

**General Board Meeting**  
**Gateway Region USA Volleyball**  
**DATE: May 6, 2016**  
**Minutes**

**Additions to Agenda:** Delete item#8 on New Business. Motion to accept agenda.  
**Ryan/Palmer. MCU.**

**Approval of minutes** – Motion to accept minutes of General Board meeting on March 4,2016.  
**Palmer/Ryan. MCU.**

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Commissioner – Neels, appreciation of Donna Mayer’s help with new staff and events, Bid Event tweaks.  
Associate Commissioner- Mueth, upcoming elections to Executive Board, At-Large Directors for General Board ( 3 positions), 2 year term to fill Shane Weber’s vacated position.  
Treasurer – Weber. Income from events report.  
Secretary – Ryan, no report.  
Jr. Coordinator – Clauss, incident investigation. Many transfer requests and reminder that transfers/reassignments are not allowed.  
Scorer Chair – Palmer, no report.  
Referee Chair – Werner, absent, Andy Martin stated no report.  
Women’s Coordinator – Scanio, Women played with open rosters, season went OK.  
Men’s Coordinator – LaChance, absent  
Outdoor Coordinator-Stratman, discussion of site for Spikin’It.  
Education Coordinator—Boyle, no report. Discussion of link to Coaches Resources page on website.  
Staff: Shyu-web updates, summer project website upgrade, credit card payment capabilities, Adult membership numbers, Loss of teams per division at Regionals, Bids—re-awarded and #s of bids earned in GW region.  
Pouyer—officials reports.  
Tyler—absent.  
Mayer—no report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Outdoor/Sand referee clinic certification. This was postponed to August due to clinician unavailability.
2. Junior Beach qualifier—Joe Diemeke gave discussion on event and need for a Sand Tournament Director manual.
3. Nominations for At-Large openings—discussed by Mueth during his board report.
4. Adult program—meeting in August for motions on how to proceed.
5. Webpoint communications. Motion of “Webpoint driven communications will be allowed for Region sponsored activities of other approved activities in which Gateway Region members receive a benefit. Approval will be granted by the Region Commissioner.” Motion accepted as written. **Palmer/Ryan. MCU.**
6. SpikinIt—discussion and recommendation of site for this year’s event. Motion to accept Kirkwood Athletic Fields as site for 2016 event. **O’Day/Ryan. MCU.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Add position of Jr Outdoor Coordinator to Advisory Board. Motion to accept Joe Diemeke as new Jr Outdoor Coordinator. **Weber/Ryan. MCU.**
2. Gateway events posted on AES (Cusumano). Discussion held to suggest Gateway events be listed on Advanced Event Systems in order to ease communication, process payments, team acceptance, results validated very rapidly. Need information on cost per team, suggested that it may be \$2.50 per team? This item to be added to survey to be sent out. No motion or vote.

3. July tryouts for High School girls (Cusumano). Discussion of site availability, team and player animosity, lack of time for the junior players to have summer vacation and time with families and increase in juniors injuries due to lack of rest periods. This item to be added to survey as well. No motion or vote.
4. Membership numbers (Cusumano). Discussion of ways to recruit new members as related to increasing bid allocation, cost effectiveness, increasing membership in outlying areas within Gateway region. No motion or vote.
5. Bid Event improvements. Motion to accept wording from Executive Board to change Bid Event bracket to use play-in format in the event ranking if more than 16 teams enter a division to play down to a 12 team final bracket. Motion accepted. **Clauss/Ryan. MCU.**
6. Tie Break sets at Regionals. Motion to accept wording from Executive Board to change Tie Break sets will not be used at Junior Regionals since all teams advance to playoffs. Motion accepted. **O'Day/Weber. MCU.**
7. Switch seeding in Bid Event to avoid club conflicts: Motion of "Seeding will NOT be switched at the Bid Event to avoid club conflict." from Executive Board accepted. **Palmer/Ryan. MCU.**
8. Struck from agenda.
9. Event scheduling (GirlsFest). Item to be added to survey. No motion or vote.

## **Elections**

Executive Board:

1. Junior Coordinator—Motion to accept Chris Clauss as Junior Coordinator for next term until 2019. **Mueth/Ryan. MCU.**
2. Treasurer—Motion to accept Shane Webber as Treasurer for next term until 2019. **Mueth/Clauss. MCU.**
3. Secretary—Motion to accept Matt Ryan as Secretary for next term until 2019. **Mueth/Palmer. MCU.**

**Meritorious Service Awards:** nominations for 5 meritorious service awards to be sent to Neels as soon as possible, to be awarded at August meeting.

**Motion to Adjourn. Palmer/Ryan. MCU. 7:40 pm.**

## **Meeting Dates:**

August 5, 2016

December 2, 2016

