



Garden Empire Volleyball Association

January 2022 GEVA Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting 2.0 Minutes

Jan 23rd, 2022 8:00 am - 10:00 am

1. Call to Order

Motion to call to order Bill Doyle/Merlin Thompson. 8:11 am.

a. Roll Call

By Secretary Marianne LePore.

Attendance

Members

Present: Rhine Almonacy, Peter Amadeo, Jacques Benoit, Tim Countryman, Kevin DesLauriers, Bill Doyle, Samantha Keller, Marianne LePore, Doug Levine, Edeana Martinez, Melissa Rigo, Joel Sanchez, Joe Siegel, Merlin Thompson

Absent: Justin Beaumont, Matthew Cochenour, Patrick Dietz, Annie Hung

Notes: Annie Hung At Event, Joel Sanchez Present A/O 9:24 am,
Matthew Cochenour At Event, Patrick Dietz At Event

None

b. Establishment of quorum

Quorum met.

2. Approval of the Agenda

Ethics and Adult Committee reports were submitted at the start of the meeting. They were added to the agenda but will not be voted on at the meeting. A poll will be sent out in several days after the board members have had an opportunity to review.

a. Request additional agenda items and motions

Discussion by Samantha Keller regarding individual voting. Kevin DesLauriers explained the protocol in large groups. Abstentions and nays are called; all others are assumed to be yeas.

b. Vote to approve the agenda

Motion to approve: Kevin DesLauriers, sec. Merlin Thompson. Unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the August 2021 Annual Board Meeting Minutes

- a. Vote to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2021 annual board meeting
Motion to approve Bill Doyle, sec. Doug Levine. 9 members already approved in Boardable, three more members voted at the meeting. Minutes were approved .

4. Approval of the October 2021 Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

- a. Vote to approve the minutes from the October 24, 2021 quarterly board meeting
Motion to approve Marianne LePore, sec. Merlin Thompson 11 yea, 3 abstained. Minutes were approved.

5. Receive Reports

Ethics and Adult Committee were just added. They will not be voted on at the meeting.

- a. Commissioner's Report (including membership report)

Presented by Kevin DesLauriers. Discussion about the number of clubs. Motion to approve Merlin Thompson, sec. Samantha Keller. Report was approved unanimously.

- b. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Peter Amadeo. Question about the necessity of an independent auditor. Peter said the internal audit is adequate. Motion to approve Merlin Thompson, sec. Doug Levine. Report was approved unanimously.

- c. Junior Competition Committee Report

Presented by Bill Doyle. Discussion about a single price point membership. Motion to approve Doug Levine, sec. Merlin Thompson. Report was approved unanimously.

- d. Adult Competition Committee Report

Added today. Presented by Rhine Almonacy. Rhine suggested a designated individual to search for facilities for both Juniors and Adults. Bill Doyle agreed and proposed Juniors contact Adults when they have unused courts.

- e. Officials Chairperson's Report

Presented by Tim Countryman. Discussion of elections for officials. Jacques Benoit requested that the committee keep board members informed on the details of elections; Tim concurred. Discussion regarding number of players who have taken R-1 and R-2, Scorer, Assistant Scorer and Line Judge training.

Motion to approve Merlin Thompson, sec. Doug Levine. Report was approved unanimously.

- f. Sport Development Committee Report

Presented by Bill Doyle. Motion to approve Merlin Thompson, sec. Doug Levine. Report was approved unanimously.

- g. Bylaws Committee Report

Presented by Tim Countryman. Samantha Keller question why the Executive Committee has not been meeting. Kevin DesLauriers responded explaining the responsibility of the Executive Committee and the board. The board is now meeting quarterly. Jacques Benoit began a discussion about the reference to Governance Matters. Tim responded that redesigning GEVA governance made Bylaws changes irrelevant. Bill Doyle and Jacques Benoit both asked about Bylaws they submitted. Bill felt his changes would not impact governance changes. The issue will continue in future meetings.

Motion to approve report Merlin Thompson, sec. Samantha Keller. Report was approved unanimously.

h. Nominations Committee Report

Presented by Samantha Keller. Kevin DesLauriers pointed out that Associate Jr Competition Director is an appointed position. Jacques commented that the process must have a clean hand off. Samantha Keller reminded everyone that currently seated directors who wish to run for their position must make their intentions clear.

Motion to approve the report Merlin Thompson, sec. Kevin DesLauriers. Report was approved unanimously.

i. Ethics Committee Report

Presented by Kevin DesLauriers. The previous report was replicated; the appeal has not yet been resolve but is in the hands of the attorney.

j. Appeals Committee Report

Presented by Doug Levine. No questions were asked. Motion to approve Merlin Thompson, sec. Rhine Almonacy. Report was approved unanimously.

k. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Report

Presented by Edeana Martinez. The committee hasn't met. Bill Doyle asked about Erin Lester who is interested in serving on the committee. He suggested Ms. Lester present at the next quarterly meeting of the board. Doug Levine suggested building a framework for the committee and making it happen.

Motion to approve Bill Doyle, sec. Kevin DesLauriers. Report was approved unanimously.

6. Old Business

Tim Countryman asked when the Compensation Committee was going to meet. Jacques Benoit replied that it was an ad hoc committee, Bill Doyle agreed. Jacques Benoit recommended that it be brought forward at the next board meeting.

a. None

There was no Old Business.

7. New Business

This year's elections include Commissioner, New Jersey Juniors Elected Director, Northern Counties Junior Elected Director, Women's B Elected Director, Men's B Elected Director. As discussed, all candidates must submit their intentions in writing. Voting will be anonymous. Every effort will be made to promote applications.

a. Upcoming Elections

8. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

a. Proposal for next quarterly board meeting

- i. Proposing Monday, April 18, 2022 (evening) via Zoom
This date will be polled.

b. Proposal for 2022 Member Meeting
This will be an in person meeting.

- i. Proposing Saturday June 11, 2022 (other dates considered are June 4, 5, 12, 18)
This date will be polled .

c. Proposal for 2022 Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Samantha Keller asked for the membership expiration date. Bill Doyle confirmed August 31 as that date. Samantha also asked for the National meeting dates. Kevin DesLauriers said Commissioners meet in mid March without USAVB. The Commissioners point out the value of regional memberships.

Sidebar: Kevin DesLauriers made mention of Joel Sanchez's successful development of Boys volleyball.

- i. Proposing Sunday July 31 or August 7 (other dates include July 24 and August 14; July 17 is not available as the Commissioner is no longer available on that date)
These dates will be polled.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Merlin Thompson, sec. Doug Levine. 10:12 am