

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: August 3, 2012
Minutes**

Called to order: 6:30pm

Present: Tim Neels, Steve Mueth, Chris Clauss, Tom Schaefer, Debbie Palmer, Shawna Stover, Tony Stratman, Joe Flanigan, Hilary Bennett, Ken O'Day, Ben O'Day, Mark Sicking, Dennis Nosco, Bob Crank, Donna Gunning, Linus Shyu, Shane Weber

Staff Members: Donna Mayer, Nicki Fisaga, Jessica Werner

Guests: Kevin Nelson, Matt Ryan

Absent: Brad Bruns (Tim Neels proxy), Augie Werner (Steve Mueth proxy), Don LaChance (Tom Schaefer proxy), Linda Jensen (Ben O'Day proxy), Shannon Loso (Steve Mueth proxy), Holly Luenemann (Steve Mueth proxy), John Yehling (Bob Crank proxy), Chris Dickey (Tony Stratman proxy), Kyle Kaiser, James Attebury, Frank Buggs, Kevin Stapleton-Cloud, Jodie Hemen, Maureen O'Neill, Becky Czuppon

Additions to Agenda: Timely Manner of payments owed by tourney directors. **Stover/Mueth MCU**

Approval of minutes – May 11, 2012 **Palmer/O'Day, MCU**

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels: Past season went well, held Jr and Adult forums to fine tune/improve the Region. Memberships stayed close to same numbers. Problems could've been increased costs and more developmental programs with young players. Adults dropped a little bit; compared to other Regions we still have good numbers. The Olympics has had lots of press for USAV teams. This is very good for the sport.

Associate Commissioner – Mueth: Chaired committee to investigate creating a separate bid tournament apart from the Regional Championship event. Committee was formed and held a meeting to discuss it. Everything was then taken to Jr. Forum meeting and approved by committee. The committee minutes were read which contain details to support the proposed motions to follow later in this meeting. At-Large Directors elected this year (see below for info).

Treasurer – Schaefer: no report.

Secretary – Bruns: absent.

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss: Jr meetings in May discussed the age/grade definition, no changes were made. 13 Open was discussed as a possible division and USAV is open to the idea if mass interest is there.

Scorer Chair – Palmer: our National candidate has passed—James Attebury is a certified National Scorer.

Referee Chair – Werner: absent

Women's Coordinator – Stover: no report

Men's Coordinator – LaChance: absent

Tournament Coordinator – Jensen: absent

Outdoor Coordinator – Stratman: no report.

Education Coordinator – Loso: absent.

Staff Reports -

Mayer: membership numbers are consistent, tournament sanction refunds complete and numbers of tourneys that didn't fill vs. those sanctioned was comparable to previous years.

Fisaga: still working on dates for 2013 events depending on what is approved this evening. Boys Festival will be President's Day weekend, move was made in hopes of using the Convention Center. Spikin' It was held 3rd weekend in July. The region covered all expenses, profit less than \$500.

Werner: CYC District Coaches Clinics are underway, we have 6 this month. The Region is launching a new website, working with Scott Mayer (web developer).

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Girl's Bid Tournament – See attached motions.
Larger clubs who have historically sent teams to Nationals were all represented at forum and in favor of this. Nosco proposed question of qualified teams being allowed to enter. Added Motion 3b.
Motion #1: MCU
Motion #2: MCU
Motion #3: MCU
Motion #3b: No teams with Open or National bids will be allowed to participate in the bid event. **Neels/Mueth**
Discussion regarding teams with an American bid participating in the event. **Motion:** If you have an American bid you can participate for National. **21 For/1 Opposed/1 Abstained. MC**
2. Girl's Regionals - See attached motions
Motion#4: Discussion. Friendly amendment to add “*scheduled 10 set guarantee*” to wording. **MCU**
Motion#5: MCU
Motion #6: MCU
Motion #7: MCU
Motion #8: MCU
3. Number of roster changes allowed for Girl's Regionals and proposed Girl's Bid Tournament
Motion: All roster changes must be submitted to the GW Office for Tournament Director and Commissioner approval. (Webpoint rosters must be finalized prior to a team's first tournament.) Friendly Amendment: “Webpoint rosters will be the official rosters.” **MCU**
4. ~~GJNC Open At Large Entry vs GJNC GW club bid entry process (form needed depending on outcome of separate bid tournament).~~ With a separate Bid Event approved this item is no longer an issue.
5. Adult forum – See attached motions
Motion #1: MCU
Motion #2: MCU
Motion #3: MCU
Motion #4: MCU
Motion #5: MCU
Motion #6: Friendly amendment to say *remaining* instead of *other*. **MCU**
Motion #7: MCU
6. ~~Credit card payment in Webpoint for adult members.~~ This item was covered in the motions coming from the Adult Forum
7. At Large Director Election outcome:
3 year term
Hilary Bennett
Ben O'Day
Shane Weber
1 year term
Dennis Nosco

