

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: December 2, 2016
Minutes**

Called to order 6:31pm

Attendance: Neels, Mueth, Ryan, Weber, Clauss, Werner, Palmer, LaChance, Scanio, Tyler, Shyu, Pouyer, Bosch, Cusumano, Lyon, Fowler, Kalisiak, Pieschel, Brunk, Sicking, Halaz, Stratman, Boyle. Guest Kevin Nelson.

Additions to Agenda:

New Items—electronic communication for clubs.

Wording change of Gateway League to match Executive Board minutes. **Palmer/Ryan. MCU.**

Approval of minutes – Change to minutes from August 5, 2016 on New Business, #1, New Name of “Gateway League” to the following:

New Business #1. “New event name. Combining Power League and Premier League to be called “Gateway League”. Members have requested approval of the new league with is a combination of Power and Premier leagues with the stipulation that there will be no exclusion of teams within their age groups and 6 days of play and a challenge round. There is a current GW Policy/Procedure against the use of the GATEWAY name.”

Motion to approve minutes. **Clauss/Ryan. MCU**

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels. Travel Policy recommendations from USAV. No information on implementation of policy. Region Coach Karen Davis voted into ACVA Hall of Fame and region Coach Karen Schmidt honored as Boys Coach of the Year. 12 court facility being constructed in Cape Girardeau, planned opening of May 2017.

Commissioner- Mueth. No report.

Treasurer – Weber. Same level as last year financially.

Secretary – Ryan. No report.

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss. Somewhat calm with new membership season and only a few various small issues being addressed and resolved.

Scorer Chair – Palmer. No report.

Referee Chair – Werner. 18 to 10 new officials; 16 Provisional II, 4 Regional candidates, 2JrNational candidates and 1 National candidate.

Women’s Coordinator – Scanio. No report.

Men’s Coordinator – LaChance. No report.

Outdoor Coordination- Stratman. No report.

Jr Outdoor Coordinator-Diemeke. No report.

Education Coordinator—Boyle. IMPACT report from classes held. Coaches Clinic will not be held in 2017. Speaker for 2018 to be recruited for 2018, information to be provided at meeting in March.

CAP I & II to be held in May 20, 21st. Budget to be presented at March meeting as well.

Shyu- Website update. December is target for his training and January to be up and running parallel to old website.

Tyler—SEMO tournaments. Boys Fest and Open/Club divisions. Club divisions will be used to will Open divisions if less than 16 teams register for Open Divisions. Court reservations ongoing.

Pouyer—Mentors, new Officials, new referee recruiting meeting. Junior player training and ratings date at Kirkwood.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Adult program. Open rosters, ensuring players in correct divisions. New process working well.
2. Safesport. Upcoming trend to have Background screening tagged with SafeSport training. Probably by May meeting SafeSport will be required. Need Webpoint query to search for SafeSport.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Satellite club naming. HPSTL and ILHP. Discussion of team names/ players joining wrong club. HPSTL will be gathering information on HOA policy as they have satellite teams in their region.
2. Junior Beach Tour 2017 event dates: May 27/28th and July 8/9th. Registration is open. Make-up event date of last weekend before National event. Proposal for March event and Outdoor Outreach program to be presented in March meeting. **Motion to propose \$5000 loss for both events. Diemeke/Mueth. MCU**
3. Club Information Night. Discussion held and Kevin Nelson talked about experiences and suggestions. Committee to be headed by Chris Clauss to have further discussions on Advertising, volunteers to help as Clinicians, lists of Clubs to handout, push up news alerts and publication of information to an earlier time in the season for better attendance, changing locations. **Motion to nominate Chris Clauss as Special Interest Committee head and to have Marla Brunk, Kevin Nelson, Steve Mueth and Mark Sicking on the committee to further investigate items related to Club Information Night. Ryan/Fowler. MCU.**
4. Club travel policy. Chaperone is basically done away with in new information, each individual club owns travel policy and if they do not have one, default is USAV travel policy. **Motion to have Travel policy posted on website and if each Club does not have a travel policy, the default will be the USAV travel policy at National events. Clauss/Ryan. MCU.**

Motion to Adjourn. Palmer/Clauss. MCU. 7:45pm.

Meeting Dates:

March 3, 2017

May 5, 2017

August 4, 2017

December 1, 2017

