



WE UNITED Board of Directors
Conference Call

Date:	May 31, 2017	Time:	5:00 pm PDT
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Acting Chair in Attendance? President Julie Alonzo
 Secretary? Secretary Bruce W. Menke

President Julie Alonzo called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm CDT

Members in attendance at roll call

Members Absent

Last Name	First Name	Title	Last Name	First Name	Title
Alonzo	Julie	President	Luoma	Donna	Treasurer
Price	Barbara	President Elect	Perez	Ruth	Director R7
Menke	Bruce W.	Secretary			
Schwartz	Cari	Director R1			
Limond	Polly	Director R2			
Atkinson	Doreen	Director R4			
da Silva	Kimberly	Director R6			

Current strength of body was 10. Minimum # for quorum was 6.

Members in attendance was 7.

Quorum Achieved

Members in attendance after roll call

Members Absent

Last Name	First Name	Title
Stanko	Chris	Director R3

LOC RECOMMENDATIONS

- LOC has completed their review and have their recommendations
 - Since D&O insurance is not in place, the LOC will not want the matter brought to a vote. This is to ensure coverage in case there are disputes in the process.
- The general agreement was that the Executive Committee will take up the matter of the LOC recommendation on Monday, June 12, 5pm PDT. Insurance coverage must be bound by that time.

INSURANCE

- Julie Alonzo reported:
 - Non-profit company Barbara Price had contacted declined to insure General Liability because we are an equine organization.

- Jarvis has extended a quote for D&O but no not General Liability. We have requested GI and are awaiting the quote.
- Wayne Hipsley late last week recommended four other companies and contact has been made applications submitted Friday May 25. One of the companies requested additional information yesterday and were sent it.
- Bruce W. Menke recommended requesting prior term coverage when asking for D&O
- Barbara Price indicated that D&O is relatively easy to procure. It is also an incentive to the GI carrier to get the D&O as well. She recommended that we wait until we have full quotes for both types of insurances.
- The general agreement was that the Executive Committee will take up the matter of the LOC recommendation on Monday, June 12, 5pm PDT. Insurance coverage must be bound by that time.

ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION FOR BOOKKEEPING SERVICES

- President Julie Alonzo made a motion to:

MOTION *Allocate an additional \$300 for bookkeeping services with Black Morgan Accounting.*

- ✓ Voting strength of the body was 8. By voice vote the motion carried.

ELECTION PROCESS

- There was question as to whether it would be cost effective and feasible and more secure to have the company conducting the election to run the nomination process.
- The nomination link/email would go to the voting members only and not posted publicly. Notice that nomination opportunities have been sent to members would likely be posted.
- Whether the nominator was named was discussed. No consensus was reached on this point.
- The dates for distribution and return of ballots and announcement of results are fine for electronic balloting but not enough time for mail ballots. Perhaps two sets of timelines, one for online only, a longer for mail ballots.
- There was discussion regarding when to begin the office terms.
 - One suggestion was to synch with the fiscal year, January 1.
 - It could be left October 16 since there is at least one year precedent.
 - One option was that if wanting to synch would be to have the term end this year on October 16 but subsequent year January 1 (or another date for term). This avoids the accusation that the Board is just extending their own terms.
- There was also as discussion regarding synching it with the beginning of the show season, either in November or December 1.
- There was discussion regarding synching to the membership term, December 1.
- Julie Alonzo will adjust the draft document to address the discussion in this meeting and send them to Board for further review.

RULE CHANGES

- President Julie Alonzo requested the Board address two items related to the rules. 1) Consideration of the rules recently adopted by the Confederation, and; 2) Consideration for formal request to include two representatives from WE United to be a part of the rules committee.
- President Elect Barbara Price noted that the changes the Confederation made were minor and characterized as updates and that major rule changes were not addressed. Barbara recommended adopting the changes so that the WE United rules will be synched with the exception of the blind horse being allowed to compete.
- Director Doreen Atkinson stated she was told by a Confederation leader that Barbara Price was only allowed to listen and not contribute and that Bruce W. Menke had resigned.
 - Barbara Price indicated she knew that she was representing herself and could not approve anything on behalf of WE United.
 - Bruce stated that he had never resigned but had merely refused to have his name on the document because it was the wrong thing to do and had continued to participate thereafter.
- Julie noted one change she disagreed with was that submitting change proposals can only be submitted to the individuals named and not through any organization.

ADOPT RULE CHANGES

- President Elect Barbara Price made a motion to:

<i>MOTION</i> <i>Adopt mid-year rule changes as presented (by the Confederation).</i>
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- ✓ Voting strength of the body was 8. By voice vote the motion carried.

RULE CHANGE REPRESENTATION

- Julie Alonzo explained that the just adopted rules have 5 Confederation members and only one representative from WE United.
- Julie also noted that at the recent judge seminar there were many suggestions by the WAWE presenters for modifications. None of the individuals on the current “committee” were in attendance and that information is not currently being considered.
 - Barbara Price indicated she would be happy to pass along such information but should be presented as specific rule change requests.
 - Julies suggested one of the attendees would have more information on the reasoning and the background as to why the suggestions were made.

REPRESENTATIVES IN THE RULES PROCESS

- President Julie Alonzo made a motion to:

<i>MOTION</i> <i>Formally request the Confederation to include two WE United representatives in upcoming rule change proposal discussions as they are happening.</i>

✓ Voting strength of the body was 10. By voice vote the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

- The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 5pm PDT.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm PDT



Bruce W. Menke, Secretary