

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: May 10, 2013
Minutes**

Called to order: 6:30pm

Present: Tim Neels, Steve Mueth, Debbie Palmer, Chris Clauss, Nicki Fisaga, Donna Mayer, Shawna Stover, Tony Stratman, Dennis Nosco, Linus Shyu, Mark Sicking, Bob Crank, Holly Luenemann, Hilary Bennett, Don LaChance, Donna Gunning, Linda Jensen, James Atteberry, Matt Ryan (guest)

Absent: Shannon Loso (proxy to Mueth), Augie Werner (proxy to Mueth), Brad Bruns (proxy to Neels), Tom Schaefer (proxy to LaChance), Ken O'Day (proxy to B.O'Day), Chris Dickey, John Yehling, Joe Flanigan, Frank Buggs, Kyle Kaiser, Kevin Stapleton-Cloud, Jodie Hempen, Maureen O'Neill, Becky Czuppon, Shane Weber

Additions to Agenda: None. Approval of Agenda, LaChance/Stover, MC

Approval of minutes - March 1, 2013 Nosco/O'Day, MC

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels: format changes at events went well. Lawsuit update with status and expenses.

National meetings at the end of May.

Associate Commissioner – Mueth: Elections at the end of the meeting. Nominations for At-Large directors open until May 30, info is posted on the Gateway website homepage.

Treasurer – Schaefer: Absent. Neels gave financial report.

Secretary – Bruns: Absent. Neels informed he will not re-run for his position.

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss: general issues: player ineligibility, coach misconduct, player fees, parent misconduct. May meetings will discuss age cut-offs, changing BJNC format to pools of 6. Will schedule a year end junior forum. Date and location will be posted on website and emailed to club directors.

Scorer Chair – Palmer: no report.

Referee Chair – Werner: Absent. Neels reports update on potential USAV rule change. Current rule allowing multiple contacts on the first ball will stay. Online clinics for officials keep improving. More changes coming for next season.

Women's Coordinator – Stover: season went pretty well. 7 teams going to Nationals: 55&over, 2 A, 4 BB.

Men's Coordinator – LaChance: everything went well this season. 11 teams going to Nationals: 1 AA, 2 A, 3 BB, 5 B.

Tournament Coordinator – Jensen: general tourney behavior needing improvement from parents and coaches.

Outdoor Coordinator – Stratman: Tuesday & Sunday night vball leagues at West Park Bowl.

Education Coordinator – Loso: Absent.

Staff Reports:

Mayer: Reallocation bids given to Gateway in many divisions for GJNC. In addition to the 18 adult teams attending nationals, 30 girls teams and 12 boys teams so far will be attending. The Bid Event final finish vs. rank report was distributed and based on the report the ranking system was again very effective.

Fisaga: Boy's Festival will be in the Convention Center next season. It will be a 3 day event. Spikin' It is July 13 & 14 this year. An entry form will be posted by the beginning of June. The event will still be at the Khoury Fields. We've added a summer session for the Developmental League. Each session we grow, there is definitely a need for this program.

Werner: Overall heard positive feedback on the mentors this season. New ideas to improve training session for next season. Meeting with Loso to organize summer coaches clinics. There is one final IMPACT clinic scheduled for June 2 at Kirkwood CC.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. 10 and Under / 8 and Under - tryouts vs sign ups: Staff will present policy for approval at August board meeting.
2. Clubs offering scholarships - Shane Weber will further research to create a set of guidelines for the Jr. Handbook.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 Awards for jr events: revisit minimum requirement. Suggestion:
21 or more teams: individual medals for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams unless playoff divisions (e.g., gold/silver/bronze) are used, in which case awards should minimally be given for 1st and 2nd place in the top division and then for first place in any lower playoff divisions. Nosco/Executive Board **MCU**

2. Regionals wrap-up
Few unreasonable complaints about bracket play but overall format was well-liked. Fisaga reported costs were even from last year but gym costs are rising and would like the board to consider a fee increase.
Motion: Raise the entry fee to \$250. Crank/Stover **MCU**

3. Bid event wrap-up
General discussion on bids in 13s division with Nosco. He'd like to propose a format change to the schedule. Neels explained why this would not work for this type of event. Board wants to keep it the same for next season and see if the issues resolve themselves. **Motion:** Raise the entry fee to \$250.
Mueth/Crank **MCU. Motion:** 11s cannot enter the Bid Event. Crank/Stover **MCU**

4. Election – Jr. Coordinator, Secretary and Treasurer
Motion: Elect Chris Clauss as Jr. Coordinator by acclamation. **MCU**
Secretary Nominations: Matt Ryan & Tony Stratman. Matt Ryan elected as Secretary.
Treasurer Nominations: Tom Schaefer & Shane Weber. Tom Schaefer elected as Treasurer.

Meeting to Adjourn:, Palmer/O'Day MC

Meeting Adjourned: 8:14pm

Meeting Dates:

August 2- 6:30pm

December 6- 6:30pm