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**Minutes of the Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting  
Great Lakes Region (GLR) - USA Volleyball (USAV)  
Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
GLR of USAV Office Complex – Burr Ridge, IL**

**In Attendance: Sandy Abbinanti, Donna Smith, Angelo Iasillo, Paul Ickes, Mary Malpede, Dan Ames, Melissa Cox (later), Deb DiMatteo, Janet Galvin, Joe Gedvilas, Dean Hoskin, Mike Hulett, KC Johnsen, Keith Kujawa, Paula McAleese, Milissa Parrish-Kutyla, and Lea Wagner.**

**Absent: Pam Campbell, Mark Cimaroli, Alan Feder, and Scott Harris.**

**(Prior to the meeting, an Open House for the new USAV GLR Office Complex was held from 3:00-6:00 PM- a very nice affair that was well-attended!)**

**Welcome: At 6:11 PM, Sandy Abbinanti called to order the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 BOD Meeting for GLR of USA Volleyball.**

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

**A listing of the agenda items for this meeting and the results follow.**

- 1.) Introduced Amanda Craig- Women's Team Rep; Vote to Approve 15-0-0.**
- 2.) Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Regular GLR BOD Meeting:**

**1<sup>st</sup> - Dean, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary; Motion Approved 15-0-0**

**3.) Commissioner's Report- Sandy:**

**- Parent Issues- more problems!**  
**- Mary Malpede Request of Officials: For serious behavioral problems at a site, contact the TD immediately and call 911. Official will come down off the stand (there was an issue at Palos Courts today). DO NOT HANDLE IT YOURSELF! This includes verbal abuse of kids by coaches and parents.**

**- One coach has been suspended for the rest of the season- no appeal was requested.**

**- Dan Ames asked if the Parent Code of Conduct can be E-mailed. Donna answered- WEBPOINT has limitations and it cannot be E-mailed. But, a parent signature line can be added to the club packet for the Parent Code of Conduct. Club directors still need to talk with parents about behavioral requirements.**

**Angelo- NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY PROPOSAL:**

**Adult Power League/ Parent Membership for \$50.00**

- Parents would get 8- \$3.00 tickets**
- GLR would make \$10.00 per membership**
- Tickets would be collected at the door with a hand stamp, and GLR would reimburse the site/ tournament.**
- Parents could also score, shag, and line.**

**Mike Hulett asked about increasing admission fees for tournaments.**

**Concerns:**

- How do you verify this new membership category? (Lea and Angelo: As long as we complete due diligence, we should be OK.)**
- Can we do wristbands- similar to Nationals?**
- Can you still have a closed practice from parents?**
- Does it give parents more entitlement? NO**
- Will it make parents more accountable? HOPEFULLY YES!**

**These were tabled until July.**

**4.) Membership- Donna:**

- **Windy City Power League (WCPL): 409 teams are currently entered.**
- **All membership categories are in very good shape and all are up from a year ago, especially in the 12's, 13's, and 14's.**

**5.) Evaluation- Deb: NO REPORT**

**6.) Budget- Angelo:**

- **The budget for number of members in GLR has been achieved already for this fiscal year.**
- **The budget overall is doing very well.**
- **The new office space has brought us together as a Region in many ways as we utilize the new space.**
- **Adding a budget line/ position for Director of Junior Development will be discussed at the July meeting.**
- **We are being quite innovative- WCPL, Senior Citizen Membership.**

**7.) Structure and Function: NO REPORT**

**8.) Juniors and Beach- Keith (Loralee not present- No beach report):**

- **Girls Club Tryout Date: Junior club directors were surveyed. Many discussion points were presented in the survey and at the meeting. This will be tabled until July. In the meantime, Keith will talk with Jenny Hahn and proposals will be presented at the July meeting.**
- **Age Definitions for juniors: There are proposed changes that may possibly take effect- unsure about USAV response at this point. No date will solve all problems**

**9.) Adults- Melissa and Joe:**

- Men's tournaments are now happening- both are very happy!

**10.) Officials- Mary:**

- ALL OFFICIALS TOOK THE ANNUAL RULES MEETINGS ON LINE AS WELL AS THEIR TESTS. THERE WERE MANY ISSUES WITH THE NEW SYSTEM FROM NATIONAL BUT WE DEALT WITH THEM.

**- GLR REQUIREMENTS FOR AN OFFICIAL TO BE IN GOOD STANDING AND BE ABLE TO OFFICIATE:**

- Register with the National Office
- Take the National online or in person annual rules clinic
- Take and pass the National test
- Officiate National-designated hours every year.

Mary has also asked the National Office to release the clinic information sooner (September 1<sup>st</sup>) since GLR starts competition early.

GLR currently has 207 officials registered, rated, and in good standing.

There are a number of upcoming rules meetings, rating sessions, and camps.

**11.) Tournament Director- Dean:**

-The tournament division has been trying to find ways to increase adult participation. Some of the suggestions that have been made- whether to run and/or sanction GLR tournaments:

- +Adult Tournament Series (similar to Palos Points)
- + Evening League
- +Co-Ed/ Reverse Co-Ed/ Height Restricted Tournaments/ Four's
- + Drop In/ Blind Draw Tournaments
- + Open Rosters

- Paula brought up sandbagging issues in the women's division and issues with A, B, and BB. A meeting will take place at GLR Headquarters to settle all of this.

12.) Combine- Craig Federico:

- 132 athletes at 2 locations with over 200 college coaches having logged in.
- Priorities include adding a boys' combine and setting dates for 2013-2014.
- combines last 5 hours (including registration)
- A seminar for parents on the new NCAA Guidelines was included at the Combines- players may be invited in the future.

13.) Amanda Craig- Premier Volleyball League (PVL)

After prolonged discussion, several votes were taken regarding GLR sponsorship of a PVL team. Here is the motion that passed 13-0-1 regarding Swing Away: Moved by and seconded by "GLR will sponsor Swing Away in the upcoming Premier Volleyball League (PVL) for \$3,000.00 total no matter what; however, if the team wins, the prize money will be split 70 (the team)/ 30 (GLR)."

14.) Old Business- Sandy:

- PALOS COURTS LAWSUIT UPDATE: Our attorneys have subpoenaed the appellant- a 65 year old woman who fell down a set of stairs- and there seems to be falsehoods and inconsistencies in her testimony. Our attorneys are against settling. We- GLR- are still involved. Still, at no cost to GLR. Where is this headed? At present, looks like USAV and the insurance company will not settle either. The GLR BOD will remain informed as the matter proceeds.

15.) Discussion Items- Sandy:

- A discussion took place about how to reach out to elementary and junior high players for involvement in GLR and USAV programs and

**how to continue that participation once they are finished with junior ball.**

**- Is there a possibility of hosting a 'club fair' for parents at some point?**

**Before adjourning the meeting, Sandy announced:**

**- Paul Ickes will be leaving the GLR BOD due to family issues, and he was thanked for his three years of service to GLR. A search will begin for a new GLR Secretary.**

**- The next GLR BOD meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 14<sup>st</sup>, 2013. (Time and Location– TBA)**

**At 8:09 PM, Dean made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Keith seconded. APPROVED 14-0-0**

**Meeting adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Paul Ickes – Secretary for GLR of USA Volleyball**