

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Kevin DesLauriers 9:13 am

a. Roll Call

The following people were present for the meeting: Kevin DesLauriers, Annie Hung, Jacques Benoit, Marianne LePore, Peter Amadeo, Bill Doyle, Doug Levine, Rhine Almonacy, Merlin Thompson, Matt Cochenour, Joe Seigel, Samantha Keller, Joel Sanchez, Tim Countryman (total 14). Absent: Melissa Rigo, Justin Beaumont, Patrick Dietz, Edeana Martinez (Sick).

b. Establishment of quorum

Quorum established.

2. Approval of the Agenda

a. Request additional agenda items and motions

Motion by Kevin DesLauriers to add update on Registrar's position. Item 6d. Approval unanimous.

b. Vote to approve the agenda

Motion to approve agenda Kevin DesLauriers, sec Annie Hung. Unanimous in favor of approving the agenda.

3. Approval of the August 2021 Annual Board Meeting Minutes

a. Vote to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2021 annual board meeting

Tabled to next meeting due to raised questions.

4. Receive Reports

All reports to be approved at the end of presentations.

a. Commissioner's Report (including membership report)

Kevin spoke about insurance being a big issue: other regions are unable to cover the cost. GEVA is covered by revenue from membership fees.

b. Treasurer's Report

Peter Amadeo - no questions.

c. Junior Competition Committee Report

Bill Doyle - no questions

d. Adult Competition Committee Report

Rhine Almonacy - Doug Levine raised discussion about future tournaments.

e. Officials Chairperson's Report

Tim Countryman - question raised by Doug Levine regarding status/composition of officials' fees for club budgeting purposes. Per Tim, proposal was submitted in July, reviewed by Kevin and Bill: counterproposal submitted to Tim by Kevin. Currently under review.

f. Sport Development Committee Report

Bill Doyle - question raised by Samantha Keller about Coach Training Modules. Discussion ensued.

g. Bylaws Committee Report

Tim Countryman - committee has not met in several months. No change to pending items.

h. Ethics Committee Report

Matt Cochenour and Kevin DesLauriers - Samantha questioned timeliness. Discussion of process resulted.

Bill Doyle added an FYI "Hold" no longer exists. Administrative Suspension is now the procedure when required.

Motion to accept reports Samantha Keller, sec Bill Doyle. Approved unanimously.

5. Old Business

a. Update on the GEVA Committees

Jacques Benoit - Created an updated grid of all the committees and their members. DE&I Committee; Dough Levine pointed out that he is a member. Bill Doyle had recommended Erin Lester, an experienced source, who he feels would be an asset to the committee. Jacques will update the grid.

6. New Business

a. Governance Matters Update

Kevin DesLauriers - Governance Matters is now "Board Strong". Barbara Paxton is ready to resume meeting with the board. Executive Committee will meet with Barbara first. Samantha recommended a stand alone meeting for this topic rather than the next Quarterly meeting.

b. Strategic Plan Update

Kevin DesLauriers - will submit plan via Boardable.

c. Discussion of Director elections (June 2022)

Jacques Benoit/ Kevin DesLauriers - discussion for a formal written process.

i. Tool/application to hold anonymous/private ballots

ii. Well known written procedures for holding the votes

d. Registrar update

Kevin DesLauriers - Stefanie, former registrar, resigned in August. Bill Doyle has been working with SportsEngine. Samantha Keller asked if registrar would be replaced. Merlin Thompson opened discussion about potentially advertising and hiring a replacement. Kevin is assessing the workload. Bill Doyle has found SportsEngine reachable and helpful. More discussion to follow.

7. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

a. Proposal for next quarterly board meeting

Jacques Benoit - will be sending a poll.

i. Proposing January 22nd (Saturday) or 23rd (Sunday) via zoom.

b. Proposal for 2022 Member Meeting

Jacques Benoit - will be sending a poll.

i. Proposing June 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 (19th is Father's Day) [Saturdays & Sundays]

c. Proposal for 2022 Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Jacques Benoit - will be sending a poll.

i. Proposing July 17, 24, 31 or August 7, 14 (Sundays)

8. Adjournment

Kevin DesLauriers explained that the workload for Board Strong and Strategic Plan will be done offline with the Executive Committee. Board meetings as a result will be shorter and more efficient.

10:46 am Motion to adjourn Merlin Thompson, sec Annie Hung.