

## GLR BOD Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 2, 2019

6:00 PM

### Welcome

In attendance: Chris Berzins, Terri Baranski, Bob Jones, Devonie McLarty, Paul Ickes, Tolis Koskinaris and Trish LoVerde

Absent: Kathy Steel

Staff in attendance: Sandy Abbinanti, Angelo Iasillo and Kim Greenback

Secretary: Mary Malpede

Please:

➤ Note that all Executive Session minutes are not included in the Public Copy of the minutes, but kept on the Region's shared file

➤ Remember, We conduct our meetings under a modified Robert's Rules of Order a.) Raise your hand and be acknowledged to speak, b.) Discussion may begin after a motion has been presented, c.) No person may speak twice to the same issue until after everyone else has had a chance to speak, d.) There is a 10 minute limit to all discussion, if more time is needed an extension may be requested

➤ Be aware that a BOD member must never use information gained through his or her position for personal gain and must always act in the best interest of the corporation.

Bob Jones was introduced as a possible new Independent Representative, and received **BOD approval (5-0-1)**.

A moment of remembrance for Mike Hulett: February 13, 1955 – May 9, 2019

The November 2018 GLR Board minutes were approved electronically.

### Commissioner's Report - Sandy

- Compliance issues – Executive Session
  - USAV End of Year Meeting Update
    - Jamie Davis spoke about zero tolerance for SafeSport issues. "What one of us does affects all of us". One-on-one

instruction is not covered by our insurance. Remember we are all mandatory reporters to the Police and SafeSport.

- Transgender issues based on testosterone levels. Athletes must contact the Transgender Committee.
- The USOC is hoping to have SNOW VOLLEYBALL a full medal sport in 2030
- 88% of the membership are women/girls
- Background screens are going to \$18.50 but there is a possibility of BS being required each year for a total of \$30 for two years. It will now be a Federal and State screen. **TABLED**
- Insurance cost will increase from \$4-\$5
- Multimedia/Cyber Liability Insurance for all regions is being investigated
- New Tie Breaking Procedure for Qualifiers(Big Pool Procedure for everyone)

- Season Transition Document

This is not a change in membership dates. It is offering memberships for next year at different times of the year. Membership Dates will still start on 9/1 and end on 10/31 of the following year. They can still take out the membership in September, but now we have the capability to start that membership on 11/1, thereby going to a 12 month membership. This should eliminate those that have a membership good until 10/31 but take out a membership for a tryout. The September and October Tryout can now be called whatever we want it to be called. NEW MEMBER ONLY Tryout Fee. Those taking out memberships in September and October won't see a change in their membership dates until the date we put in, like 11/1 **TABLED**

- SportsEngine update

It will be live on September 1<sup>st</sup>, but still not completed. There are concerns about third party mailings and JVA information being part of the USA website.

Executive committee motion to change procedures for the Alleged Violation Reports. Passed 7-0-1

1. The person witnessing the alleged violation must submit the Alleged Violation report within fourteen (14) business days of knowledge of the violation to [Violations@glrvb.com](mailto:Violations@glrvb.com) and [Commissioner@glrvb.com](mailto:Commissioner@glrvb.com)
2. For each Alleged Allegation submitted there will be a \$500.00 filing fee. For each appeal submitted there will be a \$500.00 filing fee.

Upon Submission of an Alleged Allegation or Appeal, a \$500.00 check made payable to Great Lakes Region Volleyball must be received within the same time frame(s) listed in the by-laws. i.e. if you submit the alleged violation report via email, the check must be received within the same fourteen (14) business day window. The window for appeals is fourteen (14) business days from notification of the sanction. If the Alleged Violation results in any form of sanction, the check will be shredded or returned to you. If the Alleged Violation has no merit or results in no action taken, the check will be deposited and a donation made in the same amount to Special Olympics of Illinois. If the check is returned NSF, the club and/or individual will be immediately suspended and the amount increased to \$1000.00 payable by Cashier or Bank Check only. The club and/or individual will remain "Not in Good Standing" until the \$1000.00 check clears the bank.

Previous violations within a 6 month period may result in stronger sanctions

BOD discussion regarding eliminating all recruiting rules. **TABLED**

Is there a way around having an athlete testify? No, but we could set up SKYPE for the athlete/ parent and the hearing committee.

