

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: December 4, 2011
Minutes**

Called to order: 5:35 pm

Present: Tim Neels, Brad Bruns, Debbie Palmer, Tom Schaefer, Steve Mueth, Shawna Stover, Augie Werner, Shannon Loso, Ben O'Day, Ken O'Day, Mark Sicking, Tony Stratman, Holly Luenemann, Joe Flanigan, Linda Jensen, Corey Arbin, Donna Gunning, Don LaChance, Frank Buggs, Maureen O'Neill

Absent: Chris Clauss (Steve Mueth proxy), Linus Shyu (Steve Mueth proxy), John Yehling (Bob Crank proxy), Kyle Kaiser, Kevin Cloud, Jodie Hempen

Staff: Nicki Fisaga, Shannon Loso, Donna Mayer, Jessica Werner

Guests: Ruby Winschel, Chris Dickey

Additions to Agenda: None. **Stover/ Palmer MCU**

Approval of Minutes –August 5, 2011 **Palmer/O'Day MCU**

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels: Planning to schedule Adult Forum. Encourage reps to send in agenda items. Staff changes at region office.

Associate Commissioner- Mueth: No report.

Treasurer – Schaefer: Income up, net loss lower than last year.

Secretary – Bruns: No report

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss: absent. Neels gives report: Investigating potential Due Process situation/policy violation from tryouts.

Scorekeeper Chair – Palmer: No report.

Referee Chair – Werner: Online clinics available through ref training site. Live clinic held next week for ref certification process. Live clinic scheduled 1/28 prior to rating tourney. Online clinic also an option for refs seeking certification, with Gateway module attached to it.

Women's Coordinator-Stover: 2012 Women's Player Reps: A-Jodie Hempen, BB Maureen O'Neill. Complaints from Springfield area about St. Louis tourneys on same weekend.

Men's Coordinator- LaChance: 2012 Men's Player Reps: A-Frank Buggs, BB-Kyle Kaiser, B-Kevin Stapleton-Cloud.

Tournament Coordinator – Jensen: No report

Outdoor Coordinator – Stratman: No report

Staff Reports-

Donna: 381 tourneys sanctioned so far. Cross checking teams, players with TDs. Tournaments having issues not filling, looking for trends. Junior's team counts are low right now.

Nicki: Collecting event registration, team entries. Training Jessica to take over the website. Taking over the region finances.

Shannon:

- Impact clinics underway.
- Coach's forum/drills clinic in November was well received, about 40 coaches attended.
- CPR/AED training had a good turnout.
- The first session of Mentor training started today, great turn out.
- Club info sessions & Mock tryouts went well.
- Region members volunteered at Riverview Gardens again to teach students about volleyball. We had lots of fun and the kids were great!

- NCAA DIII championships were at WashU again, the region organized a youth scrimmage.
- Recruiting seminar Feb. 16th at Fontbonne, Mueth is emcee.

Jessica: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Implementing policy to sanction members who violate policies or owe money to facilities where Gateway / USAV insurance coverage is provided.
Discussion regarding issues related to implementation of the policy. Policy will continue to be reviewed/adjusted pending resolution of current issues.
2. All junior clinicians must take online clinic with Gateway Region modules prior to giving a clinic.
Amendment to motion: required annually: **Gunning/Jensen MCU. Motion MCU**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Shannon resignation / Appointment to Advisory Board Position of Coaches Education Coordinator.
2. Staff position defined/filled.
3. Rachel DeVries' At Large Director position vacated in Nov. 2011
4. Proposal for the process to fill a vacated At Large Director position; By Law Addition
At Large Director Vacancy
If there is one general board meeting or less remaining in the election year, the vacated position will be filled by vote of the general membership in the next At Large Director election, in accordance with the policies listed in Article XVI.

If there are two or more general board meetings remaining in the election year, the results of the previous At Large elections will be used to fill the vacated position based on the order of votes received. If the position cannot be filled by the previous election results, the unexpired portion of the term will be filled by the Executive Board.

Amendment to motion: after votes received 'For the remainder of that election year.'

Motion: 18 For/5 Opposed/1 Abstained MC

5. Club Profile Guidelines
Motion to limit club profile guidelines to include Club Name, Club Director, Email Address, Phone Number, Year Club Founded, Club Web Page Link, Age & Gender of Teams, Waivers Accepted? Fees, Locations Used for Practice, & Tryout Information. **24 For/1 opposed/ MC**
6. Gateway Event entry refund policy.
Motion: Refunds will not be given to teams who drop after the entry deadline for multi-day Region run events regardless if the spot is filled by a team on the wait list. **19 For/3 Opposed/2 Abstained MC**
7. Adult forum will be scheduled later. Discussion.
8. One Event Summer Membership
Motion: Gateway Region will accept a One Event Summer Membership from other regions.
Neels/Bruns MCU

Motion to Adjourn at 6:55pm –Stover/Bruns MCU

Meeting Dates:

March 2, 2012

May 11, 2012

August 3, 2012

December 2, 2012