

Garden Empire Volleyball Association

April 2023 GEVA Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday April 25 2023

8:00pm - 10:00pm EDT

Zoom Meeting ONLY

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Attendance

MEMBER	RSVP	ATTENDANCE
Rhine Almonacy		✓
Peter Amadeo		
Justin Beaumont		
Jacques Benoit	yes	✓
Matthew Cochenour		✓
Tim Countryman		✓
Kevin DesLauriers	yes	✓
Patrick Dietz	yes	
Bill Doyle	yes	✓
Annie Hung	yes	✓
Ellen Law		✓
Marianne LePore	yes	✓
Doug Levine		✓
Edeana Martinez		
Melissa Rigo	yes	✓

MEMBER	RSVP	ATTENDANCE
Joel Sanchez	yes	✓
Joe Siegel	maybe	
Merlin Thompson		

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting began 8:15pm

a. Roll call

Twelve members were in attendance.

b. Motion to call to order

Motion to call the meeting to order; Jacques Benoit, seconded Bill Doyle.

c. Establishment of quorum

Quorum met with twelve members.

2. Approval of the Agenda

a. Request additional agenda items and motions

No additional items presented.

b. Vote to approve the agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Matt Cochenour, seconded Doug Levine

Yea 12, Nay 0, Abstain 0

3. Approval of the January 2023 Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

4. Vote to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2023 quarterly board meeting

3 out of 18 members voted as of 18-Apr-23; Yea 1, Nay 0, Abstain 3

Vote at the meeting; Yea 12, Nay 0, Abstain 0

5. Receive Reports

All reports that were published on-time will be voted on as a group, unless any one member votes to approve them separately. Any report that was not published on-time will be voted on outside of the meeting.

a. Commissioner's Report (including membership report)

Presented by Kevin DesLauriers. It was noted that the grants just came in. They will be distributed to the board by First Point.

b. Treasurer's Report

Peter Amadeo was absent. Presented by Kevin DesLauriers. Report was received after the deadline and will be voted on at a later date.

c. Junior Competition Committee Report

Presented by Bill Doyle.

d. Adult Competition Committee Report

Presented by Rhine Almonacy.

e. Officials Committee Report

Presented by Tim Countryman.

f. Sport Development Committee Report

Presented by Bill Doyle.

g. Bylaws Committee Report

Presented by Tim Countryman.

h. Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report

Presented by Matt Cochenour.

i. Appeals Committee Report

Presented by Doug Levine.

j. Nominations Committee Report

Presented by Ellen Law.

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

Edeana Martinez was absent. Kevin DesLauriers presented the report.

Motion to approve all reports with the exception of the Treasurer's report; Bill Doyle, seconded Rhine Almonacy. Yea 12, Nay 0, Abstain 0

6. Old Business

a. Approval of Reports from January 24, 2023 Quarterly Board Meeting

i. Approval of Nominations Committee Report from January 24, 2023 Quarterly Board Meeting

APPROVED -- 16 out of 18 members voted as of 1-Apr-23; 13 Yea, 0 Nay, 3 Abstain

ii. Approval of Treasurer's Report from January 24, 2023 Quarterly Board Meeting

APPROVED -- 16 out of 18 members voted as of 1-Apr-23; 14 Yea, 0 Nay, 2 Abstain

b. Upcoming Elections

i. Member Elected Directors

Long Island Junior Elected Director, New York City Junior Elected Director, Men's AA/A Elected Director, and Women's AA/A Elected Director

ii. Officers

Officials Chairperson (Officials Committee), Secretary & Treasurer (Nominations Committee), and Adult Competition Committee Chairperson (Adult Competition Committee)

iii. Officials Committee

Group II Members (Officials Committee)

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

i. Document posted to Boardable

ii. Next steps: In-person meeting with BoardStrong

7. New Business

a. 2023-24 GEVA Chairperson

Information only: Juniors Competition Committee to elect the chairperson for the 2023-24 season prior to the August annual board meeting

8. Board Meeting Date(s)

a. 2023 Meeting of the Membership

i. Sunday, June 11, 2023 - DATE CONFIRMED

In-person meeting and virtual option

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

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

iii. Announcement of results of Group II Official Committee member vote

Two members of the Officials Committee will be voted in to start their three (3) year term.

b. Special Meeting for GEVA 2023-24 Memberships

Date TBD

c. 2023 Annual Board of Directors Meeting

i. Sunday, August 6, 2023 - DATE CONFIRMED

In-person meeting (preferred); Zoom option for those who are not able to attend in person

- ii. Nominations for available Officer positions close 51 days prior to the Annual Board Meeting
Voting to vote for candidates (Secretary & Treasurer) and approve candidates (Officials Chairperson & Adult Competition Committee Chairperson) takes place at the Annual Board Meeting

9. Comments, Announcements, and Other Business

- a. GEVA executive documents (Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, 990, etc.) are available on the website
Go to <https://www.geva.org/governance>

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 9:43pm

- a. Motion to adjourn
Motion to adjourn the meeting: Bill Doyle, seconded Doug Levine.