



Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES
March 28, 2017
Location: Michael Erwin's Home
851 West Gunnison Street, Unit B, Chicago, Illinois 60640

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board Position</u>	<u>Attended?</u>
Michael Erwin	President	Yes
Matt Simpson	Vice President	Yes
Felipe Rojas	Vice President	Yes
Joshua Dehnke	Secretary	Yes
Michael Rice	Treasurer	Yes
Courtney Briggs	Director	Yes
Julie Norris	Director	Yes
Diane Carniello	Director	No
Greg Jung	Director	Yes
Christina Wiesmore	Director	Yes
Jonathon Shaw	Director	Yes

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

PRIOR MEETINGS:

1. Approval of Agenda:
 - a. Rice moved to amend – add No. 12, Friday Softball
 - b. Erwin moved to amend – add No. 13, Advertising
 - c. Agenda as amended passed
2. Approval of Prior Minutes (23/Feb/17)
 - a. Passed

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

1. You Can Play Presentation – Mike Pelter
 - a. Mike Pelter is Manager of Business Development for YCP to help organization grow. He does outreach to organizations. They do different presentations to companies/organizations. Trying to build more programs for high schools. Also reaching to other groups that may fit well w/ YCP.

- b. Ideas:
 - i. MP wants to become more involved w/ sports commissioners and captains / captain meetings, create opportunities for our individuals to get involved w/ YCP as ambassadors.
 - 1. Ensure that ambassadors properly represent YCP, CMSA. Likely not a lot of CMSA people would volunteer at first, but starting small would be beneficial to all.
 - 2. Other ways for CMSA people to get involved such as booths at tournaments, scrimmages, etc.
 - ii. Potential relationship with Chicago Park District, YCP/CMSA together.
 - iii. Pride Parade / street festivals: work together, side by side. (Last year, YCP did parade w/ Redliners.)
 - iv. When YCP does event, we post about it. And vice versa on YCP's corporate page (CMSA events, registration).
 - v. Going to pro events partnering w/ YCP
 - vi. Add amount of money to CMSA registration fee to be donated to YCP (\$5?)
 - vii. YCP could bring big names for CMSA events (like Chris Mosier, hockey players, etc.)
 - c. Action items:
 - i. CMSA to ask YCP what they would present to commissioners / captains, other ideas (board wants to view ambassador program/presentation). Tabling additional registration fee idea.
2. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Self-defense number should have been 26, not 14
 - b. Upcoming registrations for soccer, beach vball, ultimate, kickball
 - c. Report approved
 3. Policy and Procedure Change
 - a. No. 1: Codify 45-day election rule (w/ several sport election). Approved.
 - b. No. 2: Flexibility for questions to be asked for elections. Amended to include the random draw portion.
 - i. Amended language: Candidates are then introduced by random draw with the ability for them to speak on their behalf, and answer questions in a format determined by the current board.
 - ii. Approved as amended.
 4. Commissioner's Dinner Wrap-Up
 - a. Event was good. Venue will change, as host restaurant was rude about how we had the incorrect number (because of a few no-shows), despite generous tip.
 5. Update on Financial Investigation
 - a. Payments continue.
 6. Women's Flag Football
 - a. As in emails, women's flag football did not have enough teams (only 3). So men's football opened to all genders, women's season cancelled. Feedback: women are not crazy about the draft b/c cannot play together. Thus, not many women have signed up yet. But fall women's league still fully on track.
 - i. Simpson: Note that two players can link together for the draft.
 7. Proud to Run
 - a. All set up. June 24 early morn.
 8. Street Festivals
 - a. Midsommarfest is set (\$395).
 - b. Market Days is \$675 for non-profit, which is \$200 more than vendors. Potentially a mistake. Wiesmore will look into it.
 - i. (Pridefest was about \$500.)
 - ii. Potentially ask YCP about partnering for Market Days.
 - iii. Schedule for volunteers to come soon. Wiesmore cannot be there for Market

Days. Can someone captain Market Days? Jung and Dehnke can. April meeting: decision on Market Days.

- c. Simpson: Needs more help setting up and tearing down for both fests.
- 9. End-of-Year Summer Party
 - a. By April meeting, decision whether to do something: dates, location, outdoor or indoor. All board members: brainstorm!
- 10. Sports Pictures
 - a. Pictures taken by photographer to first be for CMSA main page; then individual sports can use them.
- 11. Website Update
 - a. Remaining challenge: in order to have leagueapps on backend for registration, have to suppress navigation when registration. Not something that can be tested. Concern is doing it with heavy registration could be problematic. Test will take at most one hour. If wait until early May, like May 7th, bulk of registration for summer sports done (all early bird registration done by then). Email to membership to explain this.
 - i. If something goes wrong, Jung will be available to deal with it, be able to revert back to old system.
 - ii. Promo video/screenshots w/ voiceover about new website? Shaw to look into it. Promos to start late April for a countdown to the new website. Promo to commissioners before the rest (Jung to send link to them).
- 12. Friday Fall Softball
 - a. Josh Bradley: season to be 9-10 weeks, mid-August to mid-October. Permits, would be at Clarendon. Target is 180 people (around 12 teams). Budget is doable if target reached. Team fees are \$300/400; player fees \$40/50.
 - b. Rice to forward email from Bradley to board. No vote today. Green light to start planning though.
 - c. Scheduling still possibly an issue w/ registration b/c of other tournaments, price.
 - d. Perhaps ask Bradley to run budget if he only ends up with (8?) teams? Field total cost \$6480.
 - e. Perhaps do bar sponsorship(s) for entire league?
- 13. Advertising
 - a. Online apps: ad this spring and Pride ad in June.
 - b. Set for agenda item next week. Jung to lead discussion. Jung, Briggs, and Estaban to come up with ideas.
 - c. Piloting in football and ultimate for referral discount.

NEW BUSINESS/CLOSE:

- 1. Open Forum
 - a. Chicago Gay Men's Choir: Silent auction end of April. Simpson to get more specifics. Potentially two free memberships or stuff at storage unit.
 - b. Letter from Dixon, IL
 - c. Pride Parade registration has been submitted, will present at next meeting.
- 2. Feedback and Close
- 3. Next Meeting: April 27th at Michael Rice's house.

Meeting adjourned at 9.24pm