

**General Board Meeting  
Gateway Region USA Volleyball  
DATE: March 1, 2019  
Minutes**

**Called to order: 6:39 PM**

**Attendance: Mueth, Ryan, Weber, Palmer, Clauss, Werner, Pieschel, Scanio, Stratman, Laure, Brunk, Fastenau, Kleekamp, Morecraft, Shyu, Winters.**

**Proxy: Martin to Werner, Boyle to Weber, Lyon to Kleekamp, Kalisiak to Ryan, Cusumano to Pieschel, Fowler to Kleekamp.**

**Additions to Agenda:**

Online check-in for Boys Bid Event. Pieschel suggests offering an online check-in system for the Boys Bid Event. This is offered at the Southern California Qualifier. Linus will talk with the Southern California Tournament Director to see what work goes into this.

Number of boys on girls rosters: Tabled to the May meetings.

**Approval of minutes – December 7, 2018**

**Palmer/Ryan MCU**

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Commissioner – Mueth: We have Regional meetings coming up this week. Steve will discuss the idea of splitting sites for girls indoor nationals. All club directors were opposed to this idea. USAV is switching from Webpoint to SportsEngine next year. Membership season will be from September to September. PowerPlex appears to have failed. Steve has not gotten any feedback from the developers for the last four weeks.

Associate Commissioner – Ryan: We are hiring a full-time replacement for Donna Mayer. A committee has been formed to hire someone.

Treasurer – Weber: Boys Bid Event profited us \$15,000 more than last year due to higher registration and increase in fees.

Secretary – Pieschel: Bryan has spoken with Heath from USAV about creating a High Performance Boys program starting the next calendar year. Bryan has spoken with Lindenwood and McKendree coaches and they have offered full support, so we will have coach staff involved and facilities available. Bryan plans to have more to report in May with options on funding.

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss: Had a couple SafeSport issues and we have had several players that want to transfer because they are not happy with their team. The commitment letter wording has been updated to avoid any confusion. Some parents want to get their money back from their club. We had someone attempt to coach that wasn't a member at one of our events. We may want to update club policies to state that if someone quits a team, they may not get their money back.

Scorer Chair – Palmer: Debbie has rated a lot of people this year. One new referee suggested coming up with some training material to help someone track on the scoresheet. According to Augie, USAV has material on this available in the National and Advancement clinics. Patti Rolf may have this information available.

Referee Chair – Werner: We have certified at least 11 Provisional I Referee ratings, we have added a few Regional referees. We have at least 16 new referees in our Region. We are certifying referees individually at tournaments. Chris Kays is a Jr. National Referee candidate this year. We will not have any National Referee candidates this year.

Women's Coordinator – Scanio: None.

Men's Coordinator – Stratman: None.

Staff Reports –

Morecraft: We have 16 total new referees. We are starting to prepare for our beach events.

Shyu: All registrations except for Spikin' It are built and live.

Winters: We sold about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of USAV Wholesale merchandise at the Boys Bid Event. We will order more for Girls Regionals.

Education Coordinator – Boyle: Absent.

Beach Coordinator – Laure: We are running 3 USAV Qualifiers. We are running one Beach National Qualifier in May and 2 Beach Regional Qualifiers; one in May and one in June.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Board Reconstruction: This has not been completed, so we will either vote in May or push it back for another year. We need to have this drawn up and finalized so that it's clear-cut as to what all of the changes would be. We would drop appointed positions and add in district representation so that different regions within the Gateway Region would be represented and hopefully given a better voice for the clubs.
2. Junior Beach Events: We are running 3 bid events this year, one is a National Qualifier and the other 2 are Regional Qualifiers. We will be giving out 3 bids in each division at each of our Regional Qualifiers.
3. Boys Bid Event: Went really well. We had a lot of help which made the event go much smoother. We had about 30 more teams than last year. Our tournament merchandise is up about \$2000 from last year which was up about \$12000 from 2017. We took some risks on some new merchandise items which did not really pay off, so we may not offer as many items next year. We raised our entry fee which caused our profits to go up. Sherri took pictures and is editing them and will send pictures to us and we will post pictures from the Boys Bid Event on social media.
4. Diversity Grant: We are still working on getting this set up. We have some volunteers. This will be a summer project in our downtime. We have chosen to do a sitting volleyball clinic. USAV will send a player from the USAV Sitting Team to run a coaches clinic and players clinic.
5. 25th Anniversary at Spikin' It: Ashley is getting inflatables for the daytime. We are looking into having a party at an indoor venue that evening so that hopefully more people can attend. Double D's Pizza is interested in sponsoring again next year, so a food truck might hurt that sponsorship. For open divisions we are offering a minimum of \$500 for winners, or 75% of division entry fees, whichever is greater.
6. Zonal Beach Referee Camp: We are hosting a zonal beach referee camp in conjunction with the Gateway Beach Open National Qualifier. Whoever the clinician is will also assist with being the head referee for the event. No one has been named as the clinician at this time.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Motion to increase cost of Gateway Region sponsored 1-day tournaments with R1s provided from \$175 to \$200. **MCU**
2. Providing certified referees at our Boys 14 & under Winter Festival. The Executive Board has approved this recommendation and referees will be provided.
3. Ranking System: We currently use an RPI system. All 15-18 boys results are entered against one another. Boys 13-14s are one category, and Boys 12s have their own category. On the girls side, only results from within the same age group are added to the database. We could consider making changes for only the Girls 15s through 18s. We will need to brainstorm and think of pros and cons before we make a decision.
4. Issues with earlier Girls 18s Bid Event: This year, since we moved the Girls 18s Bid Event up, we had less data to seed the teams. Despite issues, the top 4 seeds held true and finished in the top 4 at the bid event. We need to find a way to streamline the process of entering results. This will be discussed at the May board meeting.

5. Honoring Donna Mayer by adding her name to a tournament title: We could consider naming our new office after her in the future. We will continue to brainstorm and discuss options at the May meeting.

**Motion to adjourn: 8:01 PM Ryan/Weber MCU**

**Meeting Dates:**

May 3, 2019

August 2, 2019

December 6, 2019