

Junior Directors' Meeting of the Great Lakes Region

17 September 2006

Brother Rice High School

Commissioner Lea Wagner called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm by having Assistant Commissioner Donna Smith make some general announcements:

Candidates for the elected representative positions would be asked to give a brief summary of their volleyball background to the directors prior to the elections.

The insurance certificates for the new season are not in. Sites that remain the same as last year are automatically renewed. Sites that are new this year will submit the request now and then the certificate will be re-issued after 1 November 2006.

Mailing lists are currently made available for use for mailing publicizing camps. Should the lists be allowed to be used for other reasons?

The High Performance program was discussed.

Lea announced that, once again, Great Lakes Region would be a site for a stand-alone tryout.

Lea and Angelo talked about the costs of the Region High Performance Program. Both lauded the efforts and work of Julie Wiejak and Sue Keck. However the Region has spent \$122,000 over 5 years on the program, including \$27,400 for the 135-150 players that try out. The bulk of the money is spent over the course of the 4 days that the teams compete in the National High Performance Tournament. The Board made the decision to stop funding the program feeling that the money could be spent differently and have an impact on a greater number of athletes. The Board has allocated \$30,000 to defray costs for teams that qualify for all divisions of Girls JNCs and the Open Division of Boys JNCs.

Discussion from the floor mentioned that the High Performance program provided opportunities for athletes that did not get a chance play at a national caliber event to do so. Further discussion centered on the lack of follow through by the national level on the originally publicized aims of the program.

Mike Hulett brought up the creation of the Boys High Performance program and a Boys High Performance Championship.

Lea introduced the Junior Representatives to the Board of Directors that were in attendance:

Dave Soller, Cheryl Butler, Mike Hulett, Andy Erins, Holly Danielson, and Denis Bergstedt. Denis Kavanaugh was introduced as an outgoing Representative; Denise is choosing not to seek re-election to the Board.

Lea also introduced the Officers that were present:

Lea Wagner, Commissioner; Donna Smith, Assistant Commissioner; and Angelo Iasillo, Comptroller and Region Tournament Director.

Donna Smith went through the Club Packets with the current season's forms and concurrent procedures:

Do NOT use the old forms; they do not have the correct fees.

Membership forms are only required for those people that go through the background screening process.

Although it helps, and hospitals may need them, Social Security numbers are NOT 100% necessary on the medical release forms. NOT providing the number on the medical release form could delay treatment and processing of forms.

The Player/Guardian Responsibility Sheet now replaces the former Word to the Wise. A signed copy of this is required from all athletes.

The Great Lakes Region code of Ethics is now the Club Personnel Policy sheet. The USAV National Code of Ethics is still the same.

There is a link on the Region website for those individuals NOT needing to go through the background screen this season.

The 1 page authorization for the background check is sent to Lea. No registration can be done until the person clears the background check. Forms MAY still be sent to Donna Smith and she will hold them until she receives a clearance from Lea.

Everything in the packet can be downloaded.

The major change in the Club Personnel form includes new columns that list the HEAD COACH or the ASSISTANT COACH.

Expect online registration next year.

2 Different Medical release forms; use the form requiring notarization only if competing in Florida.

Impact Manuals are not received yet; dates for the clinics will be set when the manuals are received.

Coaches who are under 18 years of age may be helpers on teams but may not be HEAD coaches – may not be solely responsible for a team.

The Regional Qualifiers will be the last week of April 2007 (18/17/16/15) and first week of May 2007 (12/13/14).

There is no date set for the Coaches' Clinic. Rather than just find someone, it may not happen this year.

ELECTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES

The newly elected/re-elected representatives to the Board are:

Girls 18s: Cheryl Butler Girls 16s: Kathy Steele

Girls 14s: Deb DiMatteo

Boys 18s: Denis Bergstedt

Boys 14s: Joel Anderson

Tournament Director:

Angelo's Cell phone number is (312) 504-6796. He has it with him all of the time. If something is not right at the tournament you are playing in, call him.

Sanction fees are the same as last year.

On the website, YELLOW means the tournament was added within the last 3 weeks; MAROON means the tournament was cancelled.

If the playing site is a new site, Region approval is required prior to use.

Carry medical release forms at all times you are with your athletes.

Inform Out of Region teams about the Region policy of the younger boys teams being allowed to compete in girls tournaments: Boys 10s, 12s, 13s, can play in the same age group girls tournaments; boys 14s must play in Girls 15 tournaments.

Keep the playing sites clean: athletes can be thrown out of the facility by the tournament director for creating/leaving a mess.

Parent Behavior is becoming an issue: Tournament Directors can/should remove parents if the behavior warrants it. Call the police if the parent comes after an official.

ATHLETES CANNOT WARM-UP, PLAY OR OFFICIATE (unless fully certified) without a head coach at courtside.

National Meeting:

Mike Hulett gave an extensive report on the competition changes and field size changes from the national meeting. This report will need to be added as an addendum.

Reminders were given about the results reporting process. Keep this up-to-date especially for those teams wishing to compete in the Region Qualifier. If you need to enter results against an Out of Region team, contact Donna Smith and she will make the additions to the website.

Discussion ensued about running a Regional Championship that would be open to all teams. After much discussion it was decided that a separate meeting would be needed to discuss this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denis Bergstedt.