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**Minutes of the Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
Great Lakes Region (GLR) - USA Volleyball (USA V)
Sunday, March 13th, 2011
Pompeii Restaurant – Chicago, IL**

In Attendance: Sandy Abbinanti, Donna Smith, Angelo Iasillo, Paul Ickes, Lea Wagner, Mary Malpede, Dean Hoskin, Joe Gedvilas, Janet Galvin, Jeanine Hoskin, Mark Cimaroli, Mike Hulett, Scott Harris, Dan Ames, Keith Kujawa, Cindy Gritzman, Paula McAleese, Deb DiMatteo, and Alan Feder.

Absent: KC Johnsen, Pam Campbell, Sean Gritzman, Erin Lorenz, and Lori Cozzens.

1. Welcome:

The March 13th, 2011 BOD Meeting for GLR of USA Volleyball was called to order by Commissioner Sandy Abbinanti at 6:28 PM. Donna (son) and Lea (niece) spoke briefly about family in Japan following the earthquake and tsunami. Sandy asked all in attendance to remember all those affected in their thoughts and prayers.

2. Sandy then stated that the meeting will be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes- Sunday, November 21st, 2010 GLR BOD Meeting- ALREADY APPROVED.

4. Standing Committee Reports: Brief reports, due to a number of issues that needed to be addressed, were presented by the following with varied documents distributed:

Commissioner's Report – Sandy:

Things have been crazy!

- 9 suspensions (varied reasons)**
- possibly an appeals committee coming**

Membership – Donna:

Donna shared the following information:

We are OK- versus last year; we are actually ahead at the same point now regarding membership. Overall, the numbers are good!

Finance- Angelo:

- At present, less than \$20,000.00 off budget- a welcome surprise!**
- Reserve fund in place- with some surplus hoped to provide clubs assistance for nationals this year.**
- Lea mentioned the issue of Archer Bank, Angelo concurred and promised to examine a change ASAP**
- Credit card fees have exceeded \$20,000.00 due to WEBPOINT- Angelo hopes to negotiate down for next year.**
- An Executive Motion passed to move to a paperless/ electronic mode for payments of various things like officials checks- the initial cost would be about \$500 but would save much money in the larger picture. Motion passed unanimously.**

Structure and Function: No Report.

Juniors : No Report.

Beach – Paul:

Paul has updated a small pamphlet highlighting some information and opportunities for sand/ beach volleyball in the Chicagoland area for both juniors and adults. A copy of the brochure was distributed at the meeting and is available from Paul for all interested parties.

Since our last Board meeting, no beach activities have occurred in GLR due to weather obviously; however, a good number of contacts, meetings, and planning for the following beach activities has occurred in GLR for sand volleyball:

PLANNING FOR EVENTS:

The following activities are planned for the upcoming late spring and summer beach/ sand volleyball season in GLR:

Sunday, May 22nd – USA Beach Programs High Performance Tryout

Times: Boys/ Men- 8:00 AM-12:00 PM Girls/ Women- 12:00-4:00 PM

Tentative Location: 4 Lakes Recreation Facility in Lisle, IL

More information and sign-ups:

<http://usavolleyball.org/volleyball-disciplines/beach-volleyball/junior-beach-programs/high-performance-tryouts>

Saturday, June 18th- 1st Annual Great Lakes Region Junior Sand Volleyball Tournament and Officials Certification Event

Start Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Montrose Beach Courts- Lake Michigan Shoreline in Chicago, IL

(This will also serve as the Region Qualifier for the National Junior Beach Volleyball Tour)

POINT OF INFORMATION: GLR currently has 5 certified beach officials.

Saturday, July 23rd - USA Volleyball Beach Programs National Junior Beach Championships

Location: North Avenue Beach Courts- Lake Michigan Shoreline in Chicago, IL

Start Time: TBA

This is the first time that the national championship will be held outside of California or Florida. USA Volleyball Beach Programs has included GLR in their top list for future beach volleyball development of junior beach/ sand volleyball in the United States.

For more information on the June and July events above:

<http://usavolleyball.org/news/2011/02/24/2011-beach-junior-tour-bigger-than-ever/41105>

<http://usavolleyball.org/volleyball-disciplines/beach-volleyball/junior-beach-programs/usa-beach-junior-tour>

FUTURE GOALS: In light of the increased development and enthusiasm for the beach/ sand game, especially NCAA Division II (spring, 2011) and Division I (spring, 2012) for women, GLR will continue to focus efforts in the following areas:

CONTINUED COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION, AND EVENT DEVELOPMENT:

- Continued regular communication and collaboration with Ali Wood-Lamberson and her staff from USA Beach Volleyball Programs and Rick Schantz from the Elevation Group.

<http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/39399> - link for recent USA Volleyball Partnership announcement with IMG.

