

General Board Meeting Minutes
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: March 6th, 2026

Additions to Agenda – None. H. Winters motioned to approve as is. B. Winters seconded. No opposition.
Approval of Minutes – No corrections. Heather motioned to approve. Weber seconded. No opposition.

Board Reports

Commissioner — Mueth: Attending the RVA meeting in April and will report any pertinent information at the May board meeting.

Associate Commissioner — Palmer: Nothing to report

Secretary — H. Winters: Nothing to report

Treasurer — B. Winters: Nothing to report

Jr. Coordinator — Clauss: Nothing to report

Referee Chair — Kirk: Gateway has three Junior National applicants.

Scorer Chair — Weber: One person applied but was denied without reason.

Men's Coordinator — Stratman: Nothing to report

Women's Coordinator — Wood: Teams are forming to go to adult Nationals, but number of teams is unknown at this time.

Jr. Boys Consultant — Halaz: Reporting in new business

Outdoor Coordinator — Rodgers: Nothing to report

Staff Reports:

Shyu: Reporting in New/Old Business

K. Mattingly: Another record-breaking membership year at 5% growth. On the test team for the new member management system (MMS) that will be rolling out next season. Training for staff will be held in May with a pass down of training to club directors in July and August.

J. Mattingly: Reporting in New/Old Business

Huskey: Reporting in New/Old Business

Old Business

Gateway League: Refund checks have been mailed for those matches missed due to the weather cancellation of the second weekend. Grew by 70 teams this year to 279.

Lafata: Down by 30 teams despite outreach efforts. Hoping next year growth will return because Nationals will be hosted in St. Louis.

Winter Kickoff: Grew by 12 teams this year.

10s Regionals: Grew by 7 teams this year.

SideOut/Perfect Pass: Original date snowed out. New pink out dates are the two Saturdays of Regionals. We're sitting at 5 teams participating as well as a referee and board team with \$3,500 raised at this point before holding our main events yet. This is something that will become annual and we're excited to watch grow.

Cape Girardeau Ref Evaluations: We certified 6 new officials by returning to Cape Girardeau to do court evaluations. It has been a while since hosting evaluations outside of the greater St. Louis area, so we are looking to continue reaching out to our boarders more to recruit and evaluate going forward.

New Business

Seeding – Julie K: Gateway explained the process of determining elite pools and power pools as well as the algorithm, which calculates team rankings based on same division, head-to-head results and strength of schedule. It has been accurate in the past and therefore why it was reestablished on a new platform when the original rankings application was discontinued. It was then suggested by attendees to implement a form of checks and balances while the ranking system rebuilds its data. The suggested process would include human review of rankings by forming committees before seeding tournaments that include coaches familiar with specific age groups to improve accuracy.

All Stars: Teams have been formed. All 24 offers were accepted, as well as 5 additional practice players. The Stallions volleyball team ran the tryouts as unbiased “coaches” and were a great help.

May Elections: Wood & Palmer are running to retain their executive board positions. Anyone that would like to run also needs to reach out to Gateway. Kirk will not be returning, and the board is reviewing who is qualified and interested in running for the Referee Chair. Three general board positions are also opening and anyone interested in running needs to reach out to Gateway.

Scholarships: Awarding 5 scholarships to 18’s again this year. Deadline to submit applications is March 31st.

Rankings: First round is in and under evaluation to ensure accuracy.

BNQ & BRQ: Sites are sanctioned and sites are secured.

Regionals: On track for normal MS regionals but HS regionals numbers are down 30 teams.

Girls’ Bid Event: Numbers are up by 40 teams.

Motion to adjourn – H. Winters/Weber seconded. No opposition.

Next Meeting: May 1st, 2026