

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: August 2, 2013
Minutes**

Called to order: 6:30pm

Present: Tim Neels, Steve Mueth, Debbie Palmer, Augie Werner, Shawna Stover, Don LaChance, Tom Schaefer, Matt Ryan, Chris Clauss, Tony Stratman, Kyle Kaiser, Ashley Scanio, Holly Luenemann, Bob Crank, Jodie Fowler, Shannon Loso, Shane Weber, Dustin Cutts

Absent: Joe Flanigan (proxy A. Werner), Ben O'Day (proxy Crank), Ken O'Day (proxy Luenemann), Linda Jensen (proxy Crank), Chris Dickey (proxy LaChance), Linus Shyu, Mark Sicking (proxy Mueth), Kevin Stapleton-Cloud, Jodie Hempen, Maureen O'Neill, Frank Buggs, Becky Czuppon, Hilary Bennett, James Atteberry,

Guests: Donna Hall, Kevin Nelson, David Owens, Bryan Pieschel

Staff Members: Donna Mayer, Nicki Fisaga, & Jessica Werner

Additions to Agenda: Parking Fees. **Ryan/Crank MCU**

Approval of minutes – May 10, 2013. **Palmer/Loso MCU**

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels: 2013 Season membership totals similar to last season. Discrimination complaint update: our lawyers are handling the complaint both to MCHR and the Attorney General. There is no new information at this point.

Associate Commissioner – Mueth: Gateway night at SLU, free youth tickets \$4 adult tickets. SLU is offering a free clinic on 8/24 through their alumni club. Welcome to our three newest At-Large Directors: Dustin Cutts, Jodie Fowler, and Ashley Scanio.

Treasurer – Schaefer: Net gain from last year.

Secretary – Ryan: Minutes look great. Happy to be here!

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss: National meetings in May discussed 13s division at GJNC.

Scorer Chair – Palmer: Waiting on USAV to send out the final version of new scoresheet. No major changes just the geographic location of items.

Referee Chair – Werner: All referee training modules will be online through LMS. These clinics should also be accessible through Webpoint this season. Looking forward to certifying new refs this year, if you know of anyone who'd like to get certified let me know.

Women's Coordinator – Stover: Women's A team placed 2nd in Gold at Opens.

Men's Coordinator – LaChance: Men's BB team placed 1st in Gold and Men's A team placed 5th.

Tournament Coordinator – Jensen: absent.

Outdoor Coordinator – Stratman: No report.

Education Coordinator – Loso: Coaches clinics are scheduled for this month aimed at parish groups.

Mental Edge clinic scheduled December 8th at Webster CC for our club coaches. Plans for the Club Info Sessions and Mock tryouts underway.

Staff Reports:

Mayer:

1. Staff is in the process of updating GW forms and manuals posted on the website. We are waiting for information from USAV regarding insurance, rules, official's training, etc.
2. Tournament and site directors of junior events must be a member and have a current background screen according to USAV policy.
3. Reported on the adult sanction numbers allowed per recommendation of the adult player reps.

Fisaga: Spikin' It numbers were down, but tourney went well. Weather was great! We are investigating new venues and changes for 2014. The Boy's Festival will be a 3 day event, February 15-17, all divisions playing at the convention center. Other 2014 event dates will be discussed later in the meeting.

Werner: Wrapped up the first summer session for Developmental League. Overall a success with number of participants and helpers. Next session is in January and always looking for more helpers if anyone is interested. Currently working with Loso on upcoming coaches clinics and club info nights.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 10 and Under / 8 and Under - tryouts vs sign ups: Staff will present policy for approval at August board meeting.

Motion:

For the 10s and younger age divisions, clubs are not required to do a tryout and may use a club online registration system or sign up method; however the sign up process may not start before the designated first day of tryouts established for that age division. In addition, players must be allowed the "waiting period" defined in the Notification Acceptance Process on page 7 before an Official Commitment can be accepted. If a club plans for the 10s team/s to participate in 11s tournaments, the current tryout guidelines must be followed. Clubs should communicate with players/parents at tryouts if there is a possibility that the 10s team intends to participate in 11s or older events. **MCU**

2. Clubs offering scholarships - Shane Weber will further research to create a set of guidelines for the Jr. Handbook.

Motion:

The offering of monies for club fees/dues or "scholarships" to athletes is not supported by the Gateway Region. Those entities offering such monies should be aware that this could affect an athlete's high school eligibility under current MSHSAA and IHSA rules and regulations.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Note in the junior handbook that both club rep and team rep contact lists are posted on the GW website. Consider excluding home addresses and/or phone numbers in both reports and only including email addresses.

Motion:

Executive Board recommends:

1. Staff will include a note in the appropriate manuals that contact lists will be posted on the GW website.
2. Website contact lists to include the following information:
Junior Club Rep: Club rep name, city, state, phone, email address
Team Reps: Team rep name, phone, email address
Tournament Director: TD name, address, phone and email address. **MCU**

2. Event dates

Motion:

Girl's Festival – Feb 1 & 2 – Girls' 15s-18s
Girl's Festival – Feb 8 & 9 – Girls' 12s-14s
Boy's Festival – Feb 15-17
Boys' 15s-18s Regionals – Feb 22
Coed 10s Regionals – March 30
Adult Regionals – TBA
Boys' 11s-14s Regionals - TBA
Girls' 11s-14s Regionals All Levels - April 12 & 13
Girls' 15s-18s Regionals All Levels – April 26 & 27
Girl's Bid Event – May 3 & 4 **MCU**

3. Parking Fees:

Motion:

There will be no parking fees allowed at Gateway sanctioned events unless a sanction exception has been granted by the Commissioner. **MCU**

Meeting to Adjourn: Luenemann/Palmer

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53 pm

Meeting Dates:

December 6 – 6:30pm