Minutes ~ WADA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday Dec 4, 2025 ~ 7:30pm via Teams

CALL TO ORDER

- 1. Quorum achieved (6 of 7 directors)
 - a. Attended: Rob Bunnell, Steve Krepps, Scott Metzler, Joe Stephen, Timmy Pierce
 - b. Absent/ Unexcused: Vic Cusumano, Landon Jones
 - c. Officers: Ronda Daly, Pat Martin & Dave McDonald

REPORTS

1. Chair - Rob Bunnell.

No opening remarks, anticipating discussion on "potential changes.

- 2. Secretary/Treasurer Pat Martin
 - a. Access to Agenda and links to Teams call and Survey results etc available to all board members on the website "for Board Members" page. Board meeting Teams call link is also on the Calendar page on the website.
 - b. Nov minutes are approved
 - c. Treasurer's report for Oct & Nov to be provided soon. (focused on survey)
- 3. Webmaster David McDonald
 - a. No updates, no changes
- 4. Executive Director Ronda Daly
 - a. Playoffs currently underway, believed to be finishing this week or next.
 - b. WAO26
 - i. Following up with hotel for '27 contract. Hotel agreed to a \$1,000 deposit now, with remaining deposit paid after '26 tournament. Venue is locked.
 - ii. Steve suggested caution, some Dulles hotels will have to close within the next year. Assumption hotel wouldn't sign '27 contract if closure likely. Contract includes money-back clause for un-forseen issues.
 - iii. Tournament flyer should be done in the next week, published before Jan 1st. Will submit for Board review prior to publication.
 - c. Ronda will work on Rules violation document.
 - d. Toys4Tots tournament was a "tremendous success" Raised \$2,300 day of tny. Highest ever.

WADA 2026 OFFICER ELECTIONS

- 1. Ronda Daly and Timmy Pierce were elected as Co-Directors.
- 2. Pat Martin was re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer.
- 3. David McDonald was re-elected as Webmaster.
- 4. Ronda Daly was re-elected as Tournament Director.

POTENTIAL CHANGES & SURVEY FEEDBACK

Survey results (29 received) in table format were emailed to Board members and are linked on the "for Board Members" webpage.

Season Length/Structure Discussion - Options: 3x12 week seasons vs 2x16 week seasons and increasing shooter and sponsor fees by 50% per season, which would

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make a break even in fees. Leaves room for 2 bye weeks and the summer off, restarting earlier in August, not immediately after WAO. Also allows more make-up dates.

- a. Survey results were mixed regarding season length changes.
- b. Primary metric "a lot of nos" indicating change might not negatively impact playing.
- c. From current players 3 "yes" responses. Reasons for "yes" included "16 weeks is too long" and price increase". Another said they would still play but might not play both teams and singles.
- d. From non-current players 4 "yes" responses who "would" play if the change were made.
- e. Overall interpretation:
 - i. Data suggests people were "ok with a change to seasons"
 - ii. Many didn't seem to really care one way or the other.

If you currently play, would this change keep you from signing up next season?
○ Yes
○ No
O Not applicable (I don't currently play on a team)
If you DO NOT currently play, would this encourage you to return to WADA next season?
○ Yes
○ No
O Not applicable (I already play on a team)

- f. Awards discussion: Team awards: past practice involved individual plaques for division winners and shirts for league winners. Individual division winner plaques were discontinued as recipients found them superfluous, often storing them in boxes. Suggestion to review singles awards, potentially increasing prize value. Need to purchase pins to distribute them again. Proposal to create a prize chart linking prize value to participant volume.
- g. Board voted to change to 2 longer seasons, 1 nay vote.

2. TEAM PLAY STRUCTURE

- a. **A-League** format will **change** to play all three legs (not 2-0 sweep). Third leg will be a true cork calls (cork chooses) **only in cork calls singles**.
- b. **B & C League** format will keep the 2-0 sweep format (no change). They already have a different format (3 on the line) and 3-leg format might take longer.

3. SINGLES PLAY STRUCTURE

a. **Singles league Structure**: A single set of rules for AA, A and B divisions will be used for both online and in-person play. Put AA, A and B on the apps. When not

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enough players for separate divisions, the combined division will default to a chosen division, using majority rules.

- b. Board passed the following:
 - i. AA division will continue to play 5 sets as current.
 - ii. A division will use a "fixed at 15 legs" format. (5) 501, (5) Ckt, (5) 501
 - iii. B & C divisions will move to a "fixed 12 leg format". (abandoning sets).Winner is Total Legs.
 - 1. B 4 legs of Ckt, 4 legs of 501, 4 legs of Ckt
 - iv. C division will move to a "fixed 10 leg format". (5) 501 (5) Ckt
- c. Defining First Place and Tiebreakers
 - i. Historically first place determined by legs won, with tiebreaker schemes implemented as needed. Also if a player drops out mid-season after playing everyone in their division once, those match results stand, any situation where the forfeiting person hadn't played everyone once, or had played some people more than once will result in those matches being set to a score of 0 0.

NEW PLAYER SIGN-UPS

- 1. Wanna Play List Several new players have signed up, some willing to captain. Multiple new players from DC, an opportunity to form another team in DC.
- 2. Need enough sponsor bars to accommodate new teams without overcrowding. Past issues with too many teams in the same bar.
- 3. Boards at Fairfax REVs are in really bad shape. Ronda will message Saad about bringing new boards.

TABLED

Rule about penalties for ineligible shooters. Ronda to write out Rule Change for final board vote at the next board meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Thurs Jan 29th @ 7:30pm via Teams

ADJOURNMENT 8:56pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Martin Secretary/Treasurer