

**General Board Meeting**  
**Gateway Region USA Volleyball**  
**DATE:December 7, 2018**  
**Minutes**

**Called to order: 7:45 PM**

**Attendance: Mueth, Ryan, Pieschel, Weber, Clauss, Werner, Palmer, Stratman, Scanio, Cusumano, Fastenau, Fowler, Halaz, Kalisiak, Kleekamp, Lyon, Morecraft, Winters.**

**Proxy: Brunk to Fastenau, Laure to Stratman.**

**Additions to Agenda:**

1. Boys on girls rosters: current motion only allows 2 boys on the roster. There was a suggestion that we allow up to 40% of the roster to be boys. The Executive Board will gather data about the number of coed teams from last year, where they were located, and how far away the nearest boy's club is, and we will discuss this data at the March meeting.

**Approval of minutes – August 3rd, 2018**

Motion to approve minutes: **Palmer/Ryan MCU**

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Commissioner - Mueth: Looking at making changes to simplify our junior registration process. One proposal is to have juniors pay for themselves individually. We could also consider having players become members prior to tryouts. According to Todd Lyon, this worked well in the Badger Region. We have a new Molten sponsorship and we are working on a contract with Adidas. Steve and Chris met with 13 club directors and some of the issues brought up were the possibility of nationals being moved to 3 separate venues which could cause problems for families with multiple players, coaches, and college recruiters. A lot of club directors for boys were not aware of how early they need to sanction and advertise tournaments. Steve and staff are going to work on an addendum to the guidelines for creating a new club specifically for boys.

Associate Commissioner - Ryan: None.

Treasurer - Weber: None.

Secretary - Pieschel: None

Jr. Coordinator - Clauss: none. Had a few issues with clubs. Some teams did not have enough kids to play and had to release them.

Scorer Chair - Palmer: None.

Referee Chair - Werner: Scheduling ratings tournaments.

Women's Coordinator - Scanio: Adult tournaments have gone well, there are a lot more women's teams this year. Ashley is going to contact local college programs now that their seasons are over.

Men's Coordinator – Stratman: Contacted club directors requesting that they put a link to the Adult Gateway page on their websites to educate players early on about how they can get involved after college.

Education Coordinator – Boyle: Taught an IMPACT course with 15 people. Shenee recommends that we look at getting a room at President's Day to have a college coach panel. Steve thinks that this would be expensive at the convention center and that those not playing in the event would not attend the event. Steve thinks that we should look running a panel at another time. We can sit down to talk about a time and place to set that up. We should look at running a CAP clinic in May of 2020.

Beach Coordinator – Laure: Absent.

Staff Reports –

Morecraft: Mock Tryouts went well, we have about 20 people interested in refereeing in the Region this year. We got a Beach National Qualifier back this year which will be May 25-27th.

Shyu: We currently have 288 teams registered for Dennis Lafata, last year we ended up with 278 teams total.

Winters: Finances are looking good, Brittney is working with the hotel contractors for the events in Cape Girardeau this year, and it has been beneficial.

Presentation of Dennis Lafata logos.

Mayer: absent. Registrations are up right now compared to last year due to the requirements that you must be a member to access any online training. There are some issues with rosters since they must take SafeSport before they can get on a roster. We credited boys clubs with \$2760 for new 15-18U members in the 2018 season as part of the grant we received.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Adult Beach Championship: Men's doubles surpassed the cap and the division was expanded. Women's doubles had 7 teams. Coed 4's ran on 3 courts and we dropped men's and women's 4s. We lost a little over \$1000 on the Adult Beach Championship, but we did make some money on Spikin' It. Next year, we will try to get more sponsorships for these events.
2. Board Reconstruction. Discussion on Board Reconstruction. We are adding 9 district representatives. The Executive Board will sit down and come up with a proposal.
3. USAV Merchandise: Brittney placed our wholesale order, so we will be selling USAV merchandise at our local events.
4. Club Information Night: Numbers were down this year. We may need to look at just doing 2 club information nights this year due to low numbers.
5. Mock Tryouts: 58 participants, went well.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Junior Beach Update: We are hosting a Beach National Qualifier May 25-27th. We will receive 3 bids per Regional qualifier. We are looking at running a Regional Qualifier the weekend after the bid event which would be contracted out to someone else to direct. We would look at doing this for Girls 14U and 16U since they are our largest divisions.  
-Recommendation to allow boys from other regions to participate in beach regional qualifiers **MCU**.  
-Motion to create a committee to investigate whether or not it would be worth it to run a second Regional Bid Event which would be contracted out. **Ryan MCU**
2. Boys Bid Event-Steve will create a work schedule. We will be asking for volunteers to help with set up on Thursday, awards, merchandise, etc.
3. Merchandise: We met with STL Sportswear and put our order in. The shirts will be royal blue and gray.
4. Diversity Grant: We were given a diversity grant at the October meetings. We are planning to put together a sitting volleyball clinic. USAV would pay the per diem for the national player to come here to run the clinic.
5. 25th Anniversary at Spikin It: We are planning to have a celebration in conjunction with Spikin It. We will also have the 25th anniversary logo on the shirts.
6. Cost comparison of clubs – Cary Cusumano. It has been recommended that Gateway puts a cost comparison of clubs on their website. There are some concerns with this because there could be some liability on us for mistakes. No action taken.
7. Schedule Region events 2-3 years out around calendar milestones – Cary Cusumano. We have always tried to work around dates to allow optimal participation. If we set a date and it falls on the same date as a nearby qualifier, it would hurt our registration. If qualifiers begin setting their dates 2-3 year ahead of time, the Region would then be able to set our dates ahead of time. No action taken.

**Motion to Adjourn: 7:45 PM Palmer/Halaz MCU**

### **Meeting Dates:**

**March 1, 2019**

**May 3, 2019**

**August 2, 2019**

**December 6, 2019**