

**General Board Meeting**  
**Gateway Region USA Volleyball**  
**DATE: August 3, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Called to order: 6:34 PM**

**Attendance: Steve Mueth, Shane Weber, Chris Clauss, Ashley Scanio, Debbie Palmer, Jodie Fowler, Cary Cusumano, Matt Kalisiak, Joe Flanigan, Tony Stratman, Dan Laure, Jennifer Morecraft, Brittney Winters, Linus Shyu.**

**Proxy: Werner to Flanigan, Martin to Flanigan, Pieschel to Cusumano, Lyon to Kalisiak, Halaz to Cusumano, Fastenau to Weber, Kleekamp to Weber, Boyle to Weber, Klump to Weber.**

**Additions to Agenda:**

Presentation of USAV Junior Assembly awards:  
Kathy Gettinger: Outstanding Parent Award  
Karen Schmitz: Outstanding Female Coach  
Dan Smith: Outstanding Program Director

**Approval of minutes – May 4, 2018**

Motion to approve minutes: **Palmer/Scanio MCU**

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Commissioner - Mueth: Steve has been meeting with all of the advisory board members. Steve still needs to meet with Shenee. Chris and Steve will set up a time to hold a junior forum with club directors to get feedback and to look at what we can change. There will also be an adult forum at an establishment and free food will be provided. The Executive Board has approved Matt Ryan to take the Associate Commissioner position, Bryan Pieschel will become the Secretary, Don LaChance will be stepping down as the Men's Player Representative and Tony Stratman will step into the Men's Player Representative position. The Executive Board has been looking at doing a board reconstruction. The Executive Board will remain the same. The At-Large directors will continue to be elected in the same cycle. During each cycle, there can only be one member of a club in each class. Members would be expected to attend 75% of meetings over the 3-year term. Members would also be expected to participate in helping at Region events. We are looking at training another Junior Player Representative to learn Chris' roles in the event that she would no longer serve at the Junior Player Representative. We are looking at dividing the region into 9 districts. Each district would have a representative on the board. All clubs would get 1 vote. We are also looking at putting a college representative on the board.  
Associate Commissioner-vacant.

Treasurer - Weber: Financials are good, merchandise netted \$30,000 more than last year. Using the facilities at Cape Girardeau saved us about \$17,000 this year

due to lower court costs and less site director fees. We netted \$27,000 in our events on top of the \$30,000 profit in merchandise.

Secretary - Ryan: absent.

Jr. Coordinator - Clauss: Things are quiet, Chris will work with Linus on the handbook. Chris is working with staff on Club Information Nights and Mock Tryouts.

Scorer Chair - Palmer: We are having a retirement party for Tim on September 9th at Helen Fitzgerald's. Everyone should be there by 12:45 pm.

Referee Chair - Werner: Discussion of changes to certified requirements.

Women's Coordinator - Scanio: 6 adult teams total went to nationals. A men's team took 2nd place in A at nationals. Women's team took 4th in BB. Ashley is working on sponsorships for the Adult Beach Championships and will contact local college alumni associations to let them know how to get involved with adult volleyball in the Region.

Men's Coordinator – LaChance: absent.

Outdoor Coordinator – Stratman: Tony is working on marketing to adults in the Gateway Region. We need to look at creating a newsletter for adults. Tony will share his list of ideas when he is done fine-tuning it.

Education Coordinator – Boyle: absent.

Junior Outdoor Coordinator – Laure: We has 73 teams at the Beach Open and 69 teams at Beach Bash. A girls 12U team took 2nd in the Regional Division at Nationals and a girls 16U team took 3rd place in the National Division. We have set dates for next year and will be using STL Sandbar next year. Dan will also look at bringing some more adult AVP Next beach tournaments to the Region next year.

Staff Reports –

Morecraft: setting up Mock Tryouts on October 6th. We are also setting up Club Information Nights, and working on the Adult Beach Championships with Ashley. We will be working with Missouri S & T to run a beach clinic for the grant program and with Greenville College to run a boys clinic in the spring.

Shyu: Working on the website, waiting for USAV to update their documents to add them to the website.

