

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: March 5, 2010
Minutes**

Called to order: 6:31pm

Present: Tim Neels, Chris Clauss, Steve Mueth, Augie Werner, Don LaChance, Tom Schaefer, Debbie Palmer, Shawna Stover, Ben O'Day, Brad Bruns, Ken O'Day, Corey Arbini, Kevin Nelson, Joe Flanigan, Jean Evans, Mark Sicking, Donna Mayer, Nicki Fisaga and Shannon Loso, Ruby Winschel, Beth Bedard

Absent: Tracy Coleman (proxy to Don LaChance), Linda Jensen (proxy to Beth Bedard), Matt Stuhlsatz (proxy to Corey Arbini); Rich Farmer (proxy to Tom Schaefer); when Steve leaves Chris Clauss has proxy; when Don LaChance leaves Shawna Stover has proxy.

Additions to Agenda:

- Net violations/centerline violations
- State Income Tax changes
- Sets vs tournaments required for gold/silver regionals
- Warm up procedure
- Teams playing up in the 18s division
Nelson/Stover; MCU

Approval of minutes – December 4, 2009
Stover/Schaefer; MCU

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels

- Season rolling along, discussed some of the issues we are seeing through the season

Associate Commissioner- Coleman – no report

Treasurer – Schaefer – financially we are where we were last year

Secretary – Mueth

- Recruiting seminar – over 200 people in attendance, seminar went very well, coaching panel was very well received as usual.

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss

- Coaches, players, parents yelling at people
- Email sent out to entire membership to address poor behavior
- Letter will be written for Tournament Directors to better understand role at tournaments

Scorekeeper Chair – Palmer – no report

Referee Chair – Werner

- 3 people applying for Jr National Official Rating, will know after April 1st who is accepted
- 3 new Provisional I referees this year
- clinics went well, not as well attended as in the past

Women's Coordinator-Stover

- Pretty quiet this year, no complaints other than wanting more tournaments

Men's Coordinator- LaChance

- Some questions about level of play; visit options to avoid teams and individuals registering so late

Tournament Coordinator – Coleman

- 1 person wants us to look at number of tourneys that don't fill and evaluate sanctioning method

Staff Reports –

Donna – membership numbers are up; individual memberships approx 120 more at this time compared to last year; adults are up; a report with specifics will be given in August meeting

- Rankings have been posted and a 2nd round already posted
- Please help and make sure results have proper team names listed

Nicki – events going well,

- Boys Fest up over 30 teams this season. Largest numbers in the last 5 years.
- Girls Fest numbers were up both weekends
- Seeding tourneys have all filled but the 18s next weekend
- Regional entry forms have been emailed out and posted on the website; adults will be sent out and posted early next week.
- HS Boys Regionals was last weekend, went well, results up

Shannon –

- Touched upon the success of the Recruiting seminar and thanked those that helped
- Reviewed the coaches clinics and IMPACT clinics that have taken place
- Trying to schedule more ref/score clinics for rural areas, if you know of people that would be good clinicians let me know.
- Have sent out mass emails regarding new rules and bad behavior, nice tool to replace the newsletter for communication. Will work on a letter for Tournament Directors too.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Club name ownership
 - a. Motion #1 In order to retain the club name from the prior season, the club rep must become a member and submit a Team Registration Form.
 - b. MCU
2. Tryout process review – specifically verbal commitments
 - a. Jr Forum will meet to discuss
3. Membership Fee increase – tabled until the August GW Board meetings (after the May national meetings)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Sand volleyball
 - a. Jean Evans has offered to spear head efforts around bringing sand vball to the Region. Rich Farmer and Don LaChance have offered to be apart of a committee.
 - b. Email Jean Rich and Don's info and Inga M (?)

2. Great Lakes border team junior tryout dates
 - a. Allowing teams in the border areas to have an exemption to have tryouts a week earlier to let them stay in Gateway. Discussion will occur and a policy will be brought to next meeting.
3. Elections
 - a. Executive Board positions – Junior Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer, vote by General Board members at May mtg. Associate Commissioner in charge of nominations.
 - b. Call for At Large candidates posted on the GW web page in the first week of April with a deadline of May 20. Ballots posted on web by June 20 listing a July 10 deadline for submissions to the GW office.
4. State Income Tax – the effects of the state's decision to remove state income tax and increase sales tax. This could possibly effect the organizations that are currently tax-exempt.
5. Net and centerline violations – discussion around the new rules, Augie suggested emailing the Officials Committee at the National Office.
6. Requirements to play in Regionals – instead of a 2 tournament minimum to change that to a minimum number of sets/games. Discussion around the pros and cons of this.
 - a. Straw vote – people not interested in pursuing a change.
7. Warm up procedures –
 - a. Motion: Region will abide by the USAV rulebook regarding warm ups, effective March 8th; MCU
8. Teams playing up – it's tough at the 18s level specifically to find tournaments b/c younger teams playing up, but this decision is up to the tournament directors. Discussion, no changes made.

Adjourn – Palmer/Bruns, MCU

Adjourn 7:47pm

Meeting Dates:

Friday, May 7, 2010

Friday, August 6, 2010

Sunday, December 5, 2010