

Summary of 3/21/20 JAB Meeting

Present: Dragan Karadzic, Zach Callas, Bri Dahl, Aaron Peters, Tony Miranda, Allison Wood, Pat Taitano, Chris Hanneman, Bart Foley, Jarred Walters

Absent: Alicia Guildner

DK covered the coronavirus situation in the region. We are shut down at least until April 15th, as USAV has cancelled all sanctions through that date. Currently 41 clubs in region are in a holding pattern, 7 have shut down for the year and 3 have folded but may restart operations. 51 out of 55 clubs replied. Region looking at rescheduling younger Regional Championships on May 16th/17th and older on May 30th/31st. Both at NW Sports Hub. Bid Tourney is our first priority if play starts up again.

TM mentioned that Baden reopened registration for their mid June tourney.

Some discussion on reducing the bid field to 8 or 4 once we restart, but no decision made.

Concern on if the region will support clubs with the Did Not Pay list. Discussion on what different clubs are doing as far as refunding money to members, paying coaches, and other financial decisions. Consensus that each club is making their own decisions.

Expectation that private facilities will step in to provide opportunities to play as we don't expect that schools will be allowing outside groups back in.

Discussion on switching tryout dates began with DK reviewing how the timeline originally discussed with JAB changed when Cindy decided to allow each club director time to comment on issue during the pre season club directors meeting. Pushed everything back as DK expected the club directors to already be voting on options at that meeting.

Question on what is Cindy's role in the region, what is the Executive Boards role in the region, and what is JAB's role in the region? Frustration expressed that JAB makes recommendations that are ignored or changed.

TM suggested we look at splitting the U15s and U16s from the U17s and U18s as they are different populations. U15s and U16s could go in the summer.

TM feels that if we did not have PL until after MLK weekend we could leave tryouts as they are.

Idea of incumbency signing brought up, to alleviate pressure on club directors during tryouts.

Summary of Boys development in the region. There is significant growth and both the NW Boys Tour and the WBPL had good participation. OPVBC did a Bring Your Own Boy with their female members recruiting boys to come and play. Had 36 boys in the gym the first day. 17 came back on their own for 2nd day.

Long discussion on what is a scrimmage and what is a tournament, which evolved into the topic of where does the region's liability end and the clubs begin? DK expressed that the region's only concern is that everyone is protected, liability wise, in any PSR sanctioned event. TM stresses that it is the club director's responsibility to make sure this is so regardless of what type of event is involved. Much agreement with this feeling. Strong sentiment that the region has become too much of a policeman and is intruding too much into the business of the clubs.

Elimination of 5 team pools in power league. DK would like to see this happen, but it will create more 6 team and 7 team flights. No objects so region will reformat the league next year to avoid 5 team pools.

Philosophy of the Bid Tournament was a topic as there are some club directors in the region that feel everyone, or at least a larger number of teams, should have an opportunity to play in the Bid Tournament. Summary of discussion is that there needs to be a limit and 12 is fine.

Meeting concluded with another discussion of how it feels that the region has become a police state. The tone from the office is not very supportive or positive or team like. Clubs feel that either they are being retaliated against or are afraid that if they cross Cindy, they will be retaliated against.

ZC felt that we need to provide at least a subtle change to next year's tryouts. Offered to put something together for the group to review. The group feels that they are representing all the clubs in the region and once JAB decides on a proposal, it should be presented to Cindy and the Executive Board, not to any club director vote.

ZC will take the tryout options, include the idea of incumbency, and get something to the group to comment on.

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