

GLR BOD Meeting Minutes

Sunday, May 6, 2018

6:00 PM

Commissioner- Sandy Abbinanti - Welcome

In attendance: Kathy Steel, Terri Baranski, Tolis Koskinaris, Mike Hulett, Trish Loverde, Lorelee Smith, Devonie McLarty, Paul Ickes, Angelo Iasillo, Kim Greenback and Sandy Abbinanti

Please:

- Note that all Executive Session minutes are not included in the Public Copy of the minutes, but kept on the Region's shared file
- Remember, we conduct our meetings under a modified Robert's Rules of Order a.) Raise your hand and be acknowledged to speak, b.) Discussion may begin after a motion has been presented, c.) No person may speak twice to the same issue until after everyone else has had a chance to speak, d.) there is a 10 minute limit to all discussion, if more time is needed an extension may be requested
- Be aware that a BOD member must never use information gained through his or her position for personal gain and must always act in the best interest of the corporation.

Welcome the newly elected WCPL Chair – Joel Anderson

Power League Directors – names and clubs they represent – Chair, Joel Anderson, Terri Baranski (Uno), Mike Bui (Wildcats), Kathy Steel (Celtic Force), Mike Falk (Net Force), Scott Harris (Sky High), Sebastian Acevedo (Evolution), Ryan Summers (Epic) and Sue Keck (1st Alliance)

The committees: 1) Job description for the WCPL coordinator 2) Schedules 3) Formula for hosting 4) Calendar

There will be a vote on the: League entry fees, League coordinator, Coordinator's stipend, Officials' assigner stipend and recommendations for bids.

Next meeting – May 9th

Commissioner's Report - Sandy

- *Compliance issues – Executive Session*

Club's need to abide by any wording within their own club handbook

General Discussion:

- SafeSport program – only good for one year, then it will go on a two year cycle (90 minutes), master case log
- New time frame for Alleged Allegations 120 days
- USAV Staff update; *Kristy Cox was promoted, Tom Pingel's position was eliminated.*
- A snap shot of the NCAA D1 Women's Recruiting calendar changes are as follows:

Dec 1 to Thursday before President's Day is now a Quiet Period, meaning DI women's coaches cannot be off campus recruiting, and May 1 through Thursday before 1st weekend in June is also a Quiet period (this extends the current May quiet period through the Memorial Day holiday). These regulations apply only to DI women's coaches. College coaches in other divisions (DII, DIII) and associations (NAIA, NJCAA, CCCAA) are free to recruit when they choose. These changes will go into effect August 1, 2018 and, therefore, do not impact any events schedule the rest of this club season.

- Strategic Planning Review:

Challenges – Marketing, recruiting violations, WCPL lacks top notch competition, adults, competing with JVA, and movement on boys 'side to AAU

Recruiting – Is there a way to simplify the system? 1) Make club directors responsible, and may be held liable for the actions of their employees (seeing too many “hired guns”), 2) Apply stronger sanctions (including financial sanctions?), 3) Club personnel may not talk to a committed player except for a simple salutation, 4) GLR BOD should be on the hearing committee, 5) X number of complaints against a club or individual triggers a stronger sanction.

Devonie will help write the wording for this.

Is there a way to get around the athlete testifying? Could they provide a notarized statement?

Recommendation -The coach must bring a current roster for every tournament.

Membership – Kim Greenback, Report was distributed at the meeting.

1,860 full adult members, 12,403 full junior members

Decrease in adult membership and overall junior membership; increase in junior boy participants within the region. The number of members we are down from last year, as of this date - 468

WCPL – 374 teams in the 2017-2018 season.

There is a direct correlation between girls' junior membership and WCPL teams.

Many hosting sites are not requiring all members to register for “in-house” leagues, but under their own insurance. WCPL Board will work on the wording for this.

The Great Lakes Region reserves the right to refuse entry into any GLR sponsored event to any individual/club or team that may disrupt/distract/adversely affect the tournament and/or Great Lakes Region's mission/goals/objectives or otherwise have the potential to adversely affect the reputation of the Great Lakes Region and/or USA Volleyball.

Finance and Budget – Angelo Iasillo: Report was distributed at the meeting.

The Region has \$912K in reserve money, profit loss is right on target, and WCPL profit will go towards national assistance for teams.

Structure – Sandy Abbinanti, WCPL Chair will be invited to present at the BOD meetings

Girls' Division – Kathy Steel and Terri Baranski:

There have been questions regarding the WCPL and recruiting.

Boys' Division – Tolis Koskinaris and Mike Hulett:

USA bid is great for many local teams, though it was tough to determine in the beginning exactly who belonged in the USA division. 15 Open was a great level of play in the area this year. 14 Boys were amazing. Palos Points is the Premier Boys league in the area.

