

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: December 4, 2015
Minutes**

Called to order: 6:28 pm

Present: Tim Neels, Chris Clauss, Don LaChance, Augie Werner, Debbie Palmer, Steve Mueth, Dustin Cutts, Cary Cusmano, Bryan Pieschel, Ashley Scanio, Matt Kallisiak, Shane Weber, Ken O'Day, Tony Stratman, Shenee Boyle.

Absent: Matt Ryan (proxy to Steve Mueth), Shawna Stover (proxy to Don LaChance)

Staff: Randi Tyler, Linus Shyu, Melissa Pouyer

Additions to Agenda: Addition of a Beach Vball Qualifier for Jrs in GW region.

Approval of minutes – Motion to accept August 7th 2015 with the following note:

Chris Clauss report for August meeting to state: Items from Annual May meeting include discussion of changing the design of the volleyball used in competition—more discussion will continue before any decision is made. Develop a different level of IMPACT certification required for first year Coaches or an emergency last minute Coach to fulfil a team obligation for a tournament. Change for bid threshold passed. **Palmer/Stover. MCU.**

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels: Shane Weber voted in as new Treasurer.

Associate Commissioner – none

Treasurer – no report.

Secretary – Ryan: no report./not in attendance

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss: few problems encountered with Girls Registration.

Scorer Chair –Palmer: few problems, going smoothly.

Referee Chair – Werner: Dates of ratings for new/increasing certification levels. Alternate days possible for new applicants. New Vball complex in Belleville near Our Lady of Snows Shrine.

Possible candidate for Jr National certification and will attend camp at GJNC. April 1 is deadline for application.

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

Men's Coordinator – LaChance: Continuing investigating increasing Adults and graduating collegiate athletes to play in our area. Friendship mode. Survey out to team reps for Adult Regionals had poor response.

Outdoor Coordinator – Stratman: no report.

Education Coordinator – Boyle: IMPACT training report. Coaches Clinic same as last years Coaches. Cap training will lapse this year and be taught again in 2017.

Staff Reports –Tyler: 4 dates of SEMO tournaments. Boys Fest attendance. 2018 as year to split Girls/Boys Fest.

Shyu-meeting update from RVA mtg in Denver.

Pouyer-Mentor training updates. DCRs available in office. IMPACT and Referee updates.

Merchandise meeting with Dan @ STLSportswear to discuss logos and orders.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Announcement of new Treasurer, Steve Weber. Motion to accept Steve Weber as new Treasurer for Gateway Region. **Clauss/Palmer. MCU.**
2. Safe Sport for all Board members. Motion to require all Board members to include GW staff members to complete Safe Sport training before March 1, 2016. **Clauss/Palmer. MCU.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Automatic waivers for area code 217 tryouts. Motion to accept wording from Executive board which states that Motion to accept automatic waivers granted for clubs that reside and play in area code 217 and to allow Linus Shyu/Staff members to determine those waivers in addition to Commissioner decisions. **Clauss/Palmer. MCU.**
2. Bid Acceptance for Girls 18Us. Moved from Executive Board. Discussion held about teams designating which bids they would accept for GJNC. Motion add line on entry letter designating which bid team would accept (National or American or either) for the team. **Mueth/Palmer. MCU**
3. Electronic copy of Binding Commitment Letter. Discussion of acceptance of alternate forms of acceptable Binding Commitment Letter. Motion to accept photographic copies or emailed copies of signed Binding Commitment Letters. **Clauss 1st Palmer 2nd. MCU.**
4. New Referee category—Suggested that a new category of Referee be designated in the GW region to accommodate Mentors and Coaches to assist with high volume/high demand weekends where there are not enough Certified officials to cover the event. Discussion held about necessary online training and what pay rate and events they could be used for. Possible category name of “Qualified” officials.
5. Webpoint communications. Discussion held about acceptance parameters for electronic communications with members.
6. Update to Tournament Sanction policy. Motion to reword current policy to state:
“Limited Junior tournaments will be allowed on the weekends of the Junior Regional Championships and Girls Bid Event.
For Junior Regional Championships: No tournaments will be allowed in St Louis city/county, St Charles county, Jefferson county in Missouri and St Clair, Monroe and Madison counties in IL. For geographic areas OUTSIDE these counties, tournament sanctions will only be allowed in the age divisions opposite the age divisions of the Junior Regional Championships.
For the Girls Bid Events: No tournaments will be allowed in the St Louis city/county, St Charles county and Jefferson county in Missouri and St Clair, Monroe and Madison counties in Illinois.
Adult tournaments will be allowed with no restrictions.”
Palmer/Clauss MCU
7. Junior Beach Qualifier for the Gateway Region. Would be 2 day event during Summer.
Location of facility?

Motion to host Junior Beach Qualifier in Gateway Region as a 2 day even during Summer with the understanding of acceptable loss of \$5000 on event. **O'Day/Palmer. MCU.**

8. Dates for meetings in 2016:

March 4th

May 6th

August 5th

December 2nd.

Motion to accept dates in 2016 for board meetings. **LaChance/Palmer MCU.**

Motion to Adjourn Clauss/Palmer. MCU.