



## COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

*CEVA DEI Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday March 11, 2024 – 5:30 PM*

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Nerisa Laban, Lisa Howard, Jenna Cox, Nicholas Costello, K. T. Emerson, Tia Khatchiphet

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

Sharon Biddle (excused), Marcia Costley (excused)

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

none

### **CEVA STAFF PRESENT**

Cody March, Alix Montoya

Meeting called to order at 5:35PM by Jenna Cox (Chair). Quorum is present.

1. Old Business
  - a. Expo Center
    - i. introduction Matthew Rotchford - Expo Center ED
      1. bring more visibility to history/significance of Expo and location/surrounds
      2. strong cultural events/locations background
      3. potentially shifting to a sports-focused facility
      4. 100 yrs known/recorded history, since facility was built, indigenous history, Vanport floods internment camps
    - ii. How to bring in, local tribes? Highlight their history in the area, their vision for the future
      1. Willing to introduce to contacts on committee, request contact info perhaps?
      2. Nerisa - to work with Alix and Cody, set up a space for Regionals for the groups she works with and knows, for educational booths
      3. Expo center able to dress booths/prep space
      4. Tie-in at announcements/Nat'l anthem time, get intentionality infused all through event and event space
      5. suggested - choose a time/space to really focus in, especially if reps/vendors/communities are donating time
      6. maybe bathroom door flyers with education info
      7. face painting maybe?
2. New Business
  - a. Regionals this year
    - i. free/easy access, no additional work for CEVA Staff
    - ii. Land acknowledgment with morning announcements
    - iii. "Why" are we doing all this? \*\*action item: Jenna to write up a 'why' statement for the website
    - iv. Black National Anthem performed after US Anthem
    - v. \*\*action item: Alix to find singers for US Anthem, Lift Every Voice
    - vi. \*\*action item: Cody to confirm morning timing logistics
    - vii. Saturday between AM/PM waves, 2 pm, Hall E Lobby dance performance

1. Native American, Japanese best for Expo Center to honor local history
- viii. \*\* action item: Nerisa to connect with Japanese cultural group and NAIA, see who's available and for what performance
- ix. \*\*action item: Cody to confirm space for cultural dance performances

## **Next Meeting**

- Monday April 8, 6 pm, Zoom option
- Regionals Follow Up Meeting Tuesday June 11, 5:30 pm, Zoom

## **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned at 6:32pm