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**Minutes of the Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting
Great Lakes Region (GLR) - USA Volleyball (USAV)
Sunday, November 18th, 2012
Fox's Restaurant – Oak Lawn, IL**

In Attendance:, Sandy Abbinanti, Donna Smith, Angelo Iasillo, Paul Ickes, Mary Malpede, Dan Ames, Pam Campbell, Mark Cimaroli, Melissa Cox, Deb DiMatteo, Alan Feder, Janet Galvin, Joe Gedvilas, Scott Harris, Dean Hoskin, KC Johnsen, Keith Kujawa, and Lea Wagner.

Absent: Mike Hulett and Milissa Parrish-Kutyla

Welcome: At 6:13 PM, Sandy Abbinanti called to order the November 18th, 2012 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.) Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 22nd, 2012 Regular GLR BOD Meeting:

1st- Dean, 2nd Lea; Motion Approved 17-0-0

2.) Commissioner's Report- Sandy:

- Angelo and Sandy attended the USA Volleyball Mid-Year Meetings and they were also able to see the new USA Volleyball Offices.
- The Extravaganza numbers were up. It looks like Brother Rice will NOT be able to host the Extravaganza in August, 2013 for varied reasons.

3.) Membership- Donna:

- GLR membership overall has 1,000 more members than at this time last year. The adult numbers are down by about 100 members but overall GLR membership is in good shape, especially with Fusion and Powerhouse back. Eastside VBC did switch to JVA.
- The deadline for Windy City Power League (WCPL) is December 1st- 154 teams are currently entered but the WCPL can accommodate up to 400 teams.

4.) Evaluation- Deb: NO REPORT

5.) Budget- Angelo: Audit and Financial Overview

- By several markers, GLR is in good shape financially.
- GLR tax returns are complete.
- Regarding WCPL- The audit revealed that GLR will be looking at agreements for facility usage.
- Staff bonuses approved in July will be represented in the next financial report.
- An update and overview on the new GLR office space was given.
- GLR can have sponsorships EVEN IF they conflict with the USA Volleyball national sponsors.

- FYI: McCook will become a WCPL location- replacing Deb DiMatteo's facility.

- Fusion will become a WCPL location IF THE SPACE IS NEEDED.

(The meeting then adjourned for the dinner break.)

6.) Structure and Function: NO REPORT

7.) Juniors and Beach- Keith (Loralee not present):

- Marv Dunphy will be doing a clinic sometime in May- either the second or the third weekend.

8.) Adults- Mark and Joe:

- Regionals: New seeding procedure encourages more tournaments and more participation.

- Is an adult meeting needed?

- A prolonged discussion took place on the issue of playing at one vs. multiple sites- all divisions men and women. There may be some movement on this issue this year.

- A reminder that Paula sanctions adult tournaments.

9.) Tournament Director- Dean:

- 386 sanctions for junior events- boys and girls- have been given with only 6 cancellations known to Dean (probably more cancellations happened).

- On-site TD's have been named and Dean has been informed.

10.) Officials- Mary:

- Still recruiting officials

- Some officials are too aggressive. (Reasons possibly: too many matches in a day, too many matches in a row, coaches)

- A prolonged discussion took place regarding the date issue with the rules test/ good standing, earlier tournaments, and information deletion from the officials' website. A 10 minute extension to the discussion was approved (Dean- 1st, Dan- 2nd). The issues were finally tabled and the Officials Division will put forth a proposal in March.

UPCOMING IMPORTANT OFFICIALS DATES:

- Dec. 16, 2012: Candidate clinic and intermediate/ advanced clinic**
- Jan. 13, 2013: Rating for candidates and beginning camp**
- Feb. 2: Candidates clinic and intermediate camp**
- Feb. 10: Candidates ratings**
- Feb. 24: Candidates ratings and Regional upgrades**
- March 9: Junior National Candidates ratings to see if they will progress to the national ratings.**

11.) Old Business- Sandy:

- COMBINE: While there are some concerns, the combine being organized by Craig Federico is fine with Sandy and Angelo. Responses to concerns:

- + Craig does the combine for football too.**
- + The pricing is good.**
- + The combine is simply a demonstration of skills.**
- + The participant list will NOT be sold or used for illegal recruitment.**
- + There is a desire for this event- 70 high school juniors have registered.**

- USA VB: The National Office is offering more services to the Regions and they are now covering Directors' and Officers' (D and O) Insurance.

