

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: August 6, 2010
Minutes**

Called to Order: 6:33 pm

Present:

Board Members: Tim Neels, Augie Werner, Brad Bruns, Tom Schaefer, Don LaChance, Shawna Stover, Steve Mueth, Donna Gunning, Rachael DeVries, Dennis Nosco, Joe Flanigan, Mark Sicking, James Atteberry, Rich Farmer, Jean Evans

Staff: Donna Mayer, Shannon Loso and Nicki Fisaga

Members/Guests: Kevin Nelson, Ruby Winschel, Linda Jensen, Amy Poelker, Tricia Stermon, George Richardson, Steve Kissel, Brad Serangeli

Absent: Chris Clauss (Proxy to Don LaChance); Debbie Palmer (Proxy to Don LaChance); Tracy Coleman (Proxy to Don LaChance); Ken O'Day (Proxy to Ben O'Day); Corey Arbin (Proxy to Ben O'Day); Beth Bedard (Proxy to Steve Mueth); when Shawna left (Proxy to Don LaChance)

Additions to Agenda: i and vi under Jr Issues: a. Tryouts

**Approval of minutes – May 7, 2010
Sicking/Stover, MCU**

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels

- Introduce idea of how AAU/JVA issues may impact USAV tryout process
- Membership went up 9%, 7839 members
- 2011 Girls JNC's are in Atlanta; 2011 Boys JNC's are in Minneapolis

Associate Commissioner- Coleman – no report

Treasurer – Schaefer – net loss of \$2000 for last fiscal year, for specifics talk to Shannon

Secretary – Bruns – no report

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss - no report

Scorekeeper Chair – Palmer – no report

Referee Chair – Werner

- 2 new Jr National Referees – Charlie Bowden and Holly Luenemann

Women's Coordinator-Stover

-OB Clarks took 7th; Spiked Punch 1st in Silver; Coed Reverse and Coed Regular teams won Gold, Hodge Podge took 3rd in U Volley and Shawna Stover made the All Tournament Team; Lisa Hunter was MVP in Coed Reverse.

Men's Coordinator- LaChance

-Team Pepperocini – finished in Silver; Coed Reverse and Coed Regular went Undefeated; Darren Isaak was MVP for Coed Regular
Tournament Coordinator – Coleman – no report

Staff Reports –

Donna – Tournament Sanction refunds were sent out; Registration up 9%; Spikin It Thank yous – Shawna Stover and Don LaChance thank you!; Documents will be redone based on meeting today

Nicki – Regional pix will be posted by next week; National finish and pix up next week; web updates being done; tentative dates for 2011 events: Boys Fest – MLK Weekend; Girls Fest – first 2 weekends in Feb; HS Boys Regionals – Feb 26th; MEQ will be in STL for 12-15s again this year (March 18-20th); Adult Regionals – April 9th; B/C Regs and G11– April 16th and 17th and G/S and Boys 12-14s– April 30/May 1

-Spikin It -next year Region will even out entry fees to round/even numbers; made approx \$1500 on event

-Overall Regional Championship Events (coed 10s, adults, boys & girls) made a profit. Expenses and court fees continue to rise. Propose 2 day events (11s, girls bronze/copper & girls gold/silver) have a fee increase, recommend \$225

-Motion to raise Regionals to \$225 for B/C; G/S; G11s - MCU

Shannon – Have spent summer traveling around the Region conducting coaches clinics (IMPACT, Train the Trainer and regular coaches clinics). Special thanks to Amy McNew in Houston, Scott Vaughn in Poplar Bluff, and Debbie Douthitt in Hillsboro for hosting the clinics. Several others scheduled in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Election Results – At Large Directors – Rachael DeVries (3 years); Donna Gunning (3 years); Steve Mueth (3 years); Dennis Nosco (2 years)
2. Membership Fee increase –
 - a. **Motion – Raise regular membership fee to \$45 with magazine – LaChance; Evans**
 - i. **Approve 17; Opposed 3; MC**
 1. Discussion that involved removing magazine option; revisit fee next year
 - b. **Motion – 10s Membership fees - \$15 without magazine – Werner; Bruns – MCU**
 - c. **Motion – Junior (Limited Participation) - \$30 with magazine – Bruns; Gunning; MCU**
 - d. **Motion - Jr Team Asst and Masters– Remove and add to Reg Membership - Motion – Bruns; Stover – MCU**
 - e. **Motion - Summer (after 5/1) – Adults - \$10 without magazine; Juniors - \$15 without magazine – MCU**
 - f. **Motion - Special/Single Event – Motion to make it \$10; Werner; Flanigan – 2 Opposed; 18 Approved – MC (this includes the college students who are allowed to play over the holiday break through MLK weekend)**
3. Sand volleyball update
 - a. Tony Stratman will do leg work to find out information to build an outdoor program - \$10,000 budgeted to get program started
4. Junior Issues:
 - a. Tryouts
 - i. AAU/JVA – Discussion around how we proceed and the impact AAUs may have on USAV teams.
 - On website put notice that any tryouts taking place prior to the Gateway start dates are not sanctioned by USAV and are not for USAV teams.
 - Straw poll – keep things as is and deal with AAU option as it comes up or do away with tryouts options – option 1 or 2 – 1: 9: option 2: 5 – decision to keep things as is for now.
 - ii. **Motion to move commitment time to Sunday night at 7pm – Werner; Bruns – Approve – 14; Opposed – 3, MC**

- iii. Commitment form to lock in a verbal commitment
 - 1. **Motion to approve the use of this commitment form; Farmer; Gunning; Approve – 17; Opposed – 0; Abstain – 2, MC**
 - i. **Friendly amendment to add Time of Acceptance and emails on the signature page**
- iv. 24 hour period at which time the coach may extend the offer or revoke the offer – no motion
 - a. Discussion – no motion to support this change
- v. Clean up Jr HB language
 - * Remove reference to “conditional offers” and stress importance of player responsibility for tryout policies and / or violations
 - Straw poll – keep language in*
 - * **Recommendations for coaches – clarify that these are recommendations as opposed to punishable violations.**
 - Neels, O’Day; Approve 16; Opposed – 2; Abstain – 2, MC**
- vi. **Call backs – Motion to remove the ability for a club to be able to conduct call backs or conduct 2 tryouts in 1 weekend. Nosco, Gunning; Approve – 4 ; Opposed – 8; Abstain – 8, motion fails**
 - b. Parent Code of Conduct –
 - Put the new Parent Code of Conduct in TD Manual and Jr Handbook – Neels; Farmer, MCU**
 - c. Sportsmanship Award – tabled to next meeting

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Region sponsored club information session / tryout education - discussed
- 2. **IMPACT certification requirement.**
Motion: To coach in the Gateway Region, all coaches must be minimally IMPACT certified or in the process (registered for an IMPACT certification course).
Neels; Werner; MCU
- 3. Location of officiating team coach.
Motion: When players are officiating (at any age group) it is mandatory that the team’s coach or assistant coach be part of the officiating team or remain at the scorer’s table throughout the entire officiating assignment.
Neels; Werner; Friendly amendment – at or near the scorer’s table; MCU
- 4. Officiating team electronic device restrictions.
Motion: Members of the officiating team may not use any electronic devices, (including, but not limited to cell phones and I-pods) during their officiating assignment, except for the purpose of timing warm-ups. Officiating members found using electronic devices during a match will be subject to a five point penalty assessed to the first set of their next match.
Neels; DeVries; Approve – 14; Opposed – 5, MC

Motion Adjourn – 9:35pm, Bruns; O’Day; MCU

Meeting Dates:

Sunday, December 5, 2010