

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: August 5, 2016
Minutes**

Called to order: 6:44pm

Present: Tim Neels, Steve Mueth, Shane Weber, Matt Ryan, Chris Clauss, Debbie Palmer, Ashley Scanio, Don Lachance, Cary Cusumano, Joe Diemeke, Joe Flanigan, Shenee Boyle

Absent: Augie Werner, Tony Stratman.

Staff: Linus Shyu, Melissa Pouyer, Donna Mayer

Additions to Agenda: Meritorious Service Awards, Neels report; Use of GATEWAY name for a League name. Motion to accept additions to the agenda. **Palmer/Ryan. MCU.**

Approval of minutes – May 6,2016 Motion to accept meeting minutes. **Palmer/Ryan. MCU.**

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels. Meritorious Service Awards-Dale Woodson, Keith Touzinsky, Ruby Winschel, Zach Young, Janet Howes.

Associate Commissioner- Mueth. Election results. Marla Brunk, Jodie Fowler and Todd Lyons to fill 4 year terms and Andy Halaz to fill 2 year term vacated by Weber. 147 ballots cast. Future use of new website or Survey Monkey for increasing voter compliance.

Treasurer – Weber. Financials OK.

Secretary – Ryan. No report.

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss. Working on Handbook edits for 2017.

Scorer Chair – Palmer. No report.

Referee Chair – Werner. No report, absent.

Women's Coordinator – Scanio. Change in Adult format.

Men's Coordinator – LaChance. No report.

Outdoor Coordinator-Stratman. No report, absent.

Education Coordinator—Boyle

Staff Reports:

Linus Shyu: Spikin'It report—possible sponsorships for next year to reduce costs for 2017 event. Website update—meeting with web designer for layout & design and plans to go live with new website in November. AES—cost associated with using AES with Bid Event. Price of approx. \$1300 for using AES. Possible raise in cost of event to cover the additional fees.

Melissa Pouyer: new logo from USAV that is available to be placed on juniors uniforms. Different sizes available. Rules available for iron-on placement on jerseys.

Donna Mayer: Growth of membership report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Outdoor/Sand referee clinic certification. Still working on scheduling.

2. Junior Beach qualifier final report. Joe Diemeke reports event broke even with funds allotted for event. Would like to propose doing 2 events in 2017 season. **Motion to request USAV to host 2 JBT events. Diemeke/Ryan. 9 For, 1 Abstain. Motion Carries.**
Budget outreach funds available from USAV grant funds. Beach events will be discussed in December meeting. Need to formulate inclement weather back up plan. Memorial Day weekend as possible first event date.
3. Adult program. See attached document for changes recommended. Friendship membership for first event registered for, any additional events attended will require paying the balance of the full membership fees. **Motion to accept recommendations to policy. Palmer/Clauss. MCU.**
4. Gateway events on AES. Bid event entry. **Motion to accept \$15 increase in fees to cover fees incurred in using AES for event entry and will only apply to events with paid Officials. Lachance/Palmer. MCU.**
5. Survey results. Survey results available for review upon request to Linus Shyu. Full document in Excel format, large document. Several different items and results data discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Approval of GW tournament calendar for 2017.
G18 Bid event, March 12, 2017. **MCU.**
CoEd 10U event, March 25, 2017. **MCU.**
G17-18s Regionals event, April 8-9 2017. **MCU.**
G15U Regionals event, April 22-23 2017. **MCU.**
Girls Bid Event. May 6-7 2017. **10 For, 4 Abstain, 0 Against. Motion Carries.**
2. Meeting date calendar approval for 2017. **Motion to accept future meeting dates of March 3, May 5, August 4 and December 1st, 2017. Lachance/Palmer. MCU.**
3. Early season 14U-split season for Illinois girls Juniors. Discussion held. Topic tabled, no motion proposed.
4. Use of "GATEWAY" name in league which is combination of Power and Premier leagues. Discussion held. Motion to allow the use of the name "Gateway League" and allow an exclusion to the current policy and will name exclusion will be reviewed on an annual basis. **9 For. 5 Against. 1 Abstain. Motion carries.**

Motion to Adjourn. Palmer/Lachance. MCU.

Meeting Dates:

December 2, 2016
March 3, 2017
May 5, 2017
August 4, 2017
December 1, 2017

