

**WEST FARGO VOLT VOLLEYBALL**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**9/13/2021, 8:00 pm, via Microsoft Teams**

**Mission:**

To develop the athletic abilities of the players and to promote teamwork and a positive volleyball experience.

**Opening:**

- The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.
- Attendance/Introductions

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twila Nogowski, Director            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mackenzie Odden, President                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jessica McClafin, Co-Vice President            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steph Lauritsen, Co-Vice President        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angie Saxlund, Treasurer            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristen Dinger, Secretary                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betsy Dodds, Accountant             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betsy Schulz, Concessions Chair           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chelsey Mahon, Concessions Chair    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Bloedow, Concessions Chair          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristen Peterson, Concessions Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kami Muchow, Sponsorship/Special Projects |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caitlin Killoran, Member at Large   |   |

Other:

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**Secretary Report (presented by Mackenzie):**

- Review of Meetings Minutes from the August 15, 2021 meeting
  - Motion to Approve Minutes by Kristen P, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Betsy - Motion passed
- Reviewed changes to the VOLT handbook. The board made suggested edits specific to Open/National naming and description of the Local program. It was agreed to resume edits and motion to approve via email prior to the parents' meeting.

**Director's report (presented by Twila):**

- Information is being prepared for the parents' meeting on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Space has been secured at Living Waters. Meeting details will be posted via social media and communication will be going out by the end of this week or early next week.
- Betsy and Twila reviewed the results of the cost analysis for determining 2021-22 program fees and costs. The board agreed that each board member needed more time to review the cost analysis prior to setting program costs. Betsy is going to do further analysis to provide to the board. It was agreed to approve the program fees via email.
- The VOLT website is still in progress. Early October is the target date for completion.
- Program communication is being released at different times. Communication regarding tryouts will be coming out shortly.
- Fall camp was a great success. There were approximately 145 participants. Most of the participants were from West Fargo; however, there were kids from other areas which was encouraging.

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- Registrations are starting to come in for Tryout Tune-ups.
- Looking to hold tryouts around October 1. There will be a registration and fee for tryouts. Once teams are selected then there will be another registration for the season.
- Twila is working on lining up and hiring coaches. It is difficult to determine which team each coach will be assigned to until the teams are set. The board recognizes that parents will want to know who the coach will be and believes this is an important question to answer.
- Tournament dates become available October 1. They change and fluctuate throughout October, but it will be a good start to deciding what tournament each team will attend. The Northern Lights Qualifier is earlier this year than it has been in the past which could cause some difficulties with scheduling.

**President's Report (presented by Mackenzie):**

- There is a desire to keep discussions regarding the new building separate from the board's regular monthly meetings. Information and updates will be provided via email and if a decision or discussion is needed, then the board will schedule a special meeting.
- VOLT's Giving Hearts Day application was submitted and approved. VOLT's kick-off day is Wednesday, September 22.
- Fall camp was a success. Mackenzie tried to connect with a lot of athletes who were not previously in the VOLT program. There was a lot of excitement.

**Vice President's Report (presented by Steph):**

- The survey regarding fundraising was helpful. The two major take-aways are 1) the buy-out option is preferred and 2) the least favorite option is fundraisers that require multiple touch points. The board would like to have a decision on which direction VOLT will be going with fundraising by tryouts. Steph and Jessie will have something put together for approval at the next board meeting. We will inform parents at the parents' meeting that we are working on lining up fundraising for the year.

**Treasurer's Report (presented by Angie/Betsy D):**

- The fiscal year ended on August 31, 2021.
- Betsy D reviewed the financial report, income and expenses, and the budget for the past month. Twila will look at Sports Engine to see if there is a way to separate the fees received for fall camp and tryout tune-up.
- VOLT is currently using Quicken for its accounting. Now that we have a budget, VOLT may want to invest in an updated program so there are more reporting options available.
- The board reviewed the Budget at the last meeting. Betsy did a quick review.
  - Motion by Mackenzie to approve 2021-22 Budget and implement a Budget v Actual reporting on a monthly basis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caitlin – Motion passed

**Sponsorship/ Special Projects Report (presented by Kami):**

- The West Fest Parade is this Saturday, September 18.
  - VOLT's line up time is between 10 – 10:30 am and the parade starts at 12:00 pm.
  - We have a trailer and plan for decorating it; however, we need a pickup and driver. Mackenzie has a pickup, but we still need a driver.
  - We currently have 15 walkers for the parade. Twila will send out another email for volunteers to walk in the parade.

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- Angie talked to Maple River about the VOLT golf tournament. Maple River said they give first opportunity for tournament dates to those who hosted tournaments this year. Once they are through that list, then they open it up for new tournaments. Angie will reach out again in mid to end of September. The board considered other golf courses but feels Maple River is the top choice so want to see how that plays out first.
- Kami reviewed a spreadsheet they created for different ideas for sponsorship levels. The spreadsheet broke out sponsorships for the golf tournament and tournament/season sponsors. The board agreed that if an athlete secures a sponsor, this will count toward her buyout. Last year the fundraising amount per athlete was \$130 and the minimum sponsorship was \$250. Kami will continue to work on this.

**Concessions Committee Report (Betsy S):**

- VOLT's first Dine N Donate is scheduled for October 11 at Spicy Pie.
  - EPIC Companies does a match once/month for Dine N Donates with Spicy Pie. They do a video and social campaign. Betsy will get in touch with EPIC for a future possibility.
- It was agreed to do an event each month except for December. Dates for 2022 will be set later once practice schedules are out.

**Set meeting for next month:**

- The Board agreed to meet in person with a call-in option for the next meeting. The board is considering October 17 or 18 for the next meeting and Mackenzie will find a location. Once the date and location are set, Mackenzie will send out an email.

**Adjourn**

Motion and 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn at 10:13 p.m.

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