Winters: We got approved for running the USAV wholesale program. We will have some USAV items available for sale. We lost money last year on the Beach Events and Spikin' It, this year we profited on those events. Spikin' It sponsors helped us a lot this year. Discussion of logos for our events.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Boys/Beach Grants: We were given \$10,000 for this grant. Last December, we voted to offer a \$20 membership to new boys members 15-18s. This will use about \$3000 of the grant money. Donna will reimburse the clubs for this money. We are setting up a beach clinic with Missouri S & T and a boy clinic with Greenville College.
2. Election Results: All 3 of the candidates were re-elected into their role. Voting was down from last year. We may look at using an online voting system in the future.
3. Junior Beach Events:  
 Gateway Beach Open – May 25-26 – at STL Sandbar  
 Gateway Beach Bash – June 8-9 STL Sandbar on Saturday, TBD on Sunday  
 Getting a banner made to hang at STL Sandbar. This will include our event dates and our social media information.
4. Spikin' It: Tony suggests holding Spikin' It the third weekend of July on the 20th and 21st.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mock Tryouts-staff is looking for a facility for October 6th.
2. Club Information Nights
3. Event Logos-discussion of presented logos. Spikin' It shirts will be black.
4. Adult Beach Championships: 12 teams signed up already. Jen is sharing on social media. Ashley is working on getting sponsors.
5. Housing: We met with someone who is going to block out hotel rooms for Cape Girardeau tournaments. We will not lose any money, we will receive comp rooms for referees and staff. This would highly benefit us the first two weekends at Cape Girardeau and should save us around \$3000.
6. 2019 Event Dates

Boys HS Regionals and Boys Winter Kick-off – Sunday January 6 at Cape Girardeau  
 SEMO Tournaments – Saturday February 2; Saturday February 9; Sunday February 10; Saturday March 2  
 Boys National Bid Event – Saturday-Monday Feb 23-25  
 Girls 18s Bid Event – Sunday February 24 at Convention Center  
 Coed 10s Regionals – Saturday March 23 at Lafayette  
 Boys GS Regionals – April 6-7 in St. Louis  
 Girls GS Regionals – weekend 1 – April 6-7 at Cape Girardeau 12-14s  
 Girls GS Regionals – weekend 2 – April 13-14 at Cape Girardeau 11-13s  
 Girls HS Regionals – April 13-14 in St. Louis  
 Girls 11-17s Bid Event – May 4-5 in St. Louis  
 Gateway Beach Open – May 25-26 – at STL Sandbar  
 Gateway Beach Bash – June 8-9 STL Sandbar on Saturday, TBD on Sunday  
 Spikin It – July 20-21

We are going to group HS regionals in St. Louis and middle school regionals in Cape Girardeau the same weekend to avoid having a tournament on Easter.

7. 2019 Meeting Dates: We are going to keep meeting dates on Friday evenings every quarter for the next season. When we restructure the board, we will open discussion for holding meetings on different nights and possibly for video conference.
8. 25th Anniversary Celebration: We are looking to do an anniversary celebration by doing a party in conjunction with Spikin' It on Saturday night. We will try to get food trucks, inflatable slides/pools, and a DJ or small band.
9. Increase automatic 3-set match fee from \$30 to \$35 for referees.

**Palmer/Fowler MCU**

10. The Gateway Region will provide full rulebooks to all referees in training and to all certified referees in the Gateway Region and above, up to 100 books per season. USAV charges \$15 for these. Currently we only provided the abridged version. **Weber/Fowler MCU**

11. Motion to require a \$250 refundable deposit from teams participating in the referee/scorer clinic for small clubs that is hosted by the Region in order to ensure attendance. If a team has a minimum of 6 players show up to the clinic, they will receive their deposit back.

**Palmer/Clauss MCU**

12. 2019 Certified Referee Requirements. Motion to require Gateway Region referees to work 2 days of Gateway Region sponsored events in order to maintain their certification for the following season.

**Clauss/Fowler MCU**

13. Use of Gateway name by non-Gateway sponsored events. There is some confusion about who is sponsoring the tournament. Motion to continue to allow Gateway League to be used. 15 vote in favor, 5 vote not in favor.

**Motion to Adjourn: 8:09 PM Palmer MCU**

**Meeting Dates:**

December 7, 2018

March 1, 2019

May 3, 2019

August 2, 2019