

Garden Empire Volleyball Association

4940 Merrick Road #327
Massapequa Park, NY 11762

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2021

Time: 8:07 AM – 11:07 AM

Meeting Location/Venue: Video & Teleconference via Zoom ONLY

Meeting ID: 850 4591 4368

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85045914368>

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2020-21 Acting Chairperson of the Board – Jacques Benoit

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order 8:07 am. Motion Kevin DesLauriers sec Doug Levine
 - Roll call 16 of 18, Patrick Dietz expected. Justin Beaumont unable to attend.
 - Establishment of quorum
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - Request additional agenda items and motions. No additional items required.
 - Vote to approve the agenda. Motion to approve Matt Cochenour sec Edeana Martinez: Nay 0, Abstain 0, Yeah 16, Approved.
3. Approval of the January 2021 Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
 - Vote to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2021 quarterly board meeting. Motion to approve Matt Cochenour sec Merlin Thompson: Nay 0, Abstain 0, Yeah 16, Approved.
4. Receive Reports (executive summaries only)
 - Commissioner's Report (including membership report) No questions
 - Treasurer's Report No questions
 - Pandemic has caused a surplus. Peter Amadeo recommending two options. QuickBooks cash (1%), Yieldstreet short term notes (6 months, 4.5%)
 - PPP Loan was forgiven, anticipating forgiveness of second loan.
 - Junior Chairperson's Report
 - Feedback on COVID protocols runs the political gambit.
 - HP tryouts planned. GEVA is not going. Costs are extravagant and not worth any health liability. GEVA will run camps.
 - Discussion on COVID protocols. Joe Seigel reviewed his club procedures. Matt concurred that his club does the same with a minor difference. (Shutting the team down for a determined period in the event of a positive case.) Joe Seigel: "transparency is our job".
 - Adult Chairperson's Report
 - Some adult players complained about the 24 hr timeline to notifying people potentially exposed to COVID. Adults and Juniors can piggyback events, but Adults cannot run Junior events.

- Lengthy discussion regarding cost of Adult program. Per Kevin DesLauriers, income is income and direction will be forthcoming regarding this discussion.
- Officials Chairperson's Report
 - Membership renewals greater than anticipated.
- Sport Development Committee Report.
 - Planning for sitting volleyball but do not have a team currently.
- Bylaws Committee Report
 - Three motions attached for review. Voting will be over a 21-day period. May 9th is the final day.
- Nominations Committee Report (no questions)
- Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report (no questions)
 - Motion to receive the reports Tim Countryman sec Patrick Dietz; Nay 0, Abstain 0, Yeah 17, Approval.

5. Old Business

- SportsEngine Member Management System Update Per Bill Doyle system is not easy; last minute verifications cannot be handled. Rosters required by Thursday.
 - Adult player registration
- Elections update
 - Women's A/AA election results. Melissa Rigo elected.
 - Upcoming Elections. Issues with process. Separate ballot will go out to the board following the meeting. Jacques Benoit recommendations: copy to board regarding nominations, notification of elections with specifics. Make it more formal. Commissioner should send notices out.
- Return to play update.
 - Junior Chairperson's status (No additions)
 - Adult Chairperson's status (No additions)
- Bylaws motions (**NOTE:** only for review; no voting)
 - Bylaws Committee members:
 - Tim Countryman (chairperson), Matt Cochenour, Samantha Keller, Marianne LePore, Joel Sanchez, Kevin DesLauriers (ex-officio), Bill Doyle (ex-officio)
 - Guidance for reviewing/discussing the bylaws motion(s)
 - Motion(s):
 - Bylaws 2021-01: Proposal to modify language regarding the pool of Directors from which the Acting Chair may be elected.
 - Bylaws 2021-02: Clarification of the Bylaws Committee's role in the amendment process.
 - Bylaws 2021-03: A proposal to modify terminology for event sanction (authorization).

6. New Business

- Investment of current GEVA funds
Please review the GEVA Financial Update report as their will be a vote on the options presented on page 2
 Motion Matt Cochenour sec Patrick Dietz.

“Should GEVA move a portion of the GEVA funds from the bank accounts with guaranteed interest to the Yieldstreet short term note, which is not a guaranteed interest rate, as stated in the GEVA Financial Update. At the most, no more than \$240,000 of the GEVA funds will be impacted.”

Nay 0, Abstain 2, Yeah 13 Approved

- Update to supporting communication systems. **Per Kevin DesLauriers Information to carry over to next meeting.**
 - Retiring RingCentral phone system
 - Plan to implement the Boardable board management system.

7. Comments and Announcements

- Reminder of the 2021 annual meetings
 - 2021 Member Meeting: **June 6, 2021**
 - 2021 Annual Board of Directors Meeting: **August 1, 2021**

8. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn. **Bill Doyle sec Matt Cochenour 11:07**

NOTE: All the documents have been sent or will be sent to the GEVA board members. Additionally, all the documents are stored on the GEVA Google Drive. The links to access all these documents are listed below.

- Minutes from January 2021 Quarterly Board Meeting
 - Link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/10K-oeCzZc7b9oDfagMdM-cNWaAVwxbmV/view?usp=sharing>
 - GEVA Board Shared Drive □ Exec and Annual Minutes-Agendas □ 2020-21 Season □ Quarterly Board Meeting 2021-01-23 □ Minutes
- Documents for the April 2021 Quarterly Annual Board Meeting
 - Link: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1I4tEmELRTQMIQwyjZ1xH-KKb78aj4RJC?usp=sharing>
 - GEVA Board Shared Drive □ Exec and Annual Minutes-Agendas □ 2020-21 Season □ Quarterly Board Meeting 2021-04-24