



Board of Directors Meeting  
 MEETING MINUTES  
 April 25, 2018  
 7:00-9:10 pm  
 Michael Erwin's House  
 851 W Gunnison St. Unit B

<u>Name</u>	<u>Board Position</u>	<u>Attended?</u>
Michael Erwin	President	Yes
Matt Herek	Vice President	Yes
Joshua Dehnke	Vice President	Yes
Julie Norris	Secretary	Yes
Michael Rice	Treasurer	Yes
Matthew Graham	Director	Yes
Jay Gonnam	Director	Yes
Lindsay Frounfelkner	Director	Yes
Christina Roberts	Director	No
Jonathon Shaw	Director	Yes

**Meeting called to order at 6:55pm**

1. Approval of Agenda: Passed with changes (Beach Volleyball)  
 Motion: Matt/Second: Josh
2. Approval of Prior Minutes (28/March/18): Passed with changes  
 Motion: Mike/Second: Jonathon

**SPECIAL BUSINESS:**

1. Treasurer's Report –  
 Board Budget is fine. Upcoming expenses include Pride Parade, Festivals, and Back Lot Bash. Still waiting on park district refund (\$1900) for Women's Basketball. Open Basketball received balance of team fees and finished season with a small positive balance.  
 Registration Numbers-
  - Beach Volleyball numbers are low compared to previous years. Currently 300 players less than last year at this time. We have 55 teams registered and typically have 130 teams. We have been promoting on Facebook. CMSA pulls largest membership numbers from beach volleyball so we need to be pro-active.

- Julie spoke to Kevin, Beach Volleyball Commissioner. He pushed back their early bird 2 weeks as well as pushing back their registration party (DS Tequila) until mid-May. Kevin feels confident the numbers will improve as we get closer to party and opening day. Board will continue to promote that registration is open and the registration party on Facebook. Kevin also asked if we can transfer the CMSA Beach Volleyball page admin rights from Todd Paulson. Mike will contact Todd. Mike will also get member list from last year and send an email.
- Kickball opened registration and numbers are low but they have time before league starts.

**Motion to Approve: Michael/ Second: Matt**

2. By-Law Suggested Changes

Michael and Matt reviewed the existing bylaws and drafted suggested revisions to: elections, board structure, job descriptions and term limits. Proposed revisions were sent to Board members last month for review and open for discussion during tonight's meeting.

Based on board discussions, Michael and Matt requested that each board member send an "I agree"/ "I disagree" or something in between on each of the proposed revisions by next Friday. Michael and Matt will further define/clarify the language of revisions for next meeting. Board will present proposed changes to general membership for vote at June meeting.

3. Commissioners Playbook/Succession Planning-

- Michael made revisions and edits from board discussions. Michael, Matt and Matt will format document to pdf and email to commissioners. Under current board structure Vice President 2 (under new structure, if implemented Vice President of Athletics) will be responsible for updating future handbooks and will send out to commissioners annually.

4. CMSA Pride Month Events-

- Pride on Pitch registration is low at 53 players. Event is inexpensive to run so tournament will not lose money. Tournament has 4 travel teams, Detroit, 2 New York teams, and a team from Twin Cities. Chicago teams- 4 Upper competitive teams and 5 lower division teams. Matt Graham confident more players will register in May.
- Pride Bowl- Almost sold out. One open slot should be filled by Friday. Women's league has 6 teams. New teams from Austin, South Florida and DC. We got a welcome letter from the Mayor. Compete magazine will come out before Pride Bowl. Matt is still working with them on it. Howard Brown is officially the medical partner for Pride Bowl and also have athletics trainer volunteers. Matt will connect David, Howard Brown director, with Mike to discuss putting out press release of our partnership.
- Senior Cup has 5 registered teams. San Jose, Minnesota, Madison, New York. No Chicago teams registered yet (typical) they will register last minute. Michael will send out another reminder to Chicago teams. Senior Cup is also usually in the fall so may not be on the radar. Fields are now at Winnemac Park. Damen/Foster. Michael was approached about hotel contract for Best Western on Broadway. Rejected because rate was \$289/night. No hotel contract for event in place. Lost money on hotel contract for Pride Bowl previous year because we didn't hit minimum reservation number.
  - Rainout Plan: Assess the fields day by day. Issue in 2014 or 2015 was that rather than cancel just one day and re-assess fields later day or next day, the entire tournament was cancelled. Fields drained and sun was out next day, so tournament could have been played.
  - 12-14 teams is successful tournament. Mark will push the event in inter-league tournament in Milwaukee. Can Mark take CMSA giveaway's to promote?
- Pride Pool Tournament- Jonathon checked with venue. They can accommodate

tournament but Jonathon is concerned participation will be low because so many members play softball, soccer, football. Board agrees to no pool tournament this year.

- Pride Parade- We have a contract with sound people but has not finalized it yet because of discussion of live DJ. Jay will finalize plan with Christina and confirm if additional equipment is needed. Float is reserved but we need to finalize the look of float, based on space for DJ, etc. That will determine the final float pricing.

5. General/Pride Survey-

General questions part is complete. Mike will send some additional pride questions to include and will also draft transgender language. Survey will go out on Tuesday. Prizes will be Sky tickets for Pride Night, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

6. HOF-

Meeting was held April 24, 2018. Committee reviewed 8 candidate applications and voted to induct 3 members into HOF. New HOF inductees are Bill Helton, Bill Enright, and Joe Green. Ceremony will be on July 28, 2018. Location to be determined. Mary's Attic possible venue.

7. Partner/Events Update

- Sky Pride Night is June 1, 2018. Sky reached out to see if we would be on their planning committee. Lindsay, Julie and Jay volunteered. Sky has not committed to Pride float involvement.
- Sky Fireside Chats- LGBTQ issues. Sky is planning to put together speaking engagements to discuss how LGBTQ issues has shaped their industry in the past few years. Still early in discussion so maybe events in late summer/fall.
- Goodman Theatre- "The Wolves" Lindsey confirmed that 1 CMSA member bought tix however, it is likely members attended game and did not use the discount code. Game did sell out.
- Goodman Theatre- "Support Group for Men"- Runs June 23-July 29. "A Wrigley Ville guys night- questions of sexuality and gender identity". Goodman will give discount code for shows between June 23-July 1<sup>st</sup>. Jay and Lindsay will clarify ticket cost (\$20), amount of discount, and come back with more options. Group tickets-minimum is 10 tickets.
- Broadway Gives Back. Is there an opportunity for CMSA to volunteer to staff the fundraising bucket? Theater will announce the organization name before the show. Lindsay will check it out.
- Wrigley at the Park- Christina has a contact. Jay will check with Christina and will update next meeting.
- Chicago White Sox/ Red Stars- Jay will investigate further
- Movie in the Park/Concerts in the Park- Jay will investigate further
- Happy Hour Event- Downtown is the preferred location. Downtown public transportation is easier for members. Jay will investigate possible locations.
- Boat Cruise is tabled for now.

8. Self Defense Class-

Only 2 registered to date. Table the event until July. Julie will determine whether to cancel the event by Wednesday.

9. Questions/concerns from Membership – None

**NEW BUSINESS/CLOSE:**

1. Open Forum
  - Confirmed Dates with Center On Halsted:  
June 12, 2018- Nomination Meeting  
July 24, 2018- Election Meeting
  - Open Volleyball voted to allow co-commissioners for next season.
2. Feedback and Close
3. Next Meeting: May 23 at 7pm at Michael Rice's

**Motion to Adjourn: Matt G/ Second: Matt H**  
Meeting Adjourned: 8:44 pm