

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: August 8, 2014
Minutes**

Called to order: 6:37pm

Present: Tim Neels, Shawna Stover, Tom Schaefer, Matt Ryan, Chris Clauss, Augie Werner, Shane Weber, Tony Stratman, Dustin Cutts, Mark Sicking, Ashley Scanio, Kyle Kaiser, Linus Shyu, Joe Flanigan, David Bosch, Bryan Pieschel, Holly Luenemann, Ken O'Day, Shenee Boyle

Absent: Steve Mueth (proxy Stover), Don LaChance (proxy Schaefer), Debbie Palmer (proxy Schaefer), Ben O'Day (proxy Pieschel), Chris Dickey, Kevin Stapleton-Cloud, Jodie Hempen, Maureen O'Neill, Frank Buggs, Becky Czuppon, James Atteberry, Jodie Fowler (proxy Scanio)

Staff Members: Nicki Fisaga, & Jessica Werner

Additions to Agenda: E-Newsletter **Ryan/Stover MCU**

Approval of minutes – May 9, 2014 **Ryan/Stover MCU**

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels: Overall things going good. One issue with team/club being put on probation.

Meritorious Service Awards presented to Shenee Boyle, Mike Juenger, Lisa Kowalski, Deb Nicollerat and Mark Sicking.

Associate Commissioner – Mueth: absent. Stover reported: most people ever to run for at-large positions: 3 year terms to Mark Sicking, Linus Shyu and Bryan Pieschel. 1 year term goes to David Bosch.

Treasurer – Schaefer: financial information is available to all board members should they request it.

Secretary – Ryan: minutes look great!

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss: Safesport is the new focus by USAV. May meetings were informative. There's a drive by USAV to push the education of Safesport information so we can put it into effect at Region level next season. New President of USAV looking to make changes in how things are run/voted on.

Scorer Chair – Palmer: absent. Schaefer reports Robinson passed National certification. Werner reports the unused points potentially could become I-bar marks instead of hour-glass. Option for regions to experiment with procedure this season.

Referee Chair – Werner: Ed Phillips is new Jr National referee and increased his power rating. Andy Martin earned his Jr National certification this summer. Online referee training has been assured by USAV that the site will be able to hold heavy traffic flow. New material target date is Sept. 1. USAV is adding an at-large member to administrative board. Werner has applied for the referee position.

Women's Coordinator – Stover: numbers dropping for adults so considering new ways to help promote the program. Going to 18s tournaments to promote the game.

Men's Coordinator – LaChance: absent.

Outdoor Coordinator – Stratman: no changes to report.

Education Coordinator – Boyle: CYC coaches clinics start next week. Skills & Drills video is in production for beginner coaches to utilize. We are always looking for more people to give the clinics. Interested in bringing USAV in for CAP clinic to be offered in St. Louis. Will contact Diana Cole at USAV to discuss dates.

Staff Reports –

Mayer: absent. We're about 70 members less than our total last season and webpoint has a new interface which has changed the look a bit. Initiative to get boys teams going. Tournament numbers were split- fair number filled however still had multiple not fill or cancel. EB asked Donna to break out numbers by full, not full, and cancelled tourneys.

Fisaga: Spikin It numbers were comparable to last season and have some proposed changes for 2015 event.

1 Seeding tourney per age group for 2015.

Girl's Festival 16s & 18s – Jan 31 & Feb 1

Girl's Festival 12s-14s – Feb 7 & 8

Boy's Festival – Feb 14, 15 & 16

Coed 10 Regionals – March 22

Discussion for Adult Regionals – March 28 decided by representatives present.

Discussion for age group playing dates for Girls' Regionals. Board decided April 11 & 12 for Girls' 11s – 14s & April 18 & 19 for Girls' 15s-18s.

Bid Event – May 2 & 3

Boys' HS Regionals – TBD, looking for January availability.

Werner: Nicki and I are looking over new courses for online clinics. Changes to homepage layout will be made for Sept. 1. Developmental league happened, we will be discussing with new Community Ed director about winter session. CYC coaches clinics and Club Info nights are scheduled.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Does the Premier League count as 1 or 2 events towards the requirement for 2 tournaments in region in the team's age level by the Regional entry deadline to be eligible for G/S Regionals and the Bid Event?

Motion: A league will count as one tournament unless the league guarantees 12 sets of results against GW teams of the same age level in which case the league will count as 2 tournaments. **Ryan/Stover MCU**

2. Boys 12s – 14s program:

Motion 1: Membership fees for players listed on boy's 11s through 14s teams will be \$20 each. Coach fees will remain the same. **MCU**

Motion 2: Gateway Region will provide mentors for all boy's 11s through 14s tournaments where paid officials are not provided. **MCU**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. USAV Beach Tour

Motion: Pursue the option of hosting it. **Luenemann/Stratman MCU**

2. Uniforms

If anyone knows of a team not wearing legal uniforms they need to report it to the Gateway Region office staff. Staff will then follow up with Ref Chair to contact team.

3. CAP Clinic

Do we want to do it? If yes is it a make-money, break-even or lose-money kind of deal?

Motion: investigate and present budget for the next meeting. **Clauss/Stover MCU**

4. December meeting date

Friday, December 5th at 6:30pm.

5. E-Newsletter

Ryan & Stratman will investigate possible options for additional information outlet and propose at the December meeting.

Meeting to Adjourn: Sicking/Boyle **MCU**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 pm

Meeting Dates: December 5, 6:30pm - Kirkwood CC