

Great Lakes Region Executive Committee Meeting
Sunday, November 4, 2007
Hyatt Hotel Lisle, 1400 Corporetum Drive, Lisle, IL. 60532

Lea called the meeting to order at 5:45PM.

Members present: Lea Wagner, Donna Smith, Angelo Iasillo, Scott Harris, Sandy Abbinanti, Denis Bergstedt, Mary Malpede, KC Johnson, Cheryl Butler, Andy Erins, Kathy Steel, Joel Anderson, Erin Lorenz, Deb DiMatteo, Mike Hulett, Lori Cozzens, Joe Gedvillas, Laverne Nagel and Mark Cimaroli.

Members not present: Alan Feder, Paula McAleese, Lori Cozzens, Ann Dolan, and Dean Hoskins.

Lea reminded all members to turn in their roundtrip mileage for this meeting to Angelo for reimbursement.

Kathy motioned to approve the minutes. Mike seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

New Sanction Procedure – Donna Smith

A few complaints have been received with the new forms. The few that have been received have all been denied. Original complaint comes to region commissioner and waits seven business days. If a second report is received it is sent to Lori Trippi, Chair of Compliance Committee, Donna Smith, Assistant Commissioner and a junior or adult team rep.

YJOV Girls Meetings – Colorado Springs, Co. – Cheryl Butler

Cheryl gave a report regarding the YJOV meetings held in Colorado Springs in October.

Championship Events Committee (Adults):

1. Add additional arbitrator to Adult Championships to monitor alcohol abuse.
2. Change the 60-65 Men event to four-day event versus three days.

Championship Events Committee (Junior Girls):

1. Single court championship worked well.
2. Not enough staff while championship matches were being played.

Championship Events Committee (Junior Boys):

1. Problem with Puerto Rican teams understanding schedules, not available for officiating duties, etc.
2. Hire 4 – 6 staff to help at Championship desk and programming.
3. More signage for players, coaches, spectators, etc. to locate trainer, scores, food, etc.
4. Improve award ceremony
5. Arbitrator not always on site for the boys event. Must be on site.

Event Recommendations:

1. Role of Arbitrator should always be on site
2. Award Ceremony
 - a. On risers
 - b. All players in line facing spectators
 - c. Possibly a National Team player giving the awards
3. Better signage/more sponsors
4. Internal server for computers
5. Officials and Event division meet prior to the event

Doug Beal is working on having several future junior and adult National Championship events televised.

Adult Open Format

1. Make the initial pool play results a factor in the following round
2. No longer have double elimination in the playoffs
3. Six team pools, top three advance to double elimination and bottom three to single elimination.
4. Beer garden to keep alcohol off the courts.

Three-track system passed in May was not approved.

ROD is asking that assistant coaches be allowed to stand during a match.

Trickle down in the Girls Open Division will drop as low as 6th place.

YJOV Boys Meetings – Colorado Springs, CO. – Mike Hulett

Mike gave a report on the boys meetings held in Colorado Springs in October.

Boys Nationals will be in Salt Lake City, Utah in 2008

All boys finals at the US Jr. Championships will be played on separate days

Restructuring – Angelo

Angelo stated the controllers report should be part of the finance report.

Angelo explained the organizational chart. Still in the preliminary stages.

The accountants for the region are currently conducting the annual audit and requesting some information from many clubs. He asked club directors to cooperate.

Sandy motioned to omit the financial info from the minutes. Denis seconded. Unanimously passed.

Financial Report – Angelo

The Great Lakes Region Board of Directors was presented with financial statements that provide up to date financial information regarding the financial position of the corporation. Any member of Great Lakes Region Volleyball wishing to review these financial statements can contact our region controller, Angelo Iasillo at aiasillo@aol.com and he will be happy to provide you with the information you seek.

Incorporation Procedures – Cheryl and Mike

This information has been added to the GL region website.

Junior Extravaganza – Andy Erins

Andy asked the committee if the region would like to host a large weekend regional event for GL region coaches, which would incorporate coaches clinics, etc. over some weekend in September 2009. Andy is asking to send a survey to all club directors. Sandy recommended the finance committee develop a budget for the event.

Regional Championship for Juniors – Donna / Kathy

Deb DiMatteo explained McCormick Place is the only venue large enough to host a GL regional championship to include a “bid” and “non bid” event. Deb presented the requirements by the city and McCormick Place. Navy Pier is also an option. One weekend at McCormick Place or two weekends at Navy Pier. All estimated costs were reviewed with the committee.

Officials Division – Sandy

Uniform variations were discussed.

At the recent Adult Team rep meeting it was agreed there would be only one tournament per weekend, per division.

Park District Tournament of Champions – Dean Hoskins

After polling many park districts Dean found it does not seem feasible.

Evaluation Sub Committee – Kathy/Alan/Mark

Kathy suggested to structure all job descriptions according to the GL mission statement. Kathy will have something for the committee to review by December 1st.

Great Lakes Mission Statement – Sandy / Joel

Sandy asked to review a proposal for a new mission statement. The committee members will review and respond with comments by December 1st.

Goals – Sandy

Sandy asked for the committee members to submit suggested goals by December 1st.

Change Bylaws to reflect Revised vote allocation – Donna

The change has been made and is reflected on the GL region website.

Donna Smith will research the special League fees through USA Volleyball for younger athletes.

Adult Team Rep Meeting – Laverne

Laverne polled the adult team reps for short and long term goals for the region. Laverne suggested the region make it easier for the adult division to register in order to compete. One of the suggestions was to register online. Donna Smith confirmed the region would move to the online registration offered by USA Volleyball beginning next season.

Several adult members mentioned costs for tournaments and registration as a concern.

It was stated by some adult members some of the adult events were not qualify run events. It was suggested team reps contact the host site and region to allow the hosts to correct any concerns.

Laverne asked if there could be a one-time registration fee for those who do not play often or fill in for a team.

Lori stated some team reps suggested the prize money at the GL Adult regional be split with the winner of regionals and the top ranked team per the point system. This will give teams the incentive to play more to earn points.

Erin suggested to post information on the website in addition the newsletter to remind juniors they may continue to play in the adult division.

Officials Report – Mary Malpede

Short Term Goals:

Suggested the Assignment Chair be reinstated
Increase the number of working officials
Improve quality of officials
Require tournament directors to report on officials
Require an officials report on the tournament
Purchase a couple cameras for videotaping / training.

Long Term Goals:

Provide funds to bring in Joan Powell to do a raters clinic
Require certified officials on all matches where the official is compensated for services
Institute a mentoring program
Research officiating fees in other regions

GL Region Goals - Sandy

Short term:

Put all motions in writing

Use parliamentary procedures
Keep meetings to two hours or less
Offer “associate” membership to parks, schools, and YMCA organizations

JVDA (Junior Directors Volleyball Association) - Cheryl

Cheryl provided a handout explaining the strategies and objectives of the JVDA.

Sandy clarified USA officials are not boycotting the JVDA events.

New Business

The committee agreed to move the February 24 meeting to March 16 in 2008.
Laverne Nagel has replaced Paul Gilbert as the Adult Team Rep

Denis motioned to adjourn. Kathy seconded.

Lea adjourned meeting at 9:05

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Harris
GL Region Secretary