

**General Board Meeting  
Gateway Region USA Volleyball  
DATE: August 7, 2009  
Minutes**

**Called to order:** 6:31pm

**Present Board Members:** Tim Neels, Beth Bedard, Augie Werner, Shawna Stover, Corey Arbin, Rich Farmer, Mark Sicking, Kevin Nelson, Tracy Coleman, Chris Clauss, Don LaChance, Debbie Palmer, Linda Jensen, Jean Evans, Brad Bruns, Ben O'Day, Ken O'Day, Joe Flanigan

**Absent Board Members:** Tom Schaefer proxy to Don LaChance; Steve Mueth proxy to Shawna Stover; Matt Stulsatz proxy to Jean Evans; Chris Clauss proxy to Debbie Palmer; Tracy Coleman proxy to Shawna Stover; Don LaChance proxy to Debbie Palmer

**Present Staff Members:** Nicki Fisaga, Shannon Loso, Donna Mayer,

**Guests/Members –** Ruby Winschel, Larry Matysik, Gretchen Moser, Kristy Deutschmann, Ken Deutschmann

**Additions to Agenda:** None

**Approval of Agenda –** Debbie Palmer, Linda Jensen, MCU

**Approval of minutes –** May 8, 2009; Tracy Coleman; Linda Jensen; MCU

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Commissioner – Neels

- Discussion around bringing Sand Volleyball to the Region
- Lindenwood Belleville's lease is up b/c the college is now offering girls' volleyball this Fall
- Question about USAVs proposal to increase membership fees to regions – issue currently not resolved so GW membership fees will stay the same this season

Associate Commissioner- Coleman - welcome new at large members

Treasurer – Schaefer

- Profit/Loss overview by Commissioner

Secretary – Mueth – no report

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss – welcome to the new members

Scorekeeper Chair – Palmer –

- National Scorekeepers will now be required to take test online

Referee Chair – Werner –

- new rule changes –
  - net violations
  - one team warming up at a time
  - substitution change – verbal no longer recognized, sub must be in sub zone
  - Background screening for all adult officials and mentors
  - a rally is when a point is awarded

Motion: No matter what the National policy, The Gateway warm ups will remain the same, Chris Clauss, Don LaChance, MCU

Women's Coordinator-Stover – no report

Men's Coordinator- LaChance – no report

Tournament Coordinator – Coleman – no report

Staff Reports –

Donna – the start of the new season is now September 1<sup>st</sup> vs November 1<sup>st</sup>

- Tournament sanction fees were calculated and refunds were sent
- new documents will be updated and on website once edits are made

Nicki – all events generated income, some more, some less, some the same

- Didn't lose \$\$ on any event last year

Adult Regionals – April 10<sup>th</sup>; HS Boys – Feb 27<sup>th</sup>; 10s Regionals – tentatively March 14<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>; Boys 12-14s May 1<sup>st</sup>

Shannon – End of year taxes are not complete yet, will be soon and official report will be available. Coaching Symposium was introduced this Summer, low participation due to timing, will try to rerun this Fall.

Coaching Clinics – less attendance and more cancellations for public clinics, but more interest in private clinics now.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Open Gyms – Issue resolved pending Information Sheet developed by Chris Clauss
  - a. Review handout, will be posted on the website ; Chris Clauss to edit with spelling errors and clarifying non-tryout event
    - i. Brad Bruns, Mark Sicking, MCU
2. Senior Volleyball Program – addressed with revision in Adult Program
3. St Louis U Elite Camp - too many barriers to hold, we are going to try to disseminate info better
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

See attached document

-Motion to approve proposal Adult Level of Play – Jean Evans; Don LaChance; MCU

-Motion to approve officiating policy for Adult Tourney – Shawna Stover, Debbie Palmer, 1 abstained, 20 approved – MC

5. Tournament Entry Fee Increase
  - a. Motion to leave policies as is – Linda Jensen, Jean Evans, MCU

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Meritorious Service Award Announcements – Larry Furrer, Kevin Nelson, Debbie Palmer, Shawna Stover; Gretchen Moser
2. Libero serving
  - a. Discussion around allowing the Libero to serve in Region events
    - i. Motion- The Libero will be allowed to serve in Gateway Region events excluding Gold/Silver designated events, Jean Evans, Brad Bruns, (put into appropriate documents) 3 opposed, 1 abstained, 17 approve, MC
3. Regional Championship dates – discussion around moving the date due to conflict with Show Me Qualifier.
  - a. Motion to leave Regional dates as is – Brad Bruns, Ben O'Day, 2 abstained, 19 approve, MC
4. Background screening for referees / mentors who work junior events – mandated by USAV  
Motion-Any adult referee/adult mentor who referees junior events are required to submit a background screen. Fees to be paid for by the individual. – 1 opposed, 2 abstained, 18 approve, MC

5. At Large Director election results – Brad Bruns, Ben O’Day, Corey Arbini and Beth Bedard (2 yr)

**Meeting Dates:**

December 4, 2009

March 5, 2010

May 7, 2010

Motion to Adjourn at 8:30pm – Shawna Stover, Jean Evans, MCU