

**Great Lakes Region Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Saturday, November 16, 2008**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

This meeting was conducted at Marriott Suites, Downers Grove. Sandy called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Members present: Sandy Abbinanti, Donna Smith, Angelo Iasillo, Scott Harris, Denis Bergstedt, Mary Malpede, Dean Hoskins, Paula McAleese, Joel Anderson, Kathy Steel, Deb DiMatteo, Joe Gedvillas, Lea Wagner and KC Johnson.

Members not present: Andy Erins, Cheryl Butler, Joel Anderson, Mark Cimaroli, Lori Cozzens and Alan Feder.

Sandy asked for a motion to approve the 2008 Summer minutes. Dean motioned to approve the minutes. Kathy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sandy announced Lea was recently assigned as the National Arbitre for all regions.

Finance Committee - Angelo

Angelo stated the audit from Leonard and Company has been completed successfully and the 990 tax return has been filed. \$199,492 remains in reserve funds.

The committee polled the board members for ideas to spend the reserve. Some of the possibilities were to use \$25,000 to help defray team entry fees for those GL junior teams which qualify for the US Jr Nationals. \$250 max per team and/or to bring in a clinician for an officials clinic for GL region officials.

The Finance Committee recommends an increase for all general stipends including Jr Tournament Director, Adult Tournament Director, Jr Qualifier Coordinator, Adult Seeding Chair, Jr Seeding Chair, Officials Chair, Assignment Chair, Web Master and Adult Regional Director. The newsletter stipend remains the same. The committee recommends the region use approximately \$10,370 of the current surplus to cover the increases. Motion passed: 13 Yes, 0 No and 1 Abstention.

Structure Committee – Angelo

Committee distributed several structures for consideration. The BOD will take them under consideration and discuss them in March.

Officials Report – Mary

Denis has received some feedback from officials that they do not like the fact the region is not supplying an assignment chair. Many feel they are not receiving enough matches as many of the tournament directors assign the same officials for the entire year. The board offered many suggestions to the officials chair about helping officials receive more matches.

Following motions were made by the officials' committee:

1. An official must be fully certified to be paid for their matches.

Motion tabled by the officials' chair.

2. Officials should work no more than four best of three matches or two best of five consecutive matches at any tournament.

Motion passed. 10 Yes, 0 No & 3 Abstentions. Motion passes.

To date 106 officials have attended the yearly clinic and we have 22 candidates.

#### Evaluations – Kathy

Kathy presented a possible employee evaluation form. The board discussed when evaluations would take place and who would make the evaluations. Angelo stated if there were raises or reductions in salary they must be done by the March meeting each year.

#### Tournament Director – Dean/Paula

Junior Division:

Dean stated to date he has sanctioned 543 junior events. Dean is in the process of revising the tournament director's handbook.

Adult Division:

Paula stated there are thirty one sanctioned adult events.

Angelo stated the adult regionals will take place on May 16-17 at Palos Courts.

#### Extravaganza – Angelo

\$8,200.00 was the total cost of the Extravaganza. \$5.00 from each coach's impact fees will be used each year to help defray the costs. University of Chicago donated their facilities.

#### Mid Year Meetings, October 10-12, Colorado Springs, – Deb / Mike

Girls' Division:

Deb stated many of the junior girls' meetings were canceled. There will be a new junior qualifier in Kansas City, MO in April.

Boys' Division:

Mike stated the boys committee discussed the possibility of six team pools at the USA Junior Boys Nationals. They also discussed advantages and disadvantages for use of the best of five match play.

There is a push by the NGB to go to the SIX SUB RULE which would help develop more all around athletes however, it could decrease the number of athletes which play, increase parental complaints and decrease the number of athletes accepted on a club team.

Trickle down for boys qualifying events will drop as low as 10<sup>th</sup> place.

There was some discussion about a new USAV structure. A new junior assembly will have an administrative council of six people.

Sandy reviewed the topics which came up at the ROD meetings in October.

- Consent forms must be saved a minimum of “the age of majority plus three years”.
- Background screening DQ process: Certified mail will be sent to the individual, the club and the region.
- 17 year olds who turn 18 in season must also sign the membership form.
- There will be a National Beach Tournament next year.
- IMPACT is available on-line.

17 regions are now members of the NAVR

#### Chicago 2016 – Sandy

The Olympic committee met with Sandy and requested the region to develop a curriculum to teach high schools students how to coach and officiate in the city of Chicago.

Sandy met with the Chicago Public Schools. The region will be doing some type of mentoring program with the city school system.

Sandy met individuals from the American Sports Center in Anaheim. This group is interested in building in the Chicago and/or Lombard areas.

#### New Business

Mike stated the boys tournament directors need to get together to assign events to fill the events and not cancel so many tournaments. To that end Dean Hoskin will host a meeting for all boys’ Tournament Directors’ in early spring.

Sandy stated the region is still receiving outstanding debts from other clubs. She will contact our lawyers asking about the legality of this process.

Dean motioned to adjourn. Mary seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:52PM.

