



White Bear Lake Volleyball Club

Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2026

Board Members Present: Board Members Present: Julie Steffensmeier, Kim Anderson, Nicole Phillips, Liz Cinqueonce, Julia Eder, Jeff Dumroese, Patrick Knipping, Jessica Christiansen, Jody Eastburn

Board Members Absent: Theresa Neudecker

Guests: Laura Peterson (Board candidate)

J. Steffensmeier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Coaching Director Update

All skills clinics have concluded. Participation declined during the third session, and the board discussed potential adjustments including reminder emails and a post-participation survey for future clinics.

Team pictures have been distributed, with minor issues being resolved. Appreciation was extended to Andersons for assisting with distribution prior to spring break.

A coaches meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 20 (time and location to be determined).

Team statistics and tournament results from the President's Day Tournament were reviewed, with several teams earning championship and podium finishes across divisions.

Director's Update

Board membership was discussed. Laura Peterson was nominated for appointment as an at-large board member.

ACTION: Motion by J. Steffensmeier, seconded by J. Christiansen, to appoint L. Peterson to the Board as an at-large member. Upon vote, the motion carried.

Bear Blast planning continues. Board roles and responsibilities were reviewed. Tournament information and schedules will be distributed to registered teams on March 23.

The End-of-Season Celebration was scheduled for May 3, with a request to reserve Oneka Elementary from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Summer team planning is underway, with coaching availability being assessed. A preliminary notice will be shared with club families.

Facilities Coordinator Update

Bear Blast permits are confirmed for March 27–29, 2026 at White Bear Lake High School. Follow-up is needed to confirm inclusion of the Auxiliary Gym in the permits. The new online permit request system is now active and functioning well.

Tournament Director Update

Jody Eastburn confirmed access to AES and is preparing rosters for upcoming tournaments.

Uniforms/Apparel Coordinator Update

Bear Blast prizes have been ordered and delivered. The board approved purchasing 120 cookies for tournament sales, and 60 for championship team prizes.

Treasurer's Update

Budget updates will be distributed by email. Transition to a new club credit card is underway, and recurring autopayments are being updated accordingly.

Preparations for Bear Blast operations were reviewed, including signage, scorekeeping materials, concession procedures, raffle planning, admission pricing, and tournament documentation.

Website Coordinator Update

Bear Blast DIBS assignments are ready within SportsEngine and will be enabled March 4. Communication to families will include a description of volunteer expectations.

Tournament pools are nearly full, with one remaining 11U team slot pending. Digital scoring will be implemented with paper backups. QR codes will be posted for access to tournament information. Pool play will consist of two sets to 25 with no third set; bracket play will include a third set to 15 if needed.

Summer registration setup will be developed at a later date.

Equipment Coordinator Update

First aid kits for Bear Blast are prepared and assigned to both the Galvin courts and Field House. Equipment replacement needs are being researched, including volleyballs, backup carts, nets, and antennas. Further discussion will occur following Bear Blast.

Fundraising/Marketing Update

A shirts-on-site vendor has been secured for Bear Blast, with placement planned near the Auxiliary Gym if available. The TIY hair binder fundraiser will run through March 23. Potential grant opportunities through Dick's Sporting Goods are being explored to support equipment replacement.

Secretary's Update

ACTION: Motion by J. Dumroese, seconded by P. Knipping, to approve the January 14 and February 9 meeting minutes. Upon vote, the motion carried.

Closing Items

Next board meeting: Monday, April 6, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by L. Cinqueonce.