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Motion:** Official start date to accept proposed tournament dates & levels will be the first Monday in August at 8 am. Conflicts will be resolved based on timeliness of request, then coin toss if needed. Discussion. **MCU**
2. Libero redesignation
Discussion on allowing redesignation each set.
Motion: Libereros may be redesignated per set excluding gold/silver designated events (national qualifying events, g/s seeding tourneys, g/s regionals) Discussion. **MCU**
3. Admission fee at Convention Center
Motion: GW sanctioned events held at the St Louis Convention Center may be allowed to charge an admission fee with approval of the Commissioner. **MCU**

4. Uniform requirements for Adult Rec level tournaments

Motion: Uniform requirements for Adult Rec level tournaments will be the same as Friendship season. **MCU**

5. Tourney director fees owed

Motion: Edit policy to include "in a timely manner" to current policy:

If a tourney director owes fees, confirmed by office, to any party and doesn't pay in timely manner then they are no longer in good standing, and may not be permitted to participate in or host any USAV sanctioned events for the remainder of the current season and the following season. **MCU**

Motion to adjourn: O'Day/Gunning, 7:47pm

Meeting Dates:

December 2, 2012: GB 4:00pm

Girl's Bid Event Motions (edited based on General Board Minutes, all motions MCU)

Motion #1

The Gateway Region will host a Girl's Regional BID event separate from the Gateway Girl's Regional Championships for the purpose of awarding the Gateway Region bids for the USAV Girl's Junior National Championships.

Motion #2

The format for the Girl's BID event will be a double elimination bracket.

Motion #3

The date for the Girl's BID event will replace the Gold/Silver Girl's Regional Championships, the first weekend of May, with the ability to change the date based on USAV requirements and for holiday and other conflicts.

Motion #3b: No teams with Open or National bids will be allowed to participate in the bid event.

Girl's Regionals Motions (edited based on General Board Minutes, all motions MCU)

Motion #4

The format for all girl's Regional Championship events will be a 2 day event with a **scheduled** 10 set minimum guarantee and at least 2 matches each day (excluding a drop situation). There will be pool play on day one and bracket play on day two with a championship and consolation bracket.

Motion #5

Pool play for the girl's Regional Championships will not include any 5 team pools. Pools will consist of 3 or 4 teams and may involve a crossover match.

Motion #6

Waivered teams will be allowed to participate in the 11s division of Gold/Silver Girl's Regional Championships.

Motion #7

All non-deciding sets of the 11s division of the Girl's Regional Championships will be played to 19 points.

Motion #8

Girl's Gold/Silver Regional Championships (except 11s) will be held at least 2 weeks prior to the BID event, with the ability to change the date for holiday and other conflicts.

Gateway Adult Committee Proposed Motions
(edited based on General Board Minutes, all motions MCU)

Tournament formats

Motion #1

Allow either 4 or 5 team pool tournaments with \$100 entry fee.

Motion #2

No longer offer Open tournaments

Motion #3

A tournament may expand from 4 to 5 team pools with written approval of teams that are already entered* and the Gateway Office Manager

*If teams are notified by email and phone and no response is received within 4 days, the Tournament Director will assume that the team approves the expansion from 4 to 5.

Motion #4

Initial numbers of tournament slots to be sanctioned per weekend for the 2012/2013 season*:

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| Men's A | 4 or 5 | Women's A | 4 or 5 |
| Men's BB | 4 or 5 | Women's BB | 16 (4 or 5 team pools) |
| Men's B | 12 (4 or 5 team pools) | Women's B | 4 or 5 |

Additional tournaments may be sanctioned once existing tournaments on a weekend are full. Tournaments will be considered full if tournament directors are putting teams on a wait list.

*Initial numbers for subsequent seasons will be based on recommendation by the adult player committee

Membership

Motion #5

Credit card membership payment for adults will be offered as an option during the webpoint application process. An additional \$3 fee will be added to the regular membership cost.

Motion #6

Emergency one day membership for adults will be offered during the Adult Regular Season with the following conditions:

A team with 8 regular members may add up to two one day players for a tournament with the following restrictions:

1. The one day players may only register as a one day member on one team during the regular season twice. They may not register as a one day member for any other club. After participating twice with the one day membership, to participate in any other Regular Season Adult tournaments the player must complete the membership process and pay the Regular full membership fee.
2. The one day player must fill out a hard copy Individual Membership Form and pay the \$10 membership fee to the tournament director.
3. The one day players cannot be "impact players" ie. a player clearly of a skill level higher than the tournament level of play. If the player is judged to be playing at a lower level than they should by a majority of the **remaining** teams in the tournament, the following penalty will be invoked: the team will be considered an exhibition team, able to participate in pool play but not in playoffs.

Motion #7

National Championship levels of play and adding players:

Teams that have entered the club division of the USAV National Championships must have their rosters and any roster additions approved by the appropriate Player Rep.