



## Message from the President

August 28, 2006

This message, in addition to our newsletter, is our ongoing report to membership about what is happening at the board level.

The board met on 8/9/06. We need volunteers to help with USQRA committees, mainly the Development Committee. Anyone interested in getting involved contact Tom Hamill ([usqracommish@hotmail.com](mailto:usqracommish@hotmail.com)).

- 1. Newsletter.** The newsletter turned out well, and its publication was a good job all the way around. Focus of the October issue will be the World Championships in Christchurch. We hope you enjoy it. Feedback is also appreciated.
  - This is the last week to help pick a name for the newsletter. Send your suggested name to Bob ([rcrandall@bresnan.net](mailto:rcrandall@bresnan.net)), and win a USQRA polo shirt if your name is selected.
  - Please submit players for Player's Spotlight. Could be either Coach or Player: if you have someone you'd like to see featured, submit an inquiry to Bob Crandall. He will give you the questions to ask. A photo is also needed.
  - Ideas, stories, or news: please submit them to Bob or me.
  - Be sure to send the Newsletter to anyone you feel might be interested in reading about the USQRA.
  - You can go to Kinkos with the PDF file and get copies of the Newsletter printed out on 11x17 glossy paper to pass out.
- 2. Database.** We need your help when you register your team this season. Please include players/volunteers' email addresses so we can send information to them as it becomes available. If any of you have contacts (rehab, Pts, Ots, associations, whomever), send that info to Bob Crandall for the database.
- 3. Clinics.** Jason Regier ([jregier7@msn.com](mailto:jregier7@msn.com)) and Wendy Gumbert ([wgumbert@hotmail.com](mailto:wgumbert@hotmail.com)) at BlazeSports America set up clinics. We had a hugely successful clinic in Utah, and the advanced clinic in St. Louis is happening as I write this. Five more are scheduled: Santa Barbara 9/8-9/10; Omaha 9/22-24; Missoula 9/29-10-1; Northridge 10/6-10/8. The Summer Blasts are also an up and coming way to enjoy quad rugby and get the word out. Philly has a successful event in July, and Oceanside is sponsoring Summer Blast 13 on 9/13. Check [quadrugby.com](http://quadrugby.com) and/or the Newsletter for details.

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4. **Developmental Committee.** This committee is now developing procedure for AGM proposal protocol. Tom Hamill is committee chair.
5. **Advisory Board.** There has been a huge response to join this committee. Its first project was to provide input into a branding questionnaire being done for the USQRA. Almost every sponsor is on board as well as others wanting to get involved. Ed Surh ([esuhr@aol.com](mailto:esuhr@aol.com)) is chairman. After Worlds, we will set our next project/meeting.
6. **Brochure and poster.** Looks like fall.
7. **North American Wheelchair Rugby Challenge.** At Disney Wide World of Sports, near Orlando is set for 11/10 to 11/12/06. Teams: Phoenix, BC, Lakeshore, Ontario, Texas, Quebec, Hoveround, Denver. The tournament is set up to showcase the best rugby in North America and generate mainstream exposure to our sport.
8. **Developmental Grant.** Send application requests to Tom Hamill
9. **International.** Lynn Nelson ([pp3wb1@yahoo.com](mailto:pp3wb1@yahoo.com)) is our liaison to the international community. John Ershek will represent the USQRA at the IWRF AGM in Christchurch in September 2006.
10. **Team USA.** Three words: Bring it home!

The USQRA board will meet again October 2006. Your input is welcomed.

Join the effort, and let's keep "Smashing Stereotypes One Hit at a Time."

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