

**General Board Meeting  
Gateway Region USA Volleyball  
DATE: March 4, 2016  
Minutes**

**Called to order: 6:35 pm**

**Present: Tim Neels, Chris Clauss, Don LaChance, Augie Werner, Debbie Palmer, Steve Mueth, Matt Ryan, Shane Weber, David Bosch, Cary Cusumano, Jodie Fowler, Bryan Pieschel, Mark Sicking, Andy Martin, Tony Stratman.**

**Absent: Joe Flanigan (proxy to Augie Werner), Matt Kalisiak (proxy to Matt Ryan), Shenee Boyle (Pouyer to read), Ken O'Day (proxy to Don LaChance), Debbie Palmer (proxy to Chris Clauss), Shawna Stover (proxy to Steve Mueth).**

**Staff: Randi Tyler, Linus Shyu, Melissa Pouyer, Donna Mayer**

**Additions to Agenda:** none

**Approval of minutes** – Motion to approve minutes from Dec 4, 2015. **LaChance/Weber. MCU.**

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Commissioner – Neels no report.

Associate Commissioner – Steve Mueth: elections in May 2016, At Large members to be voted on are Ashley Scanio, Dustin Cutts, Jodie Fowler.

Treasurer –Weber, all OK.

Secretary – Ryan: no report.

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss:2 incidents being investigated and resolved. Increase in transfers between clubs.

Scorer Chair –Palmer: few problems,new Regional I scorer (Chris Kays).

Referee Chair – Werner: Held 3 referee certification sessions to date. Possible 15 new officials. No National or Jr National officials candidates this year. Nicki Fisaga retiring her National Scorer badge, Greg Perkins retiring his Jr National badge. New Solid color jersey rule implemented.

Women's Coordinator – Stover:no report/not in attendance.

Men's Coordinator – LaChance: season going well, meeting in June to discuss Adult tournament and membership.

Outdoor Coordinator – Stratman: no report.

Education Coordinator – Boyle: IMPACT clinics finished, had a total of 8 classes with 120 coaches being trained. Coaches clinic poorly attended. Video to be posted on YouTube. Coaches Clinic to be held in Perryville May 28<sup>th</sup>. CAP to be hosted again in 2017.

Staff Reports –Tyler: Girls Fest had decreased attendance. Need to evaluate and possible continue with different dates. Boys Fest to be moved to Indianapolis in 2017, February 3-5<sup>th</sup>. 2018 dates will return to STL and will be weekend after President's Day. Spring events are on the website.

Shyu-membership as increased a little bit. No problems with SafeSport. Updates on computer are working, Regionals info posted on website..

Pouyer- IMPACT and Referee updates. New solid color jersey rule update.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Outdoor/Sand referee clinic certification.  
Training to be held April 29<sup>th</sup> (classroom) and April 30<sup>th</sup> (ratings) with Augie Werner and Keith Murless. Fees go directly to USAV Beach Commission. Local rating for region area sand courts, Zonal rating for USAV commission to be eligible for collegiate officiating opportunities. The \$2000 fee will be enough to cover the fees.
2. 2017 Boys Festival.  
Boys Festival to be held in Indianapolis in 2017 Feb 3-5<sup>th</sup>, Friday to Sunday. This enables freedom to explore different levels and have additional teams play in a Qualifier.
3. Junior Beach Qualifier.  
Registration is ready but facility already discussed is not acceptable, ongoing search for facility with no alcohol.
4. Webpoint Communications.  
Discussion held and motion that "Any request to send out general message to membership through Webpoint to be sent to Commissioner and staff and email a/o vote for appropriateness or acceptance and limit of one email per quarter". Motion was not second and tabled to May meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Extension of Provisional I Referee certification.  
Motion to extend Provisional I Referee certification through December 31<sup>st</sup> with completion of appropriate clinical refresher courses in Webpoint. **Werner/Clauss. MCU**
2. Safe Sport.  
Motion to require Jr Coaches and Officials (referees and scorers) to complete SafeSport by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 and recommend that all parents complete it. **Clauss/Ryan. MCU**
3. Officials for Jr Regionals. Discussion held about availability of certified officials for regionals and options for insuring all courts are covered.
4. Nominations for At-Large positions in General Board. Three positions are open for vote at the May 6 meeting. Scanio, Cutts and Fowler. Any nominations to Steve Mueth.
5. Adult program. Meeting in June to discuss Adults and membership.
6. News of new 12 court facility being constructed in Cape Girardeau area.

## **Meeting Dates:**

August 5, 2016

December 2, 2016

**Motion to Adjourn LaChance/Clauss. MCU. 8:06pm.**