



Board of Directors Meeting
Circus Circus Hotel and Casino
Casino Tower Room 1410
Las Vegas, Nevada
September 18, 2012

President John Deininger called the meeting of the World Acrobatics Society (WAS) Board of Directors (BOD) to order at 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2012.

PRESENT: Dick Albershardt, Jim Bertz, John Deininger, Frank Gorman, Abie Grossfeld, Dick Gutting, Pat Henderson, George Hery, Loren Janes, Bruno Klaus, Donna Kramer, Don Leas, Larry Lindauer, Bill Marcus, Pamela Pond, Karl Schier, Glen Vaughn.

1. Review of minutes from the Board of Directors Meeting, Fort Lauderdale, FL, May 13, 2012

PRESENT: Dick Albertshardt, Bruce Davis, John Deininger, Abie Grossfeld, Dick Gutting, Bruno Klaus, Don Leas, Karl Schier.

President John Deininger presented and summarized the meeting's agenda. Discussions included the following:

CONGRESS SITE: Keep the Congress in Las Vegas.

MEMERSHIP CHAIRMANSHIP: Don Leas is taking over some of the duties of our past friend, Duncan Earley. (Don Leas is taking over the WAS membership chairmanship only).

ELECTIONS: This year is a big year for elections because the WAS officers will be elected. The current President and First Vice Presidential are term limited and cannot be re-elected according to the constitution.

WORLDACRO>COM: Bruce Davis, in conjunction with Teo Leonard, went on a quest to bring back the website. It was dormant for a time due to various reasons. According to Davis, the site was retrieved and with the help of Ron Weiss, the website originator, it is now up and running and the domain name has been transferred from Thunderbird of Redmond Washington to the Apollo Beach Internet of Florida with Teo Leonard as the webmaster. A motion was made by Bruno Klaus that Bruce Davis continues in the pursuit of website. The motion was carried.

NEWSLETTER: Bruce Davis and Jim Betz are collaborating to develop a newsletter for 2011 and 2012.

GOTOMEETINGS.COM: Karl Schier presented information for using gotomeetings.com as a means of communicating with people worldwide on line. It is a free means of communication with groups of people who can talk and see one another, thus eliminating the need for travel. Gallery of Legends: Quite a bit of time was spent discussing the process by which the Legends were selected. Some had issue with it. Most of them agreed that Dick Gutting is doing a superb job.

A motion was made, voted and carried that the list of inductees for 2021 be accepted.

A motion was made that the minutes of the May 13, 2012 be approved as presented. It was seconded and passed

2. **General Comments** by John Deininger:

The organization looks like it will continue. This is the largest BOD attendance in history. Hopefully the congress and banquet will go as planned and are as wonderful as they have always been. This organization needs to continue. There are a lot of things that can be done to improve it, like membership, communication, enrollment which would bring in new blood and ideas for what the organization, with all its acrobatic power, can do. For all the scars that we have, there are amazing things that we do have in the world of acrobatics.

3. **Old business.** None.

4. **Reports**

a. Treasurer: George Hery.

This year so far there are \$4,220 in funds, with expenses equaling \$948.49 and leaving a balance of \$15,309. John Deininger has about \$2400 in expenses. Last year Deininger paid for everything so there is money. (Note: John Deininger is still to be reimbursed for WAS Congress expenses from last year.) A phenomenal thing is happening. People are paying dues and adding some \$1400 (\$5-\$500) in donation. Carol Ann and John Deininger paid for hospitality room. This is the first time we have money. Every year there is a little left. Unless there is a special function that is to be done, as a non-profit, there is no need to have a big bankroll. We are looking good now.

Registration: George Hery and Donna Kramer will cover registration for Wednesday and Thursday. The cost will be kept at last year rates and will be discussed later.

- 1.) Membership \$35.00, \$15 lifer.
- 2.) Congress \$45.00.
- 3.) Banquet \$50.00.

b. Membership: Don Leas

Don Leas received membership information from Duncan Earley and converted it into a Word Perfect document. A current list was circulated among members who were asked to confirm or correct their email addresses. Currently, there are 195 members listed. The length of time that members with no contact are kept on the list continues to be a problem with no solutions achieved. Lifetime members are

never dropped. Discussion followed about the annual membership year. The general consensus is that the fiscal year is from January 1 through December 31 of the current year.

c. Gallery of Legends Committee: Dick Gutting provided a list of the 30 GOL committee members including 22 men and 8 women. Dick commented that two categories, contributors and lifetime achievers, are not represented on the GOL committee. The extreme sports category has three voting members. All committee members were called and asked to serve by the chairman.

Since 2008 the GOL Committee is constitutionally a standing committee and should be an oversight responsibility of one of the two vice presidents. Both VP's have been very helpful to the GOL in the past. The constitution needs to specifically state oversight responsibility by either the first or second vice president of the GOL committee. A final decision about GOL oversight will be decided and voted on at the membership meeting.

Additionally, Dick Gutting handed out the list of the 2012 class of legends The WAS BOD approved the Gallery of Legends class of 2012 as submitted during the May 13, 2012 WAS BOD meeting. The legends are:

- 1) Stoyan Deltchev – Artistic Gymnastics
- 2) Jack Miles – Artistic Gymnastics
- 3) Megan Neyer – Diving
- 4) Jennifer Chandler – Diving
- 5) Speedy Peterson – Extreme Sports (Free Style Skiing) Deceased
- 6) Jon Culbertson – Lifetime Achievement
- 7) Kelli Hill – Lifetime Achievement
- 8) Dave Sharpe – Professional Acrobatics (Stuntman) Deceased
- 9) Gary Smith – Trampoline

d. Newsletter & WAS website: Bruce Davis and Jim Bertz will develop two newsletters for 2011 and 2012 since none have been produced to date. Teo Leonard of Apollo Beach Internet of Florida is the new website Webmaster and webhost. The newsletters will be released to members first via an E-mail distribution list and then posted on the website. Jim Bertz will work on reformatting and snail mail sends outs for members without computers.

e. Elections: Bill Marcus (first vice president)

Suggested Slate:

President: Bruce Davis (Nominated by Don Leas)
 1st Vice President: Karl Schier (Nominated by Bill Marcus)
 2nd Vice President: Glenn Vaughn (Nominated by Bruce Davis)
 Treasure: George Hery (Nominated by Dick Gutting)
 Secretary: Donna Kramer (Nominated by Dick Gutting)

5. **Pond Award**: The Pond Award (Charlie Pond) will be presented at the beginning of the banquet. The Pond Award is a service award presented to a member of WAS who has worked tirelessly on behalf of

the WAS. It was moved and seconded that it is presented at the beginning of WAS banquet by Pamela Pond, the Pond Award committee chairperson.

6. New Business:

Discussion followed about changing the dates for the WAS Congress. Every time brings a conflict. It will be discussed at the May meeting.

President John Deininger closed the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna S. Kramer
WAS Secretary