

Meeting Dates:

General Board Meeting

Gateway Region USA Volleyball

DATE: May 5th 2023

Attendance: Mueth, Wood, Ryan, Palmer, Kirk, Stratman, Mckee, Shyu, Price, Kmattingly, JMattingly, Wilson, Hanger(zoom), Zelei(zoom), Kloess, Kinnaman, Kailisiak(zoom)

Agenda-

Motion to approve Agenda- Mueth 2nd Wood

Additions to Agenda: Ryan Palmer 2nd Agenda Passed

Approval of Minutes – Motion approved by Ryan Palmer 2nd

Meeting Start-7:03pm

Board Reports:

Commissioner – Mueth- Mueth stated we are at the end of our indoor season, only 2 outdoor events left. Shyu is compiling a list of boys club, Shyu has started a data base from aes and aau nationals. To make sure we are reaching out to all the clubs for Lafata. Mueth will be attending the may meeting in Dallas in 2 wks. Mueth will be bringing up transgender issues and Kirk brought up the jersey specifications. Issues with Navy and black numbers even with white outline. Issue is if it wasn't brought up at a National Qualifier why at Nationals. Tournament dates are not finalized bc of adjusting.

Associate Commissioner – Ryan- Executive board elections tonight. We will accept nominations for those next week.

Treasurer – Weber – no report

Secretary – Pieschel-

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss.- no report

Scorer Chair – Palmer – No Report

Referee Chair – Kirk- Trish Knight was approved for Junior National. She will be eligible in July.

Men's Player Representative – Stratman No Report

Women's Player Representative – Wood – no report

Beach Coordinator – Rodgers No Report

District Rep Reports- Robbins, Nieder, McKee- Robbins commented that if a team is ranked in the top part of the rankings should they play in the proper division. Mueth asked if it is safe to say that if you are in the top 15% that you have to play gold/silver. Mueth will have some data put together to see if that is useful.

Staff Reports –

Shyu- Survey monkey is ready and will be open after the meeting. Nomination will end June 1st. 2 at large seats are up for re-election. 10 regionals grew by 7 teams. Venues are being contacted for next season. Spikin it fields are all reserved.

Wilson- Refs had good responses from tournaments. And Final Rankings will be up Monday

K. Mattingly- Numbers are up. Mattingly said bc of great club directors we have 60% growth this yr.

J. Mattingly- Good profit this yr.

Motions

1. All 18s BIDs to be given out on one weekend (Donna Mayer Gateway Bid Event), thus eliminating League Bid Weekend.
Mueth-all in favor- motion passes
2. Freedom BID will continue to be awarded at the Gateway League BID Weekend. The trickle down will now occur within that event until the Friday prior to the Donna Mayer Gateway BID results at which time if the freedom bid is brought into the event, it will trickle down in the Donna Mayer Gateway BID Event.
Mueth – all in favor- motion passes
3. All reallocated BIDs awarded to the region will be awarded at the Donna Mayer Gateway BID results .-
Mueth- all in favor-motion passes

JA Rep-Clauss-No report

Gateway Bid-Shyu 45 more teams sign up this yr vs the highest number in the past. 172 in total.

Donna Meyer Bid-

Beach- Mattingly- getting with Rogers to coordinate. Mueth asked about number vs last yr. 14 Signed up as of today which is lower than usual for this time of year.

Tryout Updates- Girls HS are still going to be July 21st starting at 5pm. JR high Girls will be 3rd weekend in Oct. Boys is the weekend after labor day.

NEW Business

Ryan gave out Mentorious Service awards to Cynthia Mckee, Julie Kinnaman and Brittney Winters

Mueth spoke about the Transgender issues in USAV. Kloess said that it was a biological female transitioning to a male. Kloess stated that when a girl is transitioning to a boy that certain hormones are being taken that could be considered performance enhancing. Mueth stated there is no policy for girls identifying as a boy. Mueth said he will be bringing this up at the Dallas meeting this month. Some sort of policy or check should be done to make sure nothing that could be considered performance enhancing is being over looked. Ryan brought up that testosterone levels should be at a female level before playing. Palmer mentioned that if there is testing on one side there should be testing on the other team.

Boys Regional Format- Asked to transition boys regionals to a 2 day format following the girls format. (pool play sat bracket Sunday)

Motion to change boys regionals to 2 day format like girls.

Mueth- Motion to pass- all in favor- motion passed

Teams not accepting bids at a bid event- Mueth explained that we don't allow teams that already have an open bid to play in the bid event is so they don't mess with the integrity of the event. There is no policy about a team entering the bid event and not accepting the bid as of right now. Mueth asked the board if we should put a policy in place that there is a penalty for entering and not accepting the bid. The bid event is there for teams to win and accept the bid vs just playing good competition knowing they aren't going to accept the bid. the executive board put a motion together that states: If a team enters the event and declines the bid the day of the event that the club, director and all adult members on the roster will be banned from any regional bid event for the following 2yrs. This is in line with the National policy. I will be posted on Gateway website and emailed to all clubs for our bid events only. The player will not be penalized only the coaches, and adult members that are on rosters and club itself.

Mueth- All in favor-passed

Ryan-

Referee chair- All in favor-Kirk- Passed

Womans player rep- All in favor- WOOD- passed

Associate commissioner-All in favor Palmer- Passed

Score Chair- All in favor -Winters- Passed

Sunday Meetings Aug 6th

Motion to adjourn meeting (Mueth) Palmer 2nd

Meeting ending: 8:14pm