi motion to approve adding pickleball as a sport offering in CMSA, Chris Rinere second, all in favor. **Motion passes.**
5. Email to our commissioners - Michael Richardson
  - a. Prior to the end of the year, Michael is looking for us to give our commissioners an overview and reminder of standards as they run their leagues. This would cover financial standards, COVID-19 standards, and social media standards.
6. Financial policy proposal - Jeremiah Stevens
  - a. Jeremiah Stevens motion to approve the policies and procedures recommended by our new bookkeeper and treasurer, Chris Rinere second, all in favor. **Motion passes.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Open Forum
  - a. Gender Identity data and inviting our membership to participate in either league. We want to clarify with our membership that CMSA members not identifying as a man can participate in either a woman’s league or an open league. We do not currently have a sport that is men only.
  - b. We need to get ready for the upcoming July 2022 election for three spots on the executive board and have the items prepared months in advance of the election.
2. Michael Richardson motion to close meeting, Drew Ladochi second, all in favor. **Motion passes 10:08pm.**