

GLR BOD Meeting Agenda

Sunday, November 11, 2018

6:00 PM

Welcome

Commissioner- Sandy Abbinanti - Welcome

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 GLR Board Reps:

The May 6, 2018 GLR Board minutes were approved electronically, but a copy of the minutes are attached.

Commissioner's Report - Sandy

- *Compliance issues – Executive Session*
- *Stacey Lambert from the IHSA - A raffle for membership dues is legal because any student could chose to select a club that was offering the raffle and the raffle is open to all athletes in the club.*
 - *USAV Mid-Year Meeting Update*
- *Possible change of the try-out dates to right after USAV Junior Nationals.*

Pros:

1. *It evens the playing field with all potential JVA teams.*
2. *With rising costs in club sports, it allows parents to make payments over a longer period of time.*
3. *It doesn't affect new kids - you can have tryouts after the HS season as well.*
4. *It will generate more income in camps.*
5. *It takes all of the pressure off the kids during their HS season.*

Cons: It is a software program that we would have to purchase and have staff to manage it. All of the blame is on the athlete.

- *Should there be financial sanctions as well the written sanctions we already have?*
- *Club Directors may be responsible for the actions of their employees, agents, volunteers and any individual acting at the behest of their club. Our lawyers call this Vicarious Liability. Directors will be required to show proof of their due diligence in regard to educating their staff (employees, agents, volunteers and any individuals acting on the behest of their club) of rules, regulations and procedures from the Great Lakes Region and USA Volleyball.*

1. Should there will be financial sanctions (\$500 or higher), based on the circumstances and/or intent, if an individual is proven guilty. Should multiple sanctions within a certain time frame lead to stronger penalties? This information will only be available in the sentencing part of the sanction.

2. Is there a way around having an athlete testify? No, but we could set up SKYPE for the athlete/ parent and the hearing committee.

3. If an individual or club chooses to appeal the hearing committee's decision, should there shall be a \$500 filing fee paid in cash or bank check prior to the appeal being held in abeyance? The \$500 fee will be refunded in full only when the appeal results in an overturned decision.

Or should all of the expenses of the investigation be the responsibility of the club/person making the allegation?

General Discussion:

Membership – Kim Greenback

WCPL – There were 374 teams in the 2017-2018 season. *The Windy City Power League already has 497 teams; that's an increase of 123 teams and the deadline for submitting teams is December 1st!*

Justin Basovsky is the new assignor of the WCPL.

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:

Structure – Sandy Abbinanti

Girls' Division – Kathy Steel and Terri Baranski:

Boys' Division – Tolis Koskinaris and Kris Berzins:

There is no interest in a Boys' Regional Tournament at this time.

Adults - Trish LoVerde

High Performance – Sandy and Angelo

Propose renewing the program.

Officials – Mary Malpede

New ratings coordinator: Janice McGeary

Four beginning clinics: December 8th and 9th at Sky High and December 15th and 16th at Energy.

Ratings will take place at the WCPL dates.

Congratulations to our four New Junior National Officials – Miguel DeLarosa, Mike Walling, Stan Wiedman and Greg Liput

Beach – Lorelee Smith has resigned her position due to coaching at Lewis and taking care of Baby Rae. *We will certainly miss her expertise, enthusiasm and dedication!*

The replacement for this position will be named at a later date.

Tournament Director- Dean Hoskin

As of November 5, 2018 we have a total of 277 Junior Sanctions and 9 Adult Sanctions. Of the 277 Junior Sanctions, 92 of them are for the various WCPL dates. I will probably get about 50 more sanction requests for the season. I have been asked to cancel three (3) junior tournaments

Evaluations– Kathy Steel

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

Old Business

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

Open in Columbus May 24-29, 2019

Girls in Indianapolis, June 27-July 6, 2019

Boys in Dallas June 30 – July 7, 2019

HP in Fort Lauderdale, Florida July 18 – 22, 2019

Paul Brackett from Chicago Event Management has accepted GLR as a client; he runs marketing for Shamrock Shuffle and Chicago Marathon.

We have continued our contract with The Art of Coaching.