- PALOS COURTS LAWSUIT UPDATE: Palos Courts is currently in settlement talks.

- APPEAL- ED RATHER: Energy VBC is being sued for discrimination. GLR records have been requested and subpoenas are to be issued.

- TRANSFERS- Sandy per USAV:

- 1) No player may be added to an Official Roster at a NQ/ Bid once that team has begun match play in that event.**
- 2) If a team wins an Open bid or accepts a Club bid at a NQ/ Bid, the players on the Official Roster, as signed by the signing agent prior to the start of tournament play, are frozen to that team.**
- 3) The NQ/ Bid will send a copy of the Official Roster to the Events Department at the finish of the NQ/ Bid.**
- 4) The players on this roster will be frozen with regard to the GJNC or BJNC.**
- 5) The Events Department will post the team's roster on the USAV website.**
- 6) Frozen Players: Earning an Open bid, submitting an Open At-Large bid application for the GJNC/ BJNC defines the team as "qualified."**
- 7) Accepting and Club bid defines the team as "qualified" for the GJNC.**

ADDED NOTES: For questions regarding short season/ long season, contact your own lawyer. Besides the above, transfers are pretty wide open. Prolonged discussions and clarifications followed.

- PRO VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE- WOMENS' (SWING AWAY) AND MENS' (LIGHTS OUT): GLR gave uniforms to the GLR team. More to follow at the March GLR BOD meeting as required- including tryouts.

- NOT IN GOOD STANDING: This will also be added to the March GLR BOD meeting due to possible litigation issues.

12.) New Business- Sandy:

- OFFICE- Angelo: Pictures of the new GLR offices were sent and office set-up continues. A motion was made for Sandy, Donna, and Angelo to keep home internet and cell phone provisions by GLR through June, 2013. Deb- 1st, Scott- 2nd - Deb then withdrew the motion.

- NEW REVENUE- Angelo and Sandy: From a previous electronic vote of GLR BOD, a \$15 per team fee for fiscal 2013-2014 and the magazine will be optional.

- VIOLENT PARENTS- Sandy: Please deal with these situations prudently as they arise.

- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MOTION: Change the wording of girls' high school tryout dates to read "first Sunday in October" instead of October 1st. No 2nd needed- the vote was 17-0-0. APPROVED

- WCPL for Boys- Allen: After discussion of this proposal, the consensus of the BOD was that there is no need for this in GLR at this time. Casey made a motion and it was later withdrawn.

- FOOD ALLERGIES (GLUTEN, PEANUT, ETC.): This will be handled on an individual basis- having doctor notes is highly recommended.

- HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRYOUTS- Keith: Keith will survey club directors on this issue. A reminder: The IHSA Standardized Calendar backs up six days starting July, 2013.

- OFFICIALS AND SCORE TRAINING FOR CLUBS: These sessions have worked well for those clubs who have taken advantage of the opportunity and they will continue to be offered.

- DIRECT DEPOSIT SHEETS: Angelo has these and they are on the GLR website- use of these makes it easier for Angelo.

- FUTURE GLR BOD MEETING DATES:

FYI: Open house dates for the new offices will be offered to clubs 25 or so at a time.

- Sunday, March 10th, 2013: Meeting and Open House at the GLR New Office Complex at 745 McClintock in Burr Ridge, IL.

- Sunday, July 21st, 2013

**At 8:59 PM, Dean made a motion to end the meeting and Casey seconded.
APPROVED 17-0-0**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ickes – Secretary for GLR of USA Volleyball