<http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/39544> - establishment of USA Beach Volleyball Cadre

<http://usavolleyball.org/news/article/37431>- New Olympic Training Center for USA Beach - Chula Vista, California

http://www.usopenbeachvolleyball.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1:press-release-march-8-2011&catid=1:press-release - US OPEN OF BEACH VOLLEYBALL PRESENTED BY CORONA LIGHT COMES TO CINCINNATI

<http://usavolleyball.org/volleyball-disciplines/beach-volleyball> - complete information on development at all levels

→ The opening stories in the March 10 edition of Rotations highlight sand volleyball developments at many levels.

- Continued communication and collaboration with USA Beach Programs, the Elevation Group, IMG, and the AVCA for future coach, official, and player development.

We are also hoping to schedule some programming- player/ coach clinic(s) - for this summer now that we know what the event schedule will be. We may be able to wrap some clinics for coaches and players around these events.

- Continued communication and collaboration with GLR clubs, GLR Board, and other leaders in GLR in further developing beach sanctioning, training, and programming in GLR.

Please feel free to contact me at any time- whether for sanctioning, program development or reporting, or for any other questions or suggestions related to Beach Volleyball in our Region.

Thanks for your time and efforts! Paul Ickes- GLR Beach Chair
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Adults- No report.

TD –No Report.

Officials – Mary Malpede:

Mary Malpede; Officials Chair
Devonie McLarty; Rating Coordinator
Sean Doheny; Junior Development Coordinator
Jeanine Hoskin; GLR Assignor

Candidates: We have had over 60 candidates that contacted us with interest in becoming an official. 27 followed through with all requirements.

New Provisionals: 13 new officials have passed their written and practical and are now working.

New Regionals: 5 existing officials have been upgraded to Regional status this year.

Jr. National: Two officials will be going for their Jr. National this spring.

National: Two officials will be going for their National rating this spring.

Camp sessions are dates that we offer to either candidates (beginning camp) or existing officials (advanced camp). Both camps were implemented this year with great success. The success rate from the beginning camp was almost 100% of camp attendees receiving their rating.

SCOREKEEPING/R-2 TRAINING:

This season we have conducted 11 clinics, using 9 clinicians at various times. The average class size was 20 players and 3 coaches. 3 clinics were cancelled by club directors.

There is still a need for further training. If complaints are made on a specific club Sean Doheny should be notified and he then offers our services. Unfortunately not all take him up on the offer; some say that it takes too much time away from practice, even though the region pays for the clinicians they have to pay for court and classroom. Unless there is some type of sanction for teams that do not meet a minimum requirement we will not move forward. We will discuss further at our officials committee meeting scheduled for April 4th.

SCHEDULING:

Jeanine Hoskin is our region assigner;

- Assigning goes well except on days for the power league. On these dates it is very difficult to fill open slots because of the decrease in our official's availability because of other responsibilities and commitments.
- Some referees are being overworked which causes fatigue and that causes mistakes.
- Now that we have our first year almost under our belt hopefully we will be able to choose dates sooner for next year's Windy City Power League so we can anticipate "big" weekends sooner and prepare accordingly.
- There have been some complaints from tournament directors that cannot get officials and claim "WCPL gets priority"

Deb also brought up the issue of certifying college kids to help officiate, especially the younger divisions. (Junior Provisional) – The officials' division is investigating this possibility.

MOLTEN: Our Molten contract has been received, signed and will be in effect through 2014.

Evaluation- No Report:

5. **New Business: Sandy identified five issues that GLR BOD needs to examine, and she explained the process we would use to resolve the issues (small group discussions, then large group discussion and action.**

Topic #1

For girls only – Along with the abolishment of try out dates will athletes try out during the IHSA season as permitted by the IHSA rules?

RESULT: After small and large group discussions as well as several votes on varied motions, the November, 2010 motion remains in effect.

Topic #2

Angelo will give some background on this topic.

% for hosting a USAV sanction event or a USAV WCPL Date

RESULT: Again, after substantial small and large group discussions, a motion was presented for consideration:

MOTION: A club must have 100% of all registered girls membership in GLR to host a sanctioned tournament in GLR. (Motion made by Scott and 2nd by Deb)

In the ensuing discussion, Dean (sanction) and Donna (membership confirmation) brought up timing issues related to their roles in GLR regarding the motion.

VOTE: Yes- 8, No- 7, Abstain- 1 **MOTION PASSES.**

TIME RAN OUT TO DISCUSS AND VOTE ON TOPICS 3, 4, AND 5.

Topic #3

Keith will give some information from Erin

Recruiting rules- Keep them, ditch them or modify them?

Topic #4

Donna will introduce this topic

USAV considers indoor and outdoor one season. In GLR if a club doesn't provide an outdoor season when can the player leave their indoor team?

Topic #5

Criteria for hosting the GLR- WCPL.

6. Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Dean and seconded by Lea. The BOD vote was 16-0-0; **APPROVED.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next GLR BOD meeting- an added meeting- will take place at a place and time soon to be determined and communicated.

FYI: The July 2011 GLR BOD meeting will still occur on Sunday, July 24th.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ickes
Secretary- GLR