**Membership** – Kim Greenback: The full report was distributed to the BOD.

Membership comparison report:

	2018	2019	
<b>Regular Full Memberships</b>			
Adult Male	905	942	<b>Increase</b>
Adult Female	1077	1180	<b>Increase</b>
Junior Male	2109	2253	<b>Increase</b>
Junior Female	7980	8898	<b>Increase</b>
<b>Combined Full memberships:</b>			
	14,596	15,962	<b>Increase</b>

**WCPL** – 574 teams. Many positive comments came to the Region Office about the league so kudos goes out to the Power League Directors!

The Great Lakes Region reserves the right to refuse entry into any GLR sponsored event to any individual/club or team that may disrupt/distract/adversely affect the tournament and/or Great Lakes

Region's mission/goals/objectives or otherwise have the potential to adversely affect the reputation of the Great Lakes Region and/or USA Volleyball.

**Finance and Budget** – Angelo Iasillo: The full report was distributed to the BOD.

**Structure** – Sandy Abbinanti: No report

**Girls' Division** – Kathy Steel and Terri Baranski:

Motion by Terri, seconded by Devonie:

Girls' 14 and under try-out moved to the last Sunday in September beginning in 2020. Rationale: To keep the date off the holiday weekend. Passed: 7-0-0

**Boys' Division** – Tolis Koskinaris and Kris Berzins:

## **14 Open**

SPVB 14 Elite- Declined Bid

## **14 USA**

None

## **15 Open**

Serve City 15 National

SPVB 15 Elite

Hitman 15 Elite

Chicago Bounce 15 Red

Ultimate 15 Gold

## **15 USA**

None

## **16 Open**

Hitmen 16 Elite

SPVB 16 Elite

D1 Elite 16 Green

Uno 16 Elite

Chicago Bounce 16 Red

**16 USA**

Ultimate 16 Black

Adversity 16 Black

Hitman 16 Black

SPVB 16 Alpha

**17 Open**

Ultimate 17 Gold

Adversity 17 Purple

**17 USA**

Ultimate 17 Black

Pipeline 17 Airmax

Ultimate 17 Blue

CVC 17 Adidas

Chicago Bounce 17 Blue

Ultimate 17 Navy

**18 Open**

Pipeline 18 Nike

SPVB 18 Lenny

SPVB 18 Elite

Adversity 18 Purple

Ultimate 18 Gold

Hitman 18 Elite

D1 Elite 18 Green

**18 USA**

Adversity 18 Black

SPVB 18 Delta

SPVB 18 Alpha

**14 Open – No Change**

Chicago Bounce 14 Red

**14 USA**

None

**15 Open- Plus 2 Teams**

Adversity VBC – 15 Adidas

D1 Volleyball Club – 15 Green

SPVB 15 Elite

Hitman 15 Elite

Chicago Bounce 15 Red

Ultimate 15 Gold

**15 USA**

None

**16 Open – Minus 1 Team**

Chicago Bounce – 16 Red

Hitmen 16 Elite

SPVB 16 Elite

Serve City Inc – 16 National

Chicago Bounce 16 Red

**16 USA – Plus 1 Team**

Adversity 16 Adidas

D1 Elite Volleyball – 16 Green

Drive – Drive 16 Blue

Hitman 16 Black

Ultimate 16 Blue

**17 Open – Plus 2 Teams**

Chicago Bounce – 17 Red

D1 Elite Volleyball – 17 Green

Hitmen – 17 Elite

Ultimate – 17 Gold

**17 USA – Minus 1 Team**

1st Alliance VBC – 3rd Coast 17 Black

Hitmen – 17 Black

Pipeline – 17 Nike

VC United – B171 Premier

**18 Open – Minus 1 Team**

Adversity VBC – 18 Adidas

Hitmen – 18 Elite

Pipeline – 18 Nike

Sports Performance – 18 Elite

Ultimate VBC – 18 Gold

UNO VBC – 18 Elite

**18 USA – Plus 2 Teams**

Adversity VBC – 18 Purple

D1 Elite VBC – 18 Green

Sports Performance – 18 Lenny

Sports Performance – 18 Alpha

Ultimate VBC – 17 Blue

**Adults** - Trish LoVerde

Next Season: GLR Run Adult Regional's in 2020? **NO**

Increase adult membership

- How can we find “new blood?”

o Google doc we sent didn't work

Trish created an Adult Chicagoland Area Sub List google doc for women and currently have 55 females on it:

- Should we create same list for men? **YES**

o Trish would need men's adult USAV email addresses - **Bob Jones will help**

- Any other ideas?

