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Great Lakes Region Board of Directors' Meeting

November 16, 2014, 6:00 PM, Burr Ridge Office

Standing Committee Reports

Commissioner's Report – Sandy 5 allegations regarding recruiting resulting in 2 suspensions, 14 age wavers, 2 food allergy waivers, Still have concerns with THS. Some clubs are so dissatisfied that they might option out of nationals or USAV, an Intern from Lewis will begin January 2015, there have been additional insurance requirements for some universities (our insurance company is working on getting the correct wording and policy to those sites.

Membership – Donna: Currently we have 583 adult male, 622 adult female, 1,738 junior boys and 6,852 junior girls as members. Compared to last year we are up by 682 members.

Windy City Power League – Adam (not in attendance)

Sites: Palos, Sunsetters, Top Flight, Energy, Sky High, Velocity, Lyons, Adversity, Fusion and Kratos

- Dates have already been set.
- Schedule will be released two weeks after the entry deadline.
- Cancellations because of weather – the safety of our athletes and staff are our top priority.
- Food choices – offer healthy food alternatives
- 5 team/3 team pools – they are a necessary evil.
- Tie breaking procedures – only for teams still having a chance to advance to the Red Division we will use the National procedure for juniors. Matches, Head to Head, Set %
- Site Directors should not break ties, set finishes but should send site director names and site director contact cell numbers
- All facility owners will be required to take the SafeSport on-line module this season.
- Roster changes must be done in AES. A signed corrected or updated roster must be handed to the site director each date before play
- Site Directors contact Adam when play is completed at their site and scores have been entered.

- Club Directors are responsible for information dissemination – if there is a problem contact the GLR office
- If there is a problem with officials – the GLR office
- Adam’s number – 630 392-3774

Finance and Budget – Angelo Distributed the Independent Auditor’s Report and our Financial Statements

1. Total Liabilities and Net Assets - \$579,476
2. Ending Net Assets - \$573,468
3. Statement of Cash Flows - \$482,443
4. Note to Financial Statements

Structure and Function – Sandy: Recommendation: to have Kathy Steel fill the Advisor’s Position on the BOD – Approved Unanimously

Milissa Parrish resigned as one of the women adult reps. Thanks her many years of service.

Dan Ames was appointed to head a committee to examine structure. Mark Cimaroli and one more BOD member will serve on the committee to report at our May meeting. Next BOD Meeting, Sunday, May 3rd 6:00 PM, here at our Burr Ridge office

Evaluations – Deb, No Report Deb DiMatteo resigned as the chair of the evaluations committee, we thank her for her service on this committee.

Mark Cimaroli graciously accepted the lead position on the evaluation committee.

Officials – Mary

Congratulations to Dean Hoskin for receiving his National Patch, to Janice McGeary, Skip Cross, Tom Cote`, Ruth Pettaway, Ed Vesley, Mike Chapman and Vasun Netisingha for successfully re-certified this past season.

Congratulations to Denis Bergstedt who continues to work on the National Rating team and is part of the review group for the written test.

Congratulations to Sheila Kendall for being appointed the new assignor.

Good bye and thanks go to Jeanine Hoskin. Jeanine left the assignor’s position to take on a full time job. The Region is grateful for all of the hard work and dedication Jeanine has showed through the years.

Clinics: Number of individuals showing interest in being a candidate – 33, number of candidates registered at the clinics. Clinic dates November 22nd and January 10th

Officials' Committee motion: Tabled But, if clubs would like us to come out for a clinic we would be happy to do that for free.

- . Ask the board if we may make it a "requirement" for all clubs to have at least two certified scorers and R-2s by 2017. Coach is the default if none are available. Increase in Jr. Budget to absorb clinicians fees (we do have some funds but if they all want a clinic we're in trouble). Send a letter to Club Directors stating that we are strongly suggesting they get some kids certified this year because by 2017 all clubs will be required to have 2 R-2 and 2 Scorers. Hopefully we can get them a card or something that shows they have completed the requirements. This year we will offer the club directors the opportunity for: Select athletes to take the on line R-2 and score clinics. Once they have completed their on line clinics they will contact Sean Doheny so he can get them on a "Jr. Certification" list. Sean will then compile a list of candidates, and send them their form. They will need to earn three signatures from existing USA Volleyball officials. After they turn in their signed sheets will receive some kind of Great Lakes Region ...card/ tee shirt that states they have completed everything and are certified.

Sent on behalf of the USA Volleyball Rules Commission – Pati Rolf, chair, and Paul Albright, Indoor Rules Interpreter. Please share this information with your club directors and officials. Questions may be sent to vbinterp@usav.org.

In an effort to alleviate some confusion over the solid colored jersey rule that went into effect on September 1, and to ease the transition to the new rule, the Rules Commission has agreed to the following modified interpretations for the coming season.

