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**Minutes of the Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
Great Lakes Region (GLR) - USA Volleyball (USAV)
Sunday, March 11th, 2012
Bensenville Park District – Bensenville, IL**

In Attendance: Sandy Abbinanti, Donna Smith, Angelo Iasillo, Paul Ickes, Mary Malpede, Dan Ames, Pam Campbell, Melissa Cox, Deb DiMatteo, Janet Galvin, Joe Gedvilas, Cindy Gritzman, Dean Hoskin, Mike Hulett, KC Johnsen, Keith Kujawa, and Lea Wagner.

Absent: Mark Cimaroli, Lorri Cozzens, Alan Feder, Sean Gritzman, Scott Harris, Jeanine Hoskin, and Paula McAleese,

Welcome: At 6:00 PM, Sandy called to order the March 11th, 2012 BOD Meeting for GLR of USA Volleyball.

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

Prior to starting the agenda, updates were given on various family/ work situations from Paul, Cindy, Lea, and Donna. In addition, Melissa Cox was introduced as a new Board member.

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

- 1.) Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 20th, 2011 Regular GLR BOD Meeting:**

One Modification: Under point 13, the correct amount for 3 straight is \$36.00.

1st- Cindy, 2nd Joe; Motion Approved 14-0-0

2.) Commissioner's Report- Sandy:

RECRUITING POLICY: A lengthy discussion occurred on many, varied issues, situations, and ramifications. Following discussion:

- Vote to keep the recruiting policy as is: 10 Yes, 4 No**
- Vote to have the trial first, then an appeal: 13 Yes, 1 No**
- Vote to charge a fee for filing a recruiting violation report: 2 Yes, 12 No**

Sandy had made a motion to create a new GLR Board position- Appeals Chair- starting fall, 2012 but later withdrew the motion.

Sandy will present the GLR Recruiting Policy at the Extravaganza in August for implementation starting fall, 2012.

CHAMPIONSHIP VOLLEYBALL CLINICS: Not happening.

FACEBOOK: GLR will investigate setting up a Facebook page. Dean cautioned that any social media outreach by GLR must be updated daily/regularly. GLR has a possible candidate for this task.

BEACH CHAIR: Sandy made a motion to appoint Lorelee Smith as the new GLR Beach Chair with a stipend of \$3,500.00.

1st- Keith, 2nd Dean; VOTE APPROVED 17-0-0

GLR POWER LEAGUE AD: Sent out by AVCA

PREMIER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE PROPOSAL: Motion to not accept the proposal presented.

1st- KC; 2nd- No 2nd = Motion Dies

3.) WINDY CITY POWER LEAGUE: 313 TEAMS AT PRESENT- proceeding through April. Scheduling and advancement issues were

clarified by Donna. Pam asked Donna to consider: starting 12's later and to not play on Saturday and Sunday. Overall, things are going very well and they will be evaluated at the end of the league.

4.) **Membership Report- Donna Smith:**

Donna presented an updated membership chart with numerous figures. At the time of the meeting, compared with last year, membership is the same as last year- younger ages are up, adults down vs. last year.

5.) **Evaluation Committee- Deb Di Matteo:**

- Evaluations will be completed every year at the July meeting.
- The same forms and format will be used as the last evaluation.
- Sandy will provide necessary information to Deb.

6.) **Budget and Finances- Angelo Iasillo:**

- GLR financial figures were sent to GLR Board in advance of the meeting. All numbers are currently on target with the budget.

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

8.) **Juniors- Keith Kujawa:**

- Overall, things are going well.
- There are some issues regarding coaches and officials that need to be addressed.

9.) **Beach- Keith Kujawa NO FURTHER REPORT:**

10.) **Adults- Joe Gedvilas:**

One issue needs to be addressed: Seeding process conference call- perceived unfairness with procedure (point accumulation). Possibly go to a weighted/ sliding scale? Donna will be on the conference call. Also, BB is really down. And, Angelo spoke to a concern about the drop in

numbers of teams at adult regionals. Lea spoke to possibly doing adult co-ed events and Dean spoke to doing quads and reverse quads.

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

- 531 junior sanctions... going along
- some cancellations

12.) **Officials- Mary Malpede:**

Officials in Number and Status: 204 total officials registered and rated; 102 Provisional, 69 Regional, 11 Jr. National, 16 National, and 6 Retired National

Ratings: 60 applicants with 22 admitted into the program- and out of these 22, 17 were successful in completing the whole process and are now Provisional Officials.

Upgrades: 12 existing officials will be going for an upgrade next weekend.

Scorekeeping Issues: This has been one of the most challenging seasons so far. All necessary information must be placed on the score sheet. Score sheets that are reported by tournament directors or officials that are unacceptable will be fined \$25.00 to the club in question. Sean Doheny will research what other regions do- such as: In Ohio Valley, it is mandatory for each club to have 1 certified scorer on each team. Should we also adopt? Maybe have a bigger certification night at 1 facility with 4-5 clubs?

Food: A number of issues were raised based on facilities not allowing outside food to be brought in:

-Officials should not assume free food and drinks will be made available- if they are given free food/ drinks, it is a courtesy. For GLR Power League, all but one facility has provided free food and drink.

- Several issues whether food/ drink is free or not: officials working all-day tournaments have many matches in a row, no

breaks, and no opportunity to eat; long lines at concession stands. Because of these situations, officials should be allowed to bring food into the facility.

13.) **OLD BUSINESS- NONE:**

14.) **NEW BUSINESS:**

- EXTRAVAGANZA- Sunday, August 12th tentatively at Brother Rice. Contact Sandy if you have any suggestions for speakers.
- Have a shagging team during warm-ups? It can be suggested.
- Cuts in warm-up time- can recommend.
- Region CAP or Gold Medal Clinics?
- JVA?

→ The next GLR BOD Meeting will take place on Sunday, July 22nd – final time and location TBA.

At 8:43 PM, Dean made a motion to end the meeting and Mary seconded.
APPROVED 17-0-0

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ickes – Secretary for GLR of USA Volleyball

GLR MEETING FUTURE DATES:- Sunday, July 22nd, 2012