

**General Board Meeting  
Gateway Region USA Volleyball  
DATE: May 7, 2010  
Minutes**

**Called to order: 6:30pm**

**Present: Tim Neels, Shawna Stover, Steve Mueth, Don LaChance, Chris Clauss, Brad Bruns, Jean Evans, James Atteberry, Kevin Nelson, Mark Sicking, Beth Bedard, Linda Jensen, Debbie Palmer, Ben O'Day, Corey Arbini, Ruby Winschel, Rich Farmer, Donna Mayer and Shannon Loso, Amy Poelker, Joe Flanigan**

**Absent: Tom Schaefer (Proxy to Don LaChance), Ken O'Day (Proxy to Ben O'Day), Augie Werner, Nicki Fisaga.**

**Additions to Agenda:**

Elections under Old business we will move to #6 under New Business

**Approve with Additions: O'Day, Bruns, MCU**

**Approval of minutes – March 5, 2010**

**Palmer, Jensen, MCU**

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Commissioner – Neels

Membership up approx 500; some issues will be discussed under Jr Coordinator report

Associate Commissioner- Coleman - No report

Treasurer – Schaefer – In a better position than we were last time at this year

Secretary – Mueth – Thank you everyone! Shannon is great!

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss

-Jr Forum discussed a variety of topics – discussed tryouts; officiating issues; behavior issues; open gyms; rule changes

-Few other issues, most have been handled

Scorekeeper Chair – Palmer – no report

Referee Chair – Neels in Werner's absence: 3 candidates for JR. National Referee – Tracy

McFadden, Charlie Bowden, Holly Luenemann

Women's Coordinator-Stover

-2 BB teams going to Nationals and 1 U Volley Team

Men's Coordinator- LaChance

-Overall year went well, team ratings seemed to work. Glowing reviews around new reffing requirements. Adult Ranking System was a nice tool.

Tournament Coordinator – Neels in Coleman's absence: Tournament Directors aren't always available when issues arise; suggested solution is to make TD's cell phone available in case they are not in the gym.

Staff Reports –

Donna – Nicki had a baby girl Evelyn Nicole

-144 B/C teams; 165 G/S teams in the GW Regional Championships

-Almost all the open divisions are full at the GJNCs, National and American fields are not full yet so other bids may be reallocated to GW.

-Gave a report on how many teams are going to Nationals, Adults, Girls and Boys

-Effectiveness of the Ranking System – handed out sheet showing effectiveness

Shannon – Nationals – shirts and IMPACT

- Thanks for help with Regionals
- Summer clinics starting to be scheduled
- Plans to have more Club Info Meetings in more areas!

## OLD BUSINESS:

1. Membership Fee increase – tabled until the August GW Board meetings (after the May national meetings) – Rate will go up \$10 Nationally, there is a push to have a reduced rate for teams that don't travel nationally, waiting to see what happens at May meetings.
2. Sand volleyball update
  - a. Talked to a few folks about forming a committee
  - b. Exploring sand leagues
3. Border club tryout dates:
  - a. **Motion:** Junior clubs in GW border areas may request a waiver to allow tryout dates that are earlier than the published GW tryout start dates. **MCU**

## NEW BUSINESS:

1. Junior issues:
  - a. Tryouts – Moving commitment time to Sunday night; having a 24 hour period at which point in time the coach may extend the offer or revoke the offer; having a commitment form to lock in verbal commitments. *Straw vote to have Board discuss and investigate and discuss at August meeting*
    - Discussing allowing or not allowing call backs/2<sup>nd</sup> tryouts – *straw vote NO*
    - Discussing controlling when clubs can have their tryouts to avoid overlaps, etc – *straw vote NO*
  - b. Officiating – Add into the training how to manage the match, what can be done if people get out of control.
  - c. Open Gyms – they aren't sanctioned by the Region/USAV so we have no authority to control these.
  - d. Rule Changes – do we want to discuss having changes around net violations- *straw vote - no*
  - e. Parent Code of Conduct – create something short and to the point – Chris to work on.
    - Create a sportsmanship award – put on agenda for August meeting
2. Definition of Adult Friendship / Regular Season  
**Motion:** Recommending moving Regular season to start Dec 1. Allowing a waiver for college students for a \$5 1 time membership while home for the holidays through MLK weekend. **MCU**
4. Rule variations for G/S Girls' Regional divisions with bids to the JNC:
  - a. **Motion:** At the GW Regional Championships, GW rule variations to not apply to divisions that award bids to the JNC. **MCU**
5. 19 point sets in 5 team pools for G11 and Boys' divisions at the GW Regional Championships.  
**Motion:** 19 point sets will be allowed in 5 team pools for G11 and Boys' divisions at the GW Regional Championships, **MCU**
  - a. Clarification: Use this format for the G11s and optional for boys' divisions
6. What to do if a team drops from Regionals?
  - a. Should we have a penalty other than losing their entry fee? *Straw vote 9 yes; 9 no*
    - i. **Motion:** If a team drops from Regionals to play in another volleyball event (ie. a Qualifier) after the entry deadline the club will be banned from participating in Regionals the following year. **O'Day, Bruns, 4 abstained, 14 in favor, MC**

## 7. Elections

- a. Executive Board positions – Junior Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer, vote by General Board members at May mtg. Associate Commissioner in charge of nominations.
  - i. Chris for Jr Coordinator – approved
  - ii. Brad Bruns for Secretary – approved
  - iii. Tom Schaefer for Treasurer - approved
- b. Call for At Large candidates posted on the GW web page in the first week of April with a deadline of May 20. Ballots posted on web by June 20 listing a July 10 deadline for submissions to the GW office.

**Motion to Adjourn** – Palmer, Bedard, MCU

**Meeting Dates:**

Friday, August 6, 2010

Sunday, December 5, 2010