



COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2021

Members Present

Tori Barto, Carrie Kreidler, Adam Ellis, Nick Hacker, Cohen J. Emmert, Craig Parker, John Downey, Lindsey Gay, Angela Timmen, Greg Clark

Members Absent

Nathan Blankenship, Erik Anderson

CEVA Staff Present

Cody March, Matt Fischer, Alix Montoya

Meeting called to order by Adam Ellis at 5:32pm.

ED Report & Financials

Now that power league has started, CEVA has been able to bill for team fees. FY2022 preliminary budget has been shared with the Finance Committee and is still under review. The primary focus is getting Regionals in the black. This will be reviewed in more detail at the June BOD meeting.

Standing Committee & Council Reports

Officials' Committee: Still receiving positive feedback and trying to have a good message with the officials. There is great feedback from the BOD from this last weekend of power league for the QR codes to get info out to those who are interested in becoming an official.

Junior Girls Committee: Last meeting was March 29th to review power league seeding and it went well.

Junior Boys Committee: Nathan not in attendance, Cody provided the update. Scheduled to meet April 19th, agenda TBD. Last meeting reviewed the NW Boys Tour schedule. Discussed potential for a scholarship fund specifically for boys and hope to explore what grants are possible for this.

Diversity & Inclusion Committee: The D&I committee is aiming to bridge the gap with the BOD and hopes to make a better connection, so the committee is hoping to put together a training session for the BOD. Planning a fundraising grass tournament for Juneteenth at Culley Park in NE Portland. Next meeting is April 15th.

Policy & Appeals Committee: Sanction given against a CEVA member that was appealed through the appropriate policy and appeals process and was unanimously upheld. That sanction runs through 11:59pm on April 18, 2021.

Nominating & Elections Committee: Below nominations discussed and voted on individually.

- Jay Kudlicka – CEVA Junior Boys Committee: Motioned by Ellis, second by Downey.
- Theresa Dreves – CEVA Nominating & Elections Committee: Motioned by Parker, motion not seconded. Angela and Cody will review how to let her know.
- Arica Nassar – CEVA Diversity & Inclusion Committee: Motioned by Ellis, second by Downey.
- Alyssa Pratt – CEVA Nominating & Elections Committee: Motioned by Kreidler, second by Downey.
- Lindsey Gay – CEVA Finance Committee: Motioned by Downey, second by Clark.
- Jennifer Murczek – CEVA Nominating & Elections Committee: Motioned by Downey, motion not seconded.



Adult Committee: Next meeting scheduled for April 14th. Lindsey working with Cody to draft a letter for city commissioners for how we can partner with them in the future. Kaiao is researching existing leagues to pull all opportunities together. They also are researching different facilities to see who is willing to host adult tournaments in the future since they have primarily held them at the Courts up to this point.

Tournament Reports & Power League Updates

Friendship tournaments held in March were successful. Power Leagues held this last weekend for 14s and 16s were successful considering it has been 13 months since the last power league and high praises are sung for the CEVA staff for pulling off these events.

Regionals Update

CEVA is hitting a wall with the Metro Council group that interprets the state's guidance for how many teams can play at once per hall at the Portland Expo Center. CEVA has given PEC a deadline of May 1 to advocate for CEVA as a customer to be able to run Regionals, otherwise this may be a force majeure from the contract and our rental fees may carry over to 2022. If Regionals cannot be held at PEC, the CEVA staff will review how to run a satellite version of Regionals with a championship event.

National Meetings / RVAA Proposals

National meetings begin the last week of April. Membership fees will likely be increasing for next year by \$5 to cover the insurance price increases. Starting in 2021-2022 the background screening fees will be \$15 per calendar year rather than the current \$30 every other year. New national audit standards are going to be adopted by CEVA and will be reviewed to the fullest extent to implement them moving forward.

Bylaw Revisions

Non-Emergency Declarations: The full BOD was not in attendance, so the Non-Emergency revision proposals will be circulated electronically. Motion by Downey, second by Hacker.

Emergency Declarations & Suspension of Elections: From a business perspective, Cody does not feel that we face this emergency anymore. However, he does see a benefit in adding this language to the bylaws for future use. Motion is to approve the three revisions proposed for Article III, Section 4; Article III, Section 7; Article IX, Section 5. Motion by Parker, second by Downey.

Based on the bylaw revision, Cody is not willing to declare a state of emergency that would require the BOD to vote on confirming that. Because of this, the Nominating & Elections Committee must begin immediately working to fill the open positions. Cody is tentatively planning to open elections on June 1st and to hold them open for two weeks.

Next Meetings (all 5:30 PM unless otherwise noted)

Monday, June 21, 2021

Meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

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Tori Barto
Board Secretary

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Date Approved