

General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: May 8, 2009
Minutes

Present Board Members - Chris Clauss, Don LaChance, Tim Neels, Shawna Stover, Tracy Coleman, Debbie Palmer, Steve Mueth, Jean Evans, Linda Jensen, Ken O'Day, Kevin Nelson, Matt Stuhlsatz, Rich Farmer, Joe Flanigan, Mark Sicking.

Not Present: Tom Schaefer, Augie Werner, Stephanie Miller, Alison Anderson, Larry Matysik.

Proxies – Tom Schaefer to Shawna Stover, Augie Werner to Tim Neels, Stephanie Miller to Tracy Coleman, Alison Anderson to Ken O'Day, Larry Matysik to Chris Clauss.

Present Staff Members – Donna Mayer

Present Guest/Members – Ruby Winschel, Kathy Harris, Val Ikemeier, Tracy Plagemann

Meeting called to order: 6:35

Additions to Agenda: Election process

Approval of minutes – May 8, 2009 by Debbie Palmer and Linda Jensen.

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels

-Upcoming national meetings where fee increase will be discussed

Associate Commissioner- Coleman – No report

Treasurer – Schaefer – No report

Secretary – Mueth – No report

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss – No report

Scorekeeper Chair – Palmer – No report

Referee Chair – Werner – No report

Women's Coordinator-Stover – No report

Men's Coordinator- LaChance – No report

Tournament Coordinator – Coleman – No report

Staff Reports –

Donna - Current # of GW bids received was reported

OLD BUSINESS: No action needed.

1. Open Gyms – Issue resolved pending Information Sheet developed by Chris Clauss – Information sheet done for August Meeting.
2. Senior Volleyball Program - Meeting with staff to be scheduled over the summer.
3. St Louis U Elite Camp - Tim is investigating the concept
4. Adult Program to be discussed over summer:
Preliminary Committee: Shawna Stover, Don LaChance, Tracy Coleman, Tom Schaefer, Debbie Palmer
 - a. Team Level of Play as opposed to Individual
 - b. Officials Requirements / Penalty
 - c. Growth
5. Tournament Entry Fee Increase – tabled until August board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election process –

Redefine / clarify in documentation:

*Associate Commissioner is in charge of nominations and identifying candidates

*Executive Board elections take place at the May meeting

*April - At Large Director nominees sought by the Assoc Commissioner and through website

*May 20 – Deadline for nominations to be submitted

*June 20 – Deadline for ballot to be posted on website

*July 10 – Deadline for ballots to be returned to the GW Office

Additional discussion items: paper / email ballots, names on ballots to verify eligible vote, email ballots should be submitted to office staff?

2. Requests to post fundraising activities on GW website –
 - a. **Motion** – GW Region does not advertise non-volleyball fundraising activities on web - **MC**
3. Unique jersey numbers for rostered liberos at GW events –
 - a. **Motion** – It is not required that a rostered player, when participating in the role of the libero, retains the same and unique jersey number throughout the event - **MC**
4. Request from Kevin Nelson to revisit board decision regarding location of minutes on webpage –
 - a. **Note** be placed on the News page linking minutes to Publications page of the website.
5. Seeding method for Girls' Regional Championships – Kevin Nelson
 - a. Discussion on rank versus format for scheduling regionals.
 - b. Discussion with how National/non waived teams are ranked.
6. GW National event entry deadlines
 - a. Executive Board's position on GW national event deadlines presented and discussed.
 - b. Executive Board's position on team eligibility for those teams whose paperwork received after the GW deadline was presented and discussed.
7. Bid acceptance process at G/S Girls Regionals
 - a. Discussion of Ex Board Motion that stated teams must accept or decline the Gateway Region club bid before the first Gold playoff bracket match. Along with signature, include check box on Eligibility form for team to indicate accept or decline. **Motion to support** Executive Board motion. **MC**, one No and one abstention.
8. Executive Board elections: Scorekeeper's Chair, Men's Player Rep, Commissioner
 - a. Scorekeeper Chair – Debbie Palmer – **MC**
 - b. Men's Player Rep – Don LaChance - **MC**
 - c. Commissioner – Tim Neels - **MC**
 - d. Discussion of posting General Board election process on Gateway Region website.
9. Motion to Adjourn – Jean/Chris 6:45pm

Meeting Dates:

August 7, 2009

December 4, 2009