New Business

- *Devonie would like to make a motion for an adjustment to the GLR BOD annual meeting schedule to meet once per quarter.*

Rationale:

- *If a Board member is unable to attend a meeting, it is an entire season between their attendance at a meeting*
- *2 meetings per year does not allow enough time for the Board to get complete information and updates from staff*
- *Quarterly meetings would allow for updates to BOD during the thick of season and potential mid-season adjustments*

The Board needs to have a clear understanding of GLR strategic initiatives, management and resource allocation. I believe additional meetings are critical in order to achieve this and keep the Region moving forward.

- *We have signed a contract with AVCA.*

AVCA Announces Partnerships with Twelve Regional Volleyball Associations

[View on website](#)

Lexington, Ky. (October 23, 2018) - The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) has reached an agreement with 12 Regional Volleyball Associations to enter an affiliate partner relationship for the 2018-19 season. The AVCA-Region Affiliate Partner Program (AVCA-RAPP) is designed to link college and youth volleyball by providing regions with information on colleges in their area, familiarizing them with various recruiting rules, providing opportunities for engagement and recognition, and sharing educational materials.

The 12 inaugural AVCA-RAPP members are Badger, Chesapeake, Delta, Florida, Garden Empire, Great Lakes, Heart of America, Iowa, North Country, Palmetto, Pioneer & Rocky Mountain. The AVCA will correspond with region commissioners and staff who will disseminate the information to their clubs and members.

"We are thrilled for the opportunity to serve these 12 regions," said AVCA Executive Director Kathy DeBoer. "Our goals are to fortify the region brand, educate and engage their constituency by sharing our expertise, and build a collective sense of community."

The AVCA-RAPP was created after the May 2018 RVAA meetings at which several region representatives expressed interest in a more formalized partnership with the AVCA. The program was presented to all commissioners at their fall meeting in Baltimore, MD on September 28, 2018.

"I'm excited for the families and clubs of Badger Region about our new partnership with the AVCA," said Badger Region Executive Director Jen Armson-Dyer. "I'm glad we're on the leading edge of working with an organization full of college coaches to help bridge the informational gap. This partnership will also allow us to recognize those region club coaches and directors who are committed to their craft and help their players and families grow and flourish, both on the court and in future endeavors."

"This new partnership between the AVCA and the regions of USA Volleyball is a great idea," said Steve Bishop, president of the Florida Region. "This program will help to better connect our club volleyball coaches with the AVCA's college coach members. As our sport continues to grow across the country, anything we can do to help connect our clubs to more educational opportunities and networking is a plus. I look forward to rolling out the various educational, networking and recognition opportunities in the coming months and I applaud the AVCA for their work in our sport."

The AVCA-RAPP includes five memberships and a free AVCA Convention registration. Other benefits are a region-specific map of college programs, general information on recruiting rules and terminology, a college coaches' panel, educational materials for club coaches, and options to participate in AVCA awards programs. Most of the engagement between the AVCA and Region Affiliates will take place during the club season from January thru April.

AVCA REGION AFFILIATE PARTNERS:

Badger Region
Chesapeake Region
Delta Region

Florida Region
Garden Empire Region
Great Lakes Region
Heart of America Region
Iowa Volleyball Region
North Country Region
Palmetto Region
Pioneer Region
Rocky Mountain Region

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About AVCA

The AVCA, with its headquarters in Lexington, Ky., is managed by Associations International. The mission of the AVCA is to advance the sport of volleyball with AVCA coaches at the epicenter of leadership, advocacy and professional development. With a membership of over 7,000 and counting, the AVCA provides a professional network for those individuals and companies dedicated to enhancing and promoting the sport. Members include collegiate, high school, club, youth and Olympic coaches, as well as volleyball club directors. The AVCA provides education to volleyball coaches, recognition of elite players and coaches, promotion of volleyball competitions throughout the world, and networking opportunities for volleyball products and services providers. Further information is available at www.avca.org.

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

Fall meeting: *November 10, 2019* – Burr Ridge office

Motion to adjourn:

WCNQ Agenda

Update- Sandy and Angelo

- *Housing: Peak Night Sold/Allocated – 5,899*

Total Room Nights Sold/Allocated – 18,504

Pacing against 2018:

Peak night pacing ahead 14%

Total room nights pacing ahead 15%

- Number of teams registered: *720*

Motion to adjourn: