

Great Lakes Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, July 19, 2008
Minutes of Meeting

This meeting was conducted at Cocina Roma, Westmont. Sandy called the meeting to order at 6:15PM.

Members present: Sandy Abbinanti, Donna Smith, Angelo Iasillo, Scott Harris, Ann Marie Dolan, Denis Bergstedt, Alan Feder, Mary Malpede, Cheryl Butler, Dean Hoskins, Paula McAleese, Mark Cimaroli, Laverne Nagel, Lorri Cozzens, Joel Anderson, Kathy Steel, Deb DiMatteo and Joe Gedvillas.

Members not present: Andy Erins, Mike Hulett, Erin Lorenz, K.C. Johnsen, and Lea Wagner.

Sandy asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Denis motioned to approve the minutes. Joel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Positions – Sandy

Sandy announced the appointment of Dean Hoskins as Director of Region Competition. The board approved unanimously. Sandy also appointed Mary Malpede & Denis Bergstedt as Co-Official Chairs. 12 Passed, 1 Abstention

Officials Report – Mary

Discussed rule changes for the upcoming season including the “libero” uniform rule. Libero may wear an undergarment which must be contrasting to the team uniform. Coaches must be 1.75 (5ft. 10”) meters from sideline. A revision will be made for the GL region.

Denis announced Felix Madera received his National rating. Denis discussed how the rating system worked for officials and how some changes will be made in the future. There was some discussion regarding National candidates and securing them the correct level matches prior to attending Nationals

Mary reported on requirements/disqualifiers regarding background checks for officials. Donna reminded the committee the region is not informed as to why a member is not cleared during the background check.

USA National Meetings – Sandy

Sandy discussed the new organizational chart for the National BOD. The new BOD will be in place for the October meetings. Sandy announced girls USA Nationals will be in Miami, the boys will be in Atlanta and the adult Open will be in Minneapolis.

NAVR (National Association Volleyball Regions) a 501c Corporation- Sandy spoke about many of the commissioners meeting in the May meetings to discuss a new association. Angelo stated the new association asked all regions to send in some “seed” money to get the NAVR started. Donna Smith explained AAU’s, IHSA, NAGWS, NCAA, YMCA, etc. are “member organizations of USA Volleyball and pay no dues to USA Volleyball. NAVR is requesting to be a “member organization” of USA Volleyball. The region would not go into this venture without the approval of the Board of Directors. Sandy stated the region will do whatever they feel is in the best interest of its members. Sandy stated more information regarding this association should be known by the October meetings.

In January 2008 the national office made two by law changes. The first being the USAV office had the right to deny any sanction request and secondly USAV has the right to dissolve any region if they are not in “good standing.”

Sandy and Donna discussed the USAV online registration system. Due to realignment of the USA Board of Directors the region has decided to hold off at least one more year before implementing the USAV system.

USA National Junior Meetings – Cheryl

During all national qualifiers and bid events the officiating team must provide an adult or certified junior player to act as the second referee. For 14 and under competition an adult must be at the scorer’s table during the match.

If the rostered adult coach on the officiating team is not actively officiating he/she must be seated at the scorer’s table.

The YJOVD recommended the 18 & under division of the Girls JOVC not to begin competition prior to the first Monday after the last Sunday in June or the final four days of the JOVC. This motion was supported by the Competition Committee.

The YJOVD motioned at all Boys Qualifying events, where four or less bids were offered they would trickle down no further than 10th place and no further than 16th place when greater than four bids are being offered. This motion was supported by the Competition Committee.

Libero uniform requirement will be in effect in 2011.

Competition committee will separate pre-qualified teams in a qualifying event.

Dave Gentile was elected as the YJOVD representative to the ROD.

Volleyball Extravaganza – Sandy

September 14th will be conducted at the U of Chicago. There will be several meetings for Adults, Juniors, Officials and coaching clinics available to all members. The region has secured two large meeting rooms and two gyms. The region has secured John Kessel for the clinic. More information will be released at a later date.

Financial Report – Angelo

Angelo stated there is close to an \$60,000 surplus for the fiscal year based on the region no longer offering a hard copy newsletter, GL region high performance program and increase in junior membership. Denis motioned to approve the financial statements. Kathy seconded. 17 passed, 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Beach Report – Joel

Joel reported he has a GL region beach committee made up of C. Kennedy, C. Butler, T. VandeSchraaf, Keith Kujawa and himself. They will be offering junior beach events beginning next summer (2009) within the region.

New Business

Angelo made a motion that the Corporation (GL) cap employee medical benefits at \$500 per month, per employee. Kathy seconded. The committee discussed the motion. 13 passed, 2 opposed and 1 abstention. Motion passed.

Angelo made a motion to rescind the automatic 3% raise for our employees and now tie the increases to recommendations by the officers review committee, after an annual review. Joel seconded. 14 passed, 2 abstentions. Motion passed.

Next meetings will be conducted November 16 (Sun), March 13 (Fri) and July 17 (Fri).

Alan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.