

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: December 5, 2014
Agenda**

Called to Order: 6:34 pm

Present: Tim Neels, Steve Mueth, Matt Ryan, Chris Clauss, Augie Werner, Debbie Palmer, Donna Mayer, Randi Tyler, Holly Luenemann, Dustin Cutts, James Atteberry, Shane Weber, Linus Shyu, Bryan Pieschel, Shenee Boyle, Mark Sicking, Kevin Nelson, Joe Flanigan, David Owens, Ken O'Day.

Absent: LaChance (proxy Palmer), Schaefer (proxy Palmer), Ben O'Day (proxy Pieschel), Tony Stratman (proxy Pieschel), Jodie Fowler (proxy Ryan), Shawna Stover (proxy Mueth), Ashley Scanio, Kyle Kaiser, Nicki Fisaga.

Staff Members: Mayer, Tyler

Additions to Agenda: PVL, Tryouts – holding players, **Palmer/Ryan MC.**

Approval of minutes – Aug 8, 2014 Clauss/Ryan MC

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels – Memberships are up in comparison to last membership year.

Associate Commissioner – Mueth – nothing to report.

Treasurer – Schaefer – (proxy Palmer)

Secretary – Ryan – nothing to report.

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss - attended SafeSport Webinar today.

Scorer Chair – Palmer – nothing to report.

Referee Chair – Werner - there have been issues with certification of officials. USAV was late on the release of criteria/procedures which means some working officials have not been able to recertify. There have also been various complications with USA Volleyball Academy servers that have been delaying the processes as well.

Women's Coordinator – Stover - absent

Men's Coordinator – LaChance – absent

Outdoor Coordinator – Stratman (proxy Pieschel) – Unknown/no progress on sand facility.

Education Coordinator – Boyle – CAP Clinic is going ahead as planned. CAP Cadres have been requested from USAV. IMPACT clinics are showing good numbers in terms of pre-registrations. Safe Sport is now included in the IMPACT clinic outline. Newly certified coaches will have both certifications in WebPoint.

Staff Reports - Mayer, Tyler – Boys' fest/girls' President's Day registrations up across the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Uniforms – Part of the new rules will not be enforced this year. Solid color jersey rule will still go in to effect. Tabled on other points until February Rules of the Game meeting. Modules online recently now express they are exempt this year. Region can decide to allow non-complaint jersey if desired.
2. CAP Clinic – Contract submitted. Will go up on USAV site. Ursuline Academy 5/29-31. 29th is VCAP- conditioning, CAP I and CAP II Saturday and Sunday, Cadre guests undetermined. Previous time hosting had over 60 registrants.
3. USAV Beach Tour – Hold until facility updates. Require more than 2 courts.
4. E – Newsletter – tabled until next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. G/S seeding entry criteria

Current Policy:

Until Dec 15, G/S Seeding tournament entries will be limited to teams who participated in the Bid Event or finished in the Gold bracket at G/S Regionals the previous season. From Dec 16 – Jan 1, if spots are still available, teams who played in the G/S Regional event may enter. After Jan 1, if spots are still available, any team in that age group may enter.

Suggested changes: Continue with Gold bracket in G/S Regionals, quantify bid event final finish and add top % of rank

Recommended motion from EB: Gold bracket finish in G/S Regionals OR Top 50% finish at Girls Bid Event OR top 10 ranked teams per age group. **Clauss/Ryan MCU.**

2. GJNC hotels – Region access to hotels through Tier 2 lottery. Details to come as we approach GJNC.
3. PVL: EB MSP to endorse and fund \$150 for league entry fee for a Gateway PVL team. Region will provide endorsement for team formation, and fund the \$150 (\$75 men and \$75 women) PVL fees. 75% of team members must have some previous Gateway membership as a player or coach. Frank Masek is named the General Manager for both the men's and women's teams. Masek will seek approval on actions from the Commissioner. The team is planning own fundraising, working on bonuses for playing regionals (uniforms, paid hotel rooms), and work to host some regional/game-building events.
4. Tryouts & holding players – Team holds tryouts, sign commitment letter, roster cannot support team. Coaches want to fill, junior player wants to find a team to play on. What rules if any should there to be fill/release/void the commitment letter? Discussion.

Meeting to Adjourn: Palmer/Ryan

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 pm

Meeting Dates:

March 6, 2015 Kirkwood CC

May 8, 2015