

Dear WBCA voting members,

My name is Russ Zorn and I'm a member of 1157 SWIBCAPL. I've been a voting member, Official Referee, and a member of the Competition Committee in the past 8 years since joining BCA. I first met Carlie Watrous in 2016, my first year. She made quite an impression on me, and still does. Her team was all Ladies playing out of a club with a live band and she commanded attention from dancers, drinks and others who came too close to our league tables. I asked a friend " who is that gal?" He said "that's Carlie, you'll be okay in here Russ, you'll like her" he was right.

While we all have some passion for our sport from casual player to very intense, Carlie has a deeper connection with pool than 90 percent of us, myself included, and I've been in this game going on 45 years. She is a great player, but will support anything to get new and upcoming curious players get started, along with fighting for fairness in allowing the best players to never be excluded. Carlie can be shy at first, but she is generally taking appraisal of the situation and already working in her mind on how to get any two factions to compromise in order to make the sport work for us all.

Carlie is running for a Board position and if I was a voting member, she'd be on my very first ballot. Carlie is adamant about sportsmanship, honor and following rules, as well as questioning the actual need for some of the said rules. She is also VERY cognizant if the changes that have come to league play since COVID, many heads of families are working complicated hours now and that is causing stress within our community on just how to make qualifying for our Lincoln City events plausible to a changing membership.

Once Carlie gets started on a project, she goes all out, she is very deep, very sharp and a VERY good listener. Listening to our constituents has seemed to have been pushed aside the last few hectic years in the WBCA, some of which I totally understand with the instability at Chinook Winds, Predator, etc. But now, my friends, my competitors, and fellow players, in Carlie we have the chance to start the next 25 years of the WBCA moving upward to the place we once were, the Regional Event that literally EVERY other section of the US copied to make their events run smoothly.

I, Russ Zorn put my trust in Carlie Watrous for the near (and far) future of the Western BCA. Carlie is truly Good For Our Sport.

Thank you for your valuable time,

Russ Zorn