

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: August 7, 2015
Minutes**

Called to order: 6:38 pm

Present: Tim Neels, Matt Ryan, Chris Clauss, Don LaChance, Shawna Stover, Augie Werner, David Bosch, Cary Cusumano, Matt Kalisiak, Bryan Pieschel, Ashley Scanio, Mark Sicking, Shane Weber, Joe Flanigan, Tony Stratman, Shenee Boyle, Kyle Kaiser.

Absent: Steve Mueth (proxy Stover), Debbie Palmer (proxy Chris Clauss)

Staff: Linus Shyu, Melissa Pouyer

Additions to Agenda: Safe Sport for Board members, GW night at SLU Volleyball, R1 entry refund timeline.

Approval of minutes – May 8, 2015 Ryan/Stover. MCU.

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels: Treasurer resigned, recommendations to Steve. Election results.

Associate Commissioner – none

Treasurer – (Neels): Randi training on reports and has partial tournament results that can be requested. Current balance does not include possible expense of moving the office in the future

Secretary – Ryan: no report.

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss: See attached.

Scorer Chair – no report

Referee Chair – no report.

Women's Coordinator – Stover: Spikin' It and survey for 2016.

Men's Coordinator – LaChance: Investigating increasing Adults attendance and participation, perhaps a questionnaire for input by players.

Outdoor Coordinator – Stratman: no report.

Education Coordinator – Boyle: CAP I had 36 attendees from 11 states. 26 were favorable about returning for CAP I. 20 attendees had fees paid by college/coach. Did not break even on cost of event and cancelled CAP II due to lack of registration. Balance of lost revenue due to meals and incidentals that were not budgeted for. CAP I and II for 2016 agreed upon. Better planning and budgeting and pricing compared to national data. Coaches Clinics in/around Jan 9th 2016 at SLU, SAED and Truman.

Staff Reports –Tyler(Neels): read Randi's report and gave balance in GW account but also given alert of possible future expenses related to relocating office.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 18s and under GJNC: bid award must be done at the event. Entry form will have wording to state acceptance of bid in which division. National and American division bids to be allocated in March 12-13th 2016 weekend.

Motion to give all region 18s allocated bids at the March 12-13th 2016 weekend event. Stover/Cusumano. MCU.

2. Revisit R1 refund, Stratman. Discussion on affordability and logistics on team refunds when tournament did not provide paid R1 when promised.

**Motion to keep policy as written but tabled and can be revisited as needed.
Ryan/LaChance. MC.**

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Meritorious Service Awards. Dennis Lafata Meritorious Service Awards 2015 presented to
Carl Ritter Jr
Dan Smith
Ron Stewart
Bryan Pieschel
Val Ikemeier
2. Bid Event Determination. Discussion about dates and overlapping of dates of known Qualifiers held. Possible confusion with THS and bid acceptance timing. Members voiced opinions on waiting to hear information from THS to have May 7,8 2016 or April 16, 17 2016 and not wait on THS for Girls 12-17s.

Motion for a vote on designating April 16, 17 2016 as Girls Bid event. Clauss/Ryan. MC

- 3.. Regional Events:
April 2-3 2016 for older Girls 15,16,17.
April 9,10 2016 for younger Girls 11, 12, 13 14s
April 16-17 2016 for Boys 11-14s
Jan 23-24 2016 Boys High School
March 19th for CoEds and 10s

Motion to accept dates as stated above for Regional Events. Ryan/Clauss MCU.

1. Tournament analysis—Neels gave report on Donna's information about tournament data per team.
2. Safe Sport. Current requirements are that Club Directors and JrNational and National referees are the only persons required to take Safe Sport. Recommend that all board members take it and date deadline is March meeting in 2016.
Motion to require all board members to complete Safe Sport training by March 2016 meeting. Clauss/Martin.MCU
3. Gateway night at SLU volleyball. Discussion was about the specifics of the event as in reduced attendance fees for GW members, and date of game Sept 5th. Some board members stated that this should be available for any collegiate game not just SLU and it was recommended that August board meeting be deadline for colleges to apply for acceptance as Gateway night in the future.

Motion to send email to all members who are not "Do not send" status with alert of Gateway night. Stover/Weber. MCU

4. Entry fee refund timeline. Discussion held to determine standardized time line of refunds for entry fees on tournaments not held.

Motion to define time standard as being that a refund should be issued and postmarked 14 days after event cancellation as policy. Weber/Ryan.MCU

Meeting Dates:
December 4, 2015

Motion to Adjourn Ryan/Flanigan. MCU.