

# WSLA Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** 11/13/2025, 7:00pm via Microsoft Teams

## Attendance

Present: MK Benshoof, Holly Whitman, Christy Neff, Jeanette Wake, Tony Duck, Bo Weingartner

Absent: Ryan McCloskey, Jamie Asaka, Lyndsey Gillis, Tami Tommila, Steve Fricke, Grace Hamilton, Curtis Estes, Claire Monsaas

## Approval of Minutes

Did not have a quorum to vote on October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. Will vote by email or save for December meeting to approve both October and November minutes.

## Presidents Report

Tony reported on the executive committee's ability to change the by-laws as we look to add new board members and face issues with having an appropriate quorum at meetings to make and pass motions appropriately.

## Budget

## Executive Director Report

WSLA is partnering with the WLL to bring in Maddie Morrissey for two coach education sessions at the January league meeting. It will be \$40 for one session or \$70 for both.

Other topics for breakout sessions are being discussed for inclusion at the January league meeting, including administrative issues and program leader issues that our membership face.

A December mtg topic will be sanctioning. MK has included some research and information relative to sanctioning (state, WLL, USAL). ACTION ITEM: Board members should read through research provided in pre meeting notes ahead of December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## New Business

New board members were discussed as their one-pagers were shared: Toby Halbert and Jeanne Ballot.

A motion was made to add Toby Halbert to the WSLA Board as an At-Large member. Board approved.

Approved: Curtis Estes, Christy Neff, Lyndsey Gillis, Steven Fricke, Tony Duck, Tami Tommila, Ryan McCloskey, Bo Weingartner, Jeanette Wake

Opposed: n/a

Absent: Claire Monsaas, Grace Hamilton

A motion was made to add Jeanne Ballot to the WSLA Board as an At-Large member. Board approved.

Approved: Curtis Estes, Christy Neff, Lyndsey Gillis, Steven Fricke, Tony Duck, Tami Tommila, Ryan McCloskey, Bo Weingartner, Jeanette Wake, Grace Hamilton

Opposed: n/a

Absent: Claire Monsaas

Identifying Team WA coaches for 2025. Board members will work to identify potential candidates including the 2025 coaches of the year.

## Board Member Updates

### Season Topics

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ACTION items: As Jet finishes the rules comparison

# Committee Items

## Operations

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ACTION items: Jeannette will compile the rules comparison sheet edits and work together with Bo to draft final version.

## Strategic planning

Tony is setting a meeting for the committee currently. An assessment will be made in terms of where WSLA is currently at which will help inform moving towards a new strategic plan.

## Rules

Rules committee has received no appeals or push back from recent waivers and decisions. No current action items.

## Next Meeting:

December 9, 2025

*Meeting adjourned 8:28pm*