

Garden Empire Volleyball Association

2022 GEVA Annual Board of Directors Meeting



Sunday August 14 2022



8:00am - 1:00pm EDT



Courtyard by Marriott Tarrytown Westchester County, 475 White Plains Rd.,
Tarrytown, NY 10591

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- **Minutes**

Minutes

1. Breakfast
(8:15 - 9:00 AM)

Member Attendance

Name	Attendance	Notes
Tim Countryman	✓ Present	
Rhine Almonacy	✓ Present	
Peter Amadeo	☎ Present (Remote)	
Patrick Dietz	☎ Present (Remote)	
Merlin Thompson	✓ Present	
Melissa Rigo	✓ Present	left at 12:30
Matthew Cochenour	✓ Present	
Marianne LePore	✓ Present	
Kevin DesLauriers	✓ Present	
Justin Beaumont	☎ Present (Remote)	Signed in at 9:16
Joel Sanchez	☎ Present (Remote)	left at 1:20
Joe Siegel	✓ Present	
Jacques Benoit	✓ Present	
Ellen Law	✓ Present	
Edeana Martinez	☎ Present (Remote)	left at 1:51
Doug Levine	✓ Present	

Name	Attendance	Notes
Bill Doyle	✓ Present	
Annie Hung	✓ Present	

Guest Attendance

Name	Attendance	Notes
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2. Call to Order

9:07 AM

a. Roll Call

17 of 18 were present at Roll Call. Justin Beaumont arrived via Zoom at 9:16. Other Zoom participants were Joel Sanchez, Patrick Dietz, Peter Amadeo, Edeana Martinez. Guest through out the meeting, Alan Goldberger.

b. Establishment of quorum

Confirmed

3. Seat Re-Elected and New Directors (elected June 2022)

All re-elected and new directors were present.

a. New Jersey Junior Clubs Elected Director: Annie Hung (re-elected)

Seated

b. Northern Counties Junior Clubs Elected Director: Matt Cochenour (re-elected)

Seated

c. Men's B Elected Director: Jacques Benoit (re-elected)

Seated

d. Women's B Elected Director: Ellen Law

Seated

4. Approval for participation by Alan Goldberger (GEVA lawyer)

Motion to approve participation of Alan Goldberger by Annie Hung, Sec Bill Doyle

a. Vote to approve participation of Alan Goldberger

13 approved, 0 Abstained in the room; 4 approved on Zoom.

5. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Matt Cochenour, sec Annie Hung

a. Request additional agenda items and motions

Add discussion to New Business: In person attendance required for Annual Meetings.

Motion Annie Hung, sec Matt Cochenour. 17 Approved, 1 abstained

Add discussion to New Business: Registration position replacements, short term and long term. Motion Matt Cochenour, sec Annie Hung. 18 approved

b. Vote to approve the agenda

18 approved

6. Approval of the April 2022 Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

Prior vote held via polling.

a. Vote to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2022 quarterly board

As of August 10, 2022, 12 of 18 members voted: 10 Yea, 1 Nay, 1 Abstained

Full count at meeting; 16 yea, 1 nay, 1 abstained

7. Approval for participation by Samantha Keller

Samantha will present the Nominations Committee Report

Motion to approve participation by Samantha Keller, Rhine Alomancy, sec Matt Cochenour. Samantha Keller entered the meeting at 9:35 via Zoom.

a. Vote to approve participation by Samantha Keller

17 approved, 1 abstained

8. Receive Reports

Nominations Committee Report will be approved separately from the remaining reports.

a. Nominations Committee Report

Thank you for your service Samantha Keller; Women's B Elected Director since the 2017-18 season.

No Comments. Motion to approve report, Annie Hung, sec Patrick Dietz
18 approved

b. Commissioner's Report (including membership report)

Presented by Kevin DesLauriers. No Comments.

c. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Peter Amadeo. Discussion regarding surplus funds.

ACTION ITEM #1 Line item breakdown of salaries to be added to Treasurers Report? Requires review at Executive level.

d. Junior Competition Committee Report

Presented by Bill Doyle. No comments.

e. Adult Competition Committee Report

Presented by Rhine Alomancy. Discussion regarding total team participation.

f. Officials Committee Report

Presented by Tim Countryman. Discussion regarding recruitment efforts.

g. Sport Development Committee Report

Presented by Bill Doyle. Discussion regarding paralympic games.

h. Bylaws Committee Report

Presented by Tim Countryman. Discussion regarding list of pending motions.

i. Ethics Committee Report

Presented by Matt Cochenour. Discussion regarding who should get the initial notice about any potential ethics & eligibility issues.

ACTION ITEM #2 Bill to create proposal for change in Ethics Committee process.

ACTION ITEM #3 Matt, Ethics Committee Chair, and Kevin, Commissioner, to approve email as defined in Bylaws procedure per Alan Goldberger.

j. Appeals Committee Report

Presented by Doug Levine. No comments.

k. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Report

Presented by Edeana Martinez. No comments.

Motion to approve reports b, c, d, e, f, g, h, j , Annie Hung, sec Doug Levine 17 accepted, 1 abstained.

Reports i. Ethics Committee and k. DEI Committee received late. To be approved at a later date.