Long sleeve shirts as prizes

- went really well with women (need more smalls)

- need bigger sizes and better color choices for men
- Make a new design and order more shirts

#### Adult Nationals Questions for USAV Staff

- Why has AA/A been on the weekend 3 years in a row?
  - o It used to change every 2 years
- Instead of AA/A and BB/B combined, why not AA/BB and A/B so teams have the option of playing a higher or lower level on the weekend each year?
  - o Who makes these decisions?
- Can all levels play the weekend? And masters play during the week?
- Why are Nationals in Minneapolis again next year? Just held there in 2017:/
- Past cities who have hosted:
  - o Orlando
  - o Austin
  - o Dallas
  - o Phoenix
  - o Salt Lake City
  - o Orlando
  - o Louisville
  - o Detroit
  - o Minneapolis
  - o Columbus
  - o Atlanta

- o Holyoke
- o Reno
- o Hawaii
  - Can we get any new cities to host?
- o Colorado Springs?
- o Nashville?

#### Number of Teams in each Division

at 2019	Women's
Nationals:	
Men's	
Open	6
AA	34
A	66
BB	28
B	41
40 +	6
45 +	6
50 +	15
55 +	12
60 +	14
65 +	10
70 +	8
74 +	7
78 +	4
Sitting	12
Sit Ex	4
Sp Oly	12

41 Great Lakes Teams Represented at 2019 USAV Adult Open Nationals in Columbus

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Represented at 2019

## USAV Adult Open Nationals in Columbus

16 Women's Teams

- 27 Men's  
Teams

### **High Performance – Dan Ames**

The tryouts were very much more quality than quantity. We had 15 young men try out, one contacted that was sick and he was added as well. It's a team made up with majority of some of the best 2020 players in the Midwest and the country. We have young men committed to the best of universities in the country playing. We chose the 12 player travel squad, but we still took the remaining 4 young men to train with us this summer in case of an emergency and to keep the level high in the gym during the practice period.

### **Officials – Mary Malpede**

- We have three new National Officials: Jeanine Hoskin, Darren Reese and Mallory Roberts. Our junior national candidates will be evaluated at the GJNC.
- The DCR has been renamed. It will now be called the Rule Book
- Some regions are using a "Purple Card".

### Great Lakes Region Officials Chair Report

**183 Current Officials:** 76-Provisional, 73- Regional, 17-Jr. National, 1-Retired Jr. National, 16-National, 5-Retired National, 1-International

### **New Rating and Training Process:**

- We have streamlined the whole adventure. Candidates can take on line modules at their leisure without having to block out a day of classroom training. The modules are very well done. I along with my division decide on which modules are needed but candidates are free to take them all if they wish. Modules must be taken before scheduling the next step.
- Choose which date they want to come for practical experience where they work with clinicians all day to learn and practice. This is new and free of charge. Tremendous positive responses from our candidates on the relaxed atmosphere and no pressure.
- Camps are still offered and utilized for new candidates or upgrades for existing.

- Evaluated: Again choose a date to get evaluated, formal process at this time.
- Since this was the first year we hope it will catch on and be a new way to recruit more officials to add to our cadre.

### **New Evaluation Forms:**

- I would like to review the USAV National rating sheets (provided in report). I developed a form we have used for years but would like to streamline the USAV form and implement some of their categories into our current evaluation forms.

### **Recruiting:**

- Our Officials Division offered a meeting for National and Jr. National Officials at the Burr Ridge office to get our higher ranked officials more involved. Devonie and Janice hosted the meeting and it was a huge success. Many compliments from our 50 Jr. National and Nationals.
- Get business cards made for passing out to potential Jr. or adults interested in becoming an official. Information would follow with instructions.
- Rating and Training: be more visible and offer help to our Jrs. (talk and show interest in them).
- Be more aware, keep your eyes open for “diamonds in the rough” and follow through (with the Jr. and coach both present) with praise and encouragement to consider officiating.
- To get more people involved we have to streamline our current rating and training (**that was implemented**)
- The rating/training team would like to identify themselves and represent the region by having a specific jacket (**this was implemented**).
- Officials that travel either in