Update on the June tournament in Anaheim

Mike - Many teams go to California for end of year competition. The California teams participate because of the location but Southern California lost the Anaheim site because of an AAU date. So the tournament will be held in San Diego.

Tolis will poll the teams regarding a possible Boys' Tournament run by the Region in May.

2016/2017 Qualified Teams

14 Open (2), 15 Open (3), 16 Open (3), 17 Open (2), 18 Open (5)

Qualified Teams 2017/2018

14 Open - SPVB 14 Elite- Declined Bid,

14 USA - None,

15 Open - Serve City 15 National, SPVB 15 Elite, Hitman 15 Elite, Chicago Bounce 15 Red, Ultimate 15 Gold

15 USA - None,

16 Open - Hitmen 16 Elite, SPVB 16 Elite, D1 Elite 16 Green, Uno 16 Elite, Chicago Bounce 16 Red

16 USA - Ultimate 16 Black, Adversity 16 Black, Hitman 16 Black, SPVB 16 Alpha

17 Open - Ultimate 17 Gold, Adversity 17 Purple

17 USA - Ultimate 17 Black, Pipeline 17 Airmax, Ultimate 17 Blue, CVC 17 Adidas, Chicago Bounce 17 Blue, Ultimate 17 Navy

18 Open - Pipeline 18 Nike, SPVB 18 Lenny, SPVB 18 Elite, Adversity 18 Purple, Ultimate 18 Gold, Hitman 18 Elite, D1 Elite 18 Green

18 USA - Adversity 18 Black, SPVB 18 Delta, SPVB 18 Alpha,

Teams in Palos Points

14s - 1) 22, 2) 20, 3) 27, 4) 12, 5) 19

15/16s – 1) 69, 2) 74, 3) 79, 4) 70

17/18s – 1) 76, 2) 81, 3) 76, 4) 66

Possible issues for next year: What to do with 16 teams playing in 18 points series for first couple dates?

- *Possible Open/USA division for Points' series*
 - *Some 16's teams had played in the 18's then drop down to the 16's because you can sign up for both. Adam spends hours working on seeding to make all as accurate as possible.*

Adults - Trish LoVerde

Renew efforts for a Region run Adult Tournament the first weekend in May.

Trish will talk to Kyle about helping with more men's tournaments/involvement

Lorelee will distribute information to local colleges about adult involvement after college

Here is the breakdown of teams representing the Great Lakes Region for Nationals this year (in Dallas):
23 teams: Men's Divisions, 13 teams: Women's Divisions, None -Open/PVL, 8 teams: AA, 9 teams: A,
7 teams: 3 teams: BB, 9 teams: B, Masters
Total: 36 teams entered from the Great Lakes Region

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| Adversity 45 | Men's 45 & Over | Moser, Billy |
| baDDecisions | Womens A | Clarkson, Lara |
| Chicago Coast | Men's B | Johnson, Phil |
| Chicago Crush | Women's A | DelZenero, Nikki |
| Chicago Deep Dishin | Women's BB | Lee, Jessica |
| Chickens | Men's B | Clark, Ryan |
| Degenerates | Men's A | Karstens, Tim |
| Dig This | Women's 50 & Over | Komes, Margie |
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| Dino Hunters | Men's AA | McCown, Jason |
| Drive VC National | Men's A | Estrada, Eli |

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| Duders | Men's BB | Spano, Nick |
| Hot Mess | Women's A | Brasch, Amanda |
| IOS Squad | Women's BB | Keeney, Jacey |
| Kill Capital REDUX | Men's BB | VanderLinde, Grayson |
| Lady Chickens | Women's B | Nush, Stephanie |
| Late Arrivals 110-1 | Men's BB | Beckett, Robert |
| Luau Chicago | Men's AA | Reid, David |
| MercSquad | Men's AA | Esquivel, Gustavo |
| Overkill | Men's BB | Lynde, Matt |
| Papakoa 50 | Men's 50 & Over | Murphy, Don |
| Papakoa 55 | Men's 55 & Over | Murphy, Don |

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| Papakoa 65 | Men's 65 & Over | Murphy, Don |
| Papakoa 70 | Men's 70 & Over | Murphy, Don |
| Regulators | Men's AA | Julkowski, Joe |
| Set to Kill | Women's A | LoVerde, Trish |
| Sluau Chicago | Womens AA | Hohl, Kimi |
| Smack Elite null-1 | Womens AA | Newton, Tara |
| Smechnito | Men's 60 & Over | Mihel, Robert |
| Southside Bangers | Men's AA | Denson, Ryan |
| Summit 40's | Men's 40 & Over | Sandberg, Jeff |
| Sweed | Men's AA | Smith, Jordan |
| Swingers | Women's BB | Litton, Laura |
| Tap That Pass | Women's A | Massey, Katy |
| Tequilla Mockingbird | Mens A | Snyders, Nathan |
| The Homies | Men's A | Oliveric, Elvis |