9. Old Business

See below

a. Approval of Reports from April 28, 2022 Quarterly Board Meeting

Board members were polled in advance of the Annual Meeting.

i. Approval of Treasurer's Report from April 28, 2022 Quarterly Board Meeting

11 out of 18 members voted; 10 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain

ii. Approval of Ethics Committee Report from April 28, 2022 Quarterly Board Meeting

10 out of 18 members voted; 9 Yea, 0 Nay, 1 Abstain

b. Update on the BoardStrong proposal (formerly "Governance Matters") on the GEVA board restructure

Boardstrong is ready to meet with the Board.

ACTION ITEM #4 By September 15 receive an updated proposal from BoardStrong.

By October 15 Bylaws will be personally reviewed by attorney.

By November 15 schedule an in person meeting for review.

c. Growth of Boy's volleyball

Discussion of Boys grants of \$25,000.

i. Update on boy's grant program

Is there an application process in place? Is there a committee that is managing grants?

ACTION ITEM #5 Develop an application process from First Point.

10. Approval for participation by Joel Stanford, candidate for Commissioner position

Motion to approve participation as Commissioner candidate by Joel Sanford, Annie Hung, sec Doug Levine.

a. Vote to approve participation by Joel Stanford

18 approved

11. Officer Election & Approval

See below

a. Review the process for voting for the officer positions

The Commissioner election includes voting for two (2) candidates. The Associate Junior Competition Director approval includes approving the candidate selected by the Junior Competition Committee. An electronic ballot (using the Election Buddy tool) will be sent to the Board members for both of these votes.

Election Buddy to be used for the anonymous feature.

b. Commissioner candidates: Q&A session

The Commissioner candidates will be given the opportunity to address the Board and the Board will be able to ask questions of the candidates.

Discussion and Q & A

i. Kevin DesLauriers

Discussion

ii. Joel Stanford

Discussion

c. Associate Junior Competition Director candidate -- Merlin Thompson

The Junior Competition Committee has selected Merlin Thompson as the candidate for the Associate Junior Competition Director. The board members will vote to approve this candidate.

Discussion

d. Submit votes for the officer positions (Commissioner & Associate Junior Competition Director)

The board members will submit their vote electronically. All seated members except the Chairperson are eligible to vote. The Chairperson only votes to break a tie.

Associate Junior Competition Director 15 Yea, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain

Commissioner Kevin DesLauriers 12; Joel Stanford 4

Approved Associate Junior Director candidate Merlin Thompson

Elected Commissioner Kevin DesLauriers

12. New Business

See below

a. Update on GEVA 2022-23 membership fees

A fee increase to carry for several years.

b. Update Membership of the Committees of the Board

Several open positions were filled.

i. Ethics and Eligibility Committee

Patrick Dietz will replace Samantha Keller.

ii. Appeals Committee

No change

c. Update/Review Membership of the Committees of the Corporation

See below

i. Nominations Committee

Matt Cochenour stepped down, Marianne LePore assumed Chairperson, Ellen Law stepped in. Annie Hung replaced Samantha Keller.

ii. Bylaws Committee

Currently has one opening.

iii. Sports Development Committee

ACTION ITEM #6 Bill Doyle to modify Sports Development Committee.

iv. Officials Committee

FYI

d. Review Other Committees

Discussion at meeting

i. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I) Committee

No change

e. In person attendance required for Annual Board Meeting

f. Discussion for Registrar

i. Short term

ii. Long term

New assistant Registrar - Alyssa Guiffrida

8-10 hours; \$10,000 salary

13. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

See information below

a. Membership renewal for the 2022-23 season

Important

i. Membership renewal will be directly paid by by GEVA

(more details to come)

ii. Memberships must be renewed no later than September 1, 2022

Make note

iii. Background screening must be renewed/updated, if expired

Check your history

iv. SafeSport training must be current
(full or refresher training)

b. GEVA executive documents (Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, 990, etc.) are available on the website

Go to <https://www.geva.org/governance>

For reference

14. Next Meeting Date(s)

Poll will be sent

a. Continuing with quarterly board meetings

Will board meetings continue to be held quarterly, prior the member meeting and annual board meeting?

Watch for date polls

i. Dates in October 2022 to be proposed

Poll will be sent

ii. Bylaws motions due at least 21 days prior to the meeting

FYI

b. 2023 Meeting of the Membership

Dates will be polled

i. Dates in June 2023 to be proposed

Watch for poll

ii. Nominations for available board positions close 51 days prior to the Member Meeting

Voting for candidates (Long Island & New York City Junior Elected Director and Men's & Women's AA/A Elected Director) takes place just prior to the Member Meeting

Nominating Committee will post election notices

c. 2023 Annual Board of Directors Meeting

Poll will be sent

i. Dates in August 2023 to be proposed

Watch for poll

ii. Bylaws motions due at least 21 days prior to the meeting

FYI

iii. Nominations for available Officer positions close 51 days prior to the Annual Board Meeting

Voting for candidates (Officials Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Adult Competition Committee Chairperson) takes place at the Annual Board Meeting

FYI

15. Adjournment

Adjourned 2:35

a. Motion to adjourn

Motion to adjourn Doug Levine, sec Matt Cochenour.