Either the Libero and/or the rest of the team must wear a solid colored jersey that clearly contrasts with the predominant color(s) of the other jerseys. To be considered compliant as a solid colored jersey, the jersey must be a single color, including the sleeves. Numbers must be clearly contrasting and meet the size and location requirements as described in Rule 4.3, i.e. centered on the player's chest and upper back and at least 4" and 6" front and back, respectively. Exceptions for collars, cuffs and piping/trim, provided the piping/trim is along a working seam and is no wider than 1" at its widest point, are provided for in the rule. This part of the rule and its associated interpretations has not changed.

What has changed is that the Rules Commission has decided to relax the implementation of the solid colored jersey definition only as it pertains to the size and placement of the team logo/name graphic. Effective immediately, printing of the club/team/player name on the jersey and printing of a club logo or team mascot on the jersey will not be considered when determining if the jersey is compliant as a solid colored jersey.

Clubs are encouraged to follow the more restrictive examples portrayed in the VRT module since the intent is to enforce the definitions as agreed to by USAV, NCAA and NFHS for next season (beginning September 1, 2015). The placement of the numbers as defined in the rules will still be enforced (centered on player's chest and upper back) and could not be displaced by the team logo/name graphic. There is a very complete explanation on the VRT site which further illustrates solid colored jersey examples

at: https://www.volleyballreftraining.com/training_materials_indoor.php. Click on Solid Colored Jersey Rule at the top of the right hand column.

It is important to note here that any jersey that was legal last year will still be a legal jersey this year, it just may not be compliant as a solid colored jersey. That means that either the team or the Libero could still wear any jersey that was legal last year, the only difference is that now the opposite jersey (worn by either the Libero or the rest of the team) would need to be compliant as a solid colored jersey

Juniors – Keith The season is off to a good start!

Adults – Amanda, Millissa, Joe and Mark

Goal is to increase adult membership (see April 2014 minutes)

Great Lakes Region Adult Policies and Procedures

Rules of play: Except as specified below the current Domestic Competition Regulation (DCR) rules will be followed.

Uniforms: Team uniforms do not need to be matching in color or design. Numbers may be

permanent or taped on. If a Libero is being used their shirt may be: light, in contrast to the team's dark shirt or dark in contrast to the team's light colored shirt. Their shirt may be multi-colored in contrast to the team's solid colored shirts or simply not have a number.

The tournament director has the final decision on all uniform questions.

Team Affiliations: Great Lakes Region adult players may play on as many different teams as they desire during the season, but only one team per day.

OR

Great Lakes Region adult players may form teams as has been done in the past.

It is ultimately the player/team's responsibility to enter the proper division on any given date.

Divisions:

The Great Lakes Region will only sanction men's or women's tournaments.

It is up to the tournament director to decide the division(s) once all entries have been submitted.

Tournaments will be sanctioned from October to May of each season.

Tournament Directors must sign an agreement with the Region stating that they will accept and follow all GLR/USAV rules, policies and procedures regarding adult tournaments. The minimum penalty for violating this rule will be the revocation of all tournament sanctions for the remainder of the season.

Sanctioning and Scheduling of Tournaments:

- . All tournaments must be sanctioned by the GLR Adult Tournament Director
- . All participants must be members in good standing of GLR and/or USA Volleyball
- . The use of certified referees is an option, not a requirement.
- . The Tournament Director (or their designee (who must be a GLR member in good standing) is required to be present for the duration of the tournament. Please refer to the current Tournament Director's Manual found on the Great Lakes Region website. www.greatlakesvolleyball.org

Rosters:

Team representatives are responsible for making sure up-to-date team rosters have been submitted to the Tournament Director on the day of the tournament, prior to the team's first match of the day. Roster changes may only be made by the tournament director on the day of the tournament.

Tournament Format:

This is up to the discretion of the tournament director but must be communicated to all teams competing.

Teams are expected to furnish support officials as requested including a first referee, second referee, scorer and two lines judges for pool play and playoffs, where applicable.

Except for discriminatory practices based on race, sexual orientation or religion Tournament Directors have the right to set their own policies for acceptance of teams in their tournaments. Some factors that might have an influence regarding acceptance could be: order of payment received, previous history of reliability, non-payment etc.

Ghost Players are not used

Mixed Gender Tournament:

Co-ed and Reverse Co-ed tournaments will be sanctioned.

Fees: This is up to the discretion of the tournament director.

PVL – Amanda: Women's 2015 PVL Update

Budget – Requesting no change in budget from 2014 season (\$12,000). Allows for 13 person roster (up from 12 in 2014). Allows for additional day of practice, hotels, per diem, etc. at nationals competition.

Coach – Due to his new position at U of I, Scot Leserman is no longer available to coach the 2015 team. His recommendations for replacement include: Craig Boller – Assistant Coach, Depaul, Kevin Moore – Assistant Coach, Loyola, Scott will continue to help recruit recent college graduates to the team, especially his U of I team members.

