

**General Board Meeting  
Gateway Region USA Volleyball  
DATE: December 4, 2009  
Agenda**

**Called to Order – 6:34pm**

**Present: Tim Neels, Tracy Coleman, Debbie Palmer, Don LaChance, Shawna Stover, Chris Clauss, Steve Mueth, Linda Jensen, Kevin Nelson, Matt Stuhlsatz, Beth Bedard, Jean Evans, Mark Sicking, Corey Arbini, Brad Bruns, Ben O'Day, James Atteberry, Ken O'Day, Rich Farmer, Nicki Fisaga and Shannon Loso**

**Absent: Tom Schaefer – proxy to Shawna Stover; Augie Werner – proxy to Tim Neels; Donna Mayer**

**Additions to Agenda:** no additions

**Approval of Agenda:** Coleman/Sicking, MCU

**Approval of minutes – August 7, 2009; Evans/O'Day, MCU**

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Commissioner – Neels

-USAV raising membership fees \$10

-tryouts this year, some issues; specifically verbal commitments being reversed

Associate Commissioner- Coleman – no report

Treasurer – Schaefer

-Financial report/review - about where we were last year at this time

Secretary – Mueth - no report

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss

-complaints from coaches who feel other coaches stole their players after a verbal commitment was given by the player/parent; she is beseeching an answer to this issue.

-discussion around having a form that formalizes the verbal commitment

-A Jr Forum meeting will be scheduled and announced soon

Scorekeeper Chair – Palmer – no report

Referee Chair – Werner

-Creating a priority/ranking of candidates seeking their Jr National Official rating. List needed due to number of candidates we can send is limited.

Women's Coordinator-Stover

-Addressing level of play of teams

Men's Coordinator- LaChance

-Thanked Shawna for doing his job to date.

Tournament Coordinator – Coleman – no report

Staff Reports –

Donna – busy with registrations

Nicki – accepting tournament entries

Shannon – reviewed various coaching clinics, IMPACT clinics underway, 2010 Recruiting

Seminar scheduled for Feb 23, 2010.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### 1. Tiebreak sets –

Motion #1: Tiebreak sets are not required if all teams advance to a playoff.

Currently this is an allowed sanction exception request. The motion would eliminate the requirement to apply for a sanction exception.

**-MCU**

### 2. Accepting team entries

Motion #2: Tournament entry fee checks may not be cashed until a team has been accepted into the tournament. Teams on a waiting list must be notified prior to placing them into the tournament and they must have the option to decline the spot.

**-MCU**

### 3. Discuss club name ownership

-A club rep retains the right to the club name from the prior season. If no teams registered under the club name the prior year, the name is released for others to use.

-Tim to present a motion at the May 2010 meeting after discussion with Donna; the General Board supports a club director registering each season, without having teams, in order to reserve the club name

### 4. Tryout process review - specifically verbal commitments

-Discussion around making an early commitment binding

-Will be discussed at Jr. Forum and recommendation made

### 5. Membership fee increase based on USAV increase of \$10 per member.

\*Approx \$21.35 sent to USAV per regular membership.

\*Impact to \$20 reduced membership fee for 10s and those who register after a jr high season

\*Impact to \$15 chaperone / Jr team assistant options

-Discussion tabled to May 2010 meeting, waiting to find out if ROD gets the "Region only" membership approved.

### 6. Tournament Directors who lose courts after an event is sanctioned:

Motion #3: If the region can confirm that a TD loses courts, the tournament director will have 2 weeks to find replacement courts. After the 2 week window the sanction will be withdrawn and the tournament/s will be removed from the schedule. Any tournament entries must be returned to teams who had entered.

**-amended any tournament entries and fees**

**-Evans, Mueth, MCU**

-Announcement – December Executive and General Board Meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Adjourn** at 8:00pm– Evans, Palmer, MCU

## **Meeting Dates:**

March 5, 2010

May 7, 2010

August 6, 2010

Dec 5, 2010