Officials – Mary Malpede

- Two new candidates rules clinics and one R-2 clinic for existing officials
- Three beginning camp for candidates
- Three new candidates rating sessions and one rating for existing official's upgrades

New Candidates: 29 new candidates signed up for the process. 27 completed the process, 23 passed and are now Provisional Officials: Aaron Floyd, Don Sachoff, Lauren Wiltsie, Ken Krawiec, Scott Hannagan, Adrian Rosu, Bonny Kuenster, Matthew Gruenwold, Ryan Horihan, Alama Matthews, Nick Spano, Steven Van Zee, Katie Vanderkooi, Irving Wide, Jeffrey Cullen, Michael Flowers, Thomas

Gilbert, Guillermo Hernandez, Sherri Hudson, Vlasios Kotsifas, Gregory Linder, Kristin Martin, Daniel Rodriguez, Gary Williams

Regional Upgrade: 6 individuals went through rating process for Regional upgrade: Antwoine Jackson, Anthony Oligney, Cinque Robinson, Scott Sheets, Sharon Walker, Aaron Woods.

Four Junior National Candidates – Miguel DeLarosa, Mike Walling, Stan Wiedman and Greg Liput

Paul Zickert, one our officials but now coaching for Badger just received his national patch.

Rating Team: Special Thanks goes to Denis Bergstedt and Devonie McLarty. Denis was instrumental in coordinating the raters, clinicians for advanced and upgrades. Devonie brings her National and International expertise to every event she attends. Both individuals are there to help existing officials become the best they can by mentoring, critiquing, and evaluating. Kudos goes to the Great Lakes Region and our Officials' Cadre.

Devonie-all complaints and professionalism should be reported to Mary.

Officials are looking great and continue to improve every year

Beach – Lorelee Smith

Our Beach program continues to grow. More clubs are taking controls of their programs and requesting schedules.

Kim will send Lorelee complete club director's emails within the region for reference.

Junior Beach Volleyball 2017 -2018 ABT and JBT have joined forces – USAV National Beach Tour

2018 Beach Summer Notes:

- 1st Newsletter went out in April. It was being requested for as early as March 3rd. Clubs are starting to really jump on beach and approach it like they do indoor.
- 2nd newsletter will go our early May
- Our summer tournaments scheduled for the region are:
 - June 3 at 4 Lakes
 - June 17 at Montrose
 - June 24 at Montrose
 - July 1 at Montrose
 - July 21 at 4 Lakes
- None are national qualifiers as they changed their requirements for hosting. I have requested that they all be regional point allocation tournaments but have not been responded to yet.
- Our area is hosting a qualifier and HP event the weekend of June 9th. Chicago Sand Volleyball is running both events.
- NJCAA just approved Sand VB.

Tournament Director – Dean Hoskin

As of May 1, 2018 we have a total of 272 Junior Sanctions and 21 Adult Sanctions. I was informed of and cancelled three (3) junior tournaments and three (3) adult tournaments. We also cancelled and deleted all of the sanction requests for Energy Tournament Series per their request.

Evaluations– Kathy Steel

There will be a full discussion of the process in November.

Old Business

We still are in need of an Independent Director.

New Business

Sponsorships – Paul Brackey from Chicago Event Management could possibly accept GLR as a client; he runs marketing for Shamrock Shuffle and Chicago Marathon.

USAV announced the Volleyball Nations League Men’s Event will be held at the Sear’s Centre on June 15-17, 2018. It will involve the United States, Poland, Serbia and Iran.

2019 Dates:

Open in Columbus May 24-29, 2019

Girls in Indy June 27-July 6, 2019

Boys in Dallas June 30 – July 7, 2019

Girls’ 18 in Dallas, April 26-28, 2019

USAV is still working on HP

Fall meeting: November 11, 2018 – Burr Ridge office

Spring Meeting: *June 2, 2019* – Burr Ridge office

Motion to adjourn: *Motion by Kathy and seconded by Terri. Approved unanimously*

WCNQ Agenda

Update- Sandy and Angelo

- Housing – 6037 Peak Nights, 17,435 Total room nights, Teams - 746, Courts - 126
- *The ADIDAS Windy City National Qualifier received an award – 2017 Champion of Economic Impact in Sports Tourism. The award was published in the November/December edition of Sports DESTINATION MANAGEMENT magazine.*

- *Hotels at other qualifiers have had some major quality control issues- Wyndham Jade/MCI USA has made sure this has not been an issue. We have refunded if there was an extenuating circumstance*
- *Only major issue has been a team getting backed up on a court and tickets and those issues are being learned from*

Motion to adjourn: *Motion by Trish and seconded by Paul. Approved unanimously*