Roster – Scott recommends retaining the following players from last year’s roster: Stephanie Holthus – Outside Hitter, Erin Johnson – Middle Hitter, Taylor Brauneis – Setter, Julia Jeziorowski – Libero

Depending on the recruitment of new players he recommends potentially retaining these additional players: Natalie Smith – Middle Hitter, Mary Kurisch – Middle Hitter, Kayla Zeno – Opposite

Playing Events – adidas Windy City Qualifier, April 3-5 – Chicago, IL, PVL Championships, May 23-26 – Detroit, MI and one additional PVL Event – TBD

PVL men- Nick: Thanks the Region for continued support. Had a wonderful 2013-2014 season culminating with winning the PVL Championships.

- Try-outs will be Feb. 8th at the Oak Lawn Park District. There are 3 events are coming up including a tournament in Michigan, the Boys’ Bid Tournament and the adidas Windy City Qualifier. The Championships will be May 22-29th 2015 in Detroit.

Beach - Lorelee : GLR tournament site – Four Lakes

- June 14th is the Qualifier but Sandy asked if the date could be moved to the first weekend in June to stay off the World League and ASICS dates

FROM LORELEE : At the last BOD directors meeting it was brought to my attention that the weekend we are hosting the beach qualifier is not “the best” weekend. So I emailed to see if we can have it changed to earlier. Veronica is who I work with in this. She is awesome and has adjusted our date **to June 7th** now. It is still a Sunday but a full week earlier.

- Membership has increased and should continue to increase.

Tournament Directors – Dan and Paula (Paula was not in attendance) There are 349 sanction requests at this time.

Combine – Creig (Craig was not in attendance) - No report

Old Business:

CAP clinic : GLR had more participants than any other region. Mike Hulett served at the CAP clinic! Dan Ames asked if Dominican could host the next CAP clinic. Yes was the answer.

SafeSport – Sue Nugent: All BOD members must complete the SafeSport Module ASAP. SafeSport is a tool that we can use to protect our athletes and as an avenue for athletes, families and coaches to reach out for help. We can also use it as a training method to better understand the concept and help to get the word out and educate. The complete program is not yet available but USAV is introducing it in

stages, at least now we can funnel the concerns to the appropriate individuals. The most important thing is – if there is abuse contact the police.

Grass Volleyball – Jay Mabry (Jay was not in attendance) No Report

New Business:

World League at the Sears Center – June 13 & 14 2015

Bid Tournament – MLK Weekend at McCormick Place

National Officials clinic - January 16th at the Chicago Hilton, 7:00 PM

Committee to review staffing – Keith, Dan and Dean

- Discussion of staff stipends for the Qualifier. There is a need for part time as well as full time staff
- Motion by Dean and 2nd by Dan: Hire two part time positions (not to exceed 29 hours each, not to exceed \$20.00 per hour and no benefits) and one full time position not to exceed \$65,000 (benefits are included in the salary). Passed 12-0-1
- Motion by Keith and 2nd by Dean regarding Windy City Qualifier stipends: Tournament Director- \$30,000, Competition Director - \$25,000, Finance Director - \$30,000, Consultant- \$10,000, Vendor Coordinator: 1-15 booths, 10%, 16-20 booths, 15%, 21-25 booths-20%, 26-30 booths- 40%, 31-35 booths 40%, 36-40 booths – 50% Passed 12-0-1

Motion to adjourn made by Dean and seconded by Mike. Passed unanimously 9:30 PM

adidas Windy City National Qualifier Updates

- McCormick Place – contracts have been signed
- adidas – contract has been signed and staff is working on VIK
- Sports Commission/ Choose Chicago – staff is working closely with both groups
- J&J – contract has been signed but still working on signs and banner quote
- Wyndham Jade – 10,602 rooms have been allocated and 1,679 have been sold
- Grant – staff applied for a grant from the Illinois Department of Tourism
- Savor (food service at McCormick Place) – staff is continuing discussions
- Century Cleaning – contract has been signed
- Embassy Security – contract has been signed
- Edlen Electric – contract has been signed
- Courts Galore/Netlynx Courts – contracts have been signed
- Standard Parking – still working on 3 day passes
- Bag Tag Credentials- working on design

- Banners- still working on this
 - Wrist Bands- still working
 - Photographers- Texstarphoto has signed the contract
 - Awards- Sportsawards is creating the medals and trophies
 - Marketing – ARC, the business that we hired from Texas, is not working out. We have no sponsors as of this date so we need all of the help we can get. If you know any possible sponsors please contact Sandy.
 - Vendors – only 10 are signed, but there are many more who are interested but haven't confirmed. If anyone has any contacts please contact Mary.
 - Molten – contract has been signed. USAV will supply practice balls.
 - Kids Zone – nothing going yet. If anyone has any suggestions please contact Sandy
 - Set-up/take-down – Dan is coordinating this with four universities/colleges – Question: Are there enough individuals?
 - Tickets/ticket booths – Angelo has taken care of this, coordinating with McCormick place, creating an app and managing pre-sales
- Motion to adjourn made by Mary and 2nd by Donna. Approved unanimously 10:45 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mary

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