

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: May 4, 2018
Minutes**

Called to order: 6:31 pm

**Attendance: Neels, Mueth, Ryan, Weber, Clauss, Palmer, Scanio, Shyu, Winters, Morecraft, Flanigan, Pieschel, Kleekamp
Proxy: Werner to Flanigan, Cusumano to Pieschel, Fowler to Kleekamp**

Additions to Agenda: None. Ryan MCU

**Approval of minutes – March 2, 2018
Motion to approve minutes: Ryan/Palmer MCU**

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner - Neels. Talk of \$10 increase in USAV Membership.
Associate Commissioner- Mueth. Currently accepting at-large nominations. Steve has received one profile so far. Board members up for election are Matt Kalisiak, Andy Halaz, and Cary Cusumano. All 3 are re-running for election. We have 4 total candidates on the ballot this year.
Treasurer - Weber: We are doing well financially.
Secretary - Ryan: Staff has done a good job with technology for events.
Jr. Coordinator - Clauss: There is one issue on the horizon. Chris is attending the May Meetings.
Scorer Chair - Palmer: None. According to Tim, there is talk of getting rid of National Scorers which could be a problem at Boys Nationals particularly.
Referee Chair - Werner: absent. According to Tim, there are no new national referee candidates from our region this year.
Women's Coordinator - Scanio: 2 women's teams and 4 men's teams are going to nationals.
Men's Coordinator – LaChance: absent.
Outdoor Coordinator-Stratman: Registration for Spikin It is ready to go, we are using early bird discount codes to encourage registration.
Education Coordinator – Shenee Boyle: absent. Tim reported that she is considering running a CAP clinic in St. Louis next year. IMPACT online will be free this coming year.
Junior Outdoor Coordinator – Dan Laure: hosting 2 beach tournaments; the Gateway Beach Open on May 26th & 27th and the Gateway Beach Open on June 16th & 17th.

Staff Reports –

Morecraft: We confirmed our second beach event for June 16th and June 17th. Registration is low, but we have been advertising these events on social media. We now have a Twitter account (@gatewayvb) and Instagram (@gatewayregionvb).

Shyu: Events went much more smoothly this year. First two weekends in April are available at the Cape Girardeau Sportsplex next year. We will need to decide if we are going to use the Sportsplex or not next year. We had to split up 13s & 14s for Regionals which could conflict with Kansas City Qualifiers. Feedback for Cape Girardeau has been mostly positive. We reserved Boys for the first weekend in January.

Motion to reserve Cape Girardeau for January 6th for Boys Regionals. **Ryan/Palmer MCU**

Winters: Gateway Championships merchandise is going over really well this year. We have profited over \$20,000 this year. People really liked the design.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Club Information Night: Steve and Chris will each lead a Club Information Night.
2. Beach Events. Will discuss later in the meeting.
3. Event Reports. Staff will email them out to the board this summer.
4. Discussion about board composition, concerns about small club and wide geographic representation. Consider moving board meetings to Sundays to get more balance. Discussion about using video conference. Chris and Steve will look into this over the summer.
5. USAV Grant: We received an extension on the grant to September and we will likely be able to extend it further. Chris has made some contacts. We set up a clinic but it was canceled.
\$5000 for Beach Development
\$5000 Boys Development

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Beach policy: Allowing players to play beach for a club that is different from their indoor club. Currently players can play with one indoor club and a different beach club. There is no affiliation between indoor and club volleyball currently. Current sanctioning fee is \$5 per court for outdoor events. Linus will create a new beach tournament page so that beach tournaments don't get lost in the indoor schedule.
2. Number of bids given out at each beach regional qualifier. There is a National Qualifier in Kansas City on June 16th and 17th, so the field will be stronger at the Beach Open. Motion to give 3 bids to the Gateway Beach Open and 1 bid at the Gateway Beach Bash. **Laure/Ryan MCU**
3. Allowing players from other regions to participate in Gateway Beach Regional Qualifiers. Motion to keep bids in Region for our Beach events. Motion that we only accept Gateway Region members for the upcoming Beach Open and Beach Bash events. **Ryan MCU**
4. Enforcing a penalty for officiating teams after playoffs for using cell phones/electronics during their officiating assignment. There currently no penalty for teams after they are done playing. We need to come up with ideas for the August meeting. Tabled.

5. Not permitting other sanctioned events to use certified referees during Gateway sponsored tournaments. Try to come up with some other incentives for referees to work for the Region instead of other tournaments or events in the area. No action taken this year.
6. Region-run boys tournaments. Some members in the region have reported that we don't have many boys teams because we don't have enough boys tournaments for them to participate in. Include on the Boys Tournament page that boys can participate in girls 14 and under tournaments.
7. For Gateway Region sanctioned events, excluding bid events the color and design for the jersey and shorts must be uniform (similar) except for the libero.
Neels MCU
8. Girls Regional Championship prizes. Staff will come up with percentages of teams that earn an award based on how many teams are competing. Tabled to August meeting.
9. Girls 18s Bid Event Weekend. Recommendation to make Girls 18s Bid Event the first weekend in March. Steve and Linus did some research about making the Girls 18s Bid Event downtown in conjunction with the Dennis Lafata Boys Bid Event. Cost would be \$300-400 more, but staff would have to be at one less additional tournament. Motion to approve combining Girls 18s Bid Event with the Dennis Lafata Bid Event on the Sunday of the event moving forward.
Neels/Ryan MCU
10. Hiring an athletic trainer for events. We have had a lot of injuries especially at the Sportsplex in Cape Girardeau. There could be possibility of lawsuit if we provide a trainer at one facility and not another. Costs about \$30-35 per hour. Resolved to not pursue hiring athletic trainers for our events at this time.
11. Meritorious Service Awards: only 1 submission this year. Motion to make Tim Neels the only Meritorious Service Award Winner for 2018. **Mueth/Clauss MCU**
12. At-Large Directors. Discussed during Mueth's report.
13. Board Elections:
If a Board Position opens up tonight, we will elect that position in August.
Commissioner: Nomination to elect Steve Mueth by acclamation. **Clauss/Weber MCU**
Scorer Chair: Motion to elect Debbie Palmer by acclamation. **Mueth/Clauss MCU**
Men's Player Representative: Motion to elect Don LaChance as the Men's Player Representative by acclamation. **Mueth/Clauss MCU**

Motion to Adjourn: Palmer/MCU 7:38 pm

Meeting Dates:

August 3, 2018

December 7, 2018
March 1, 2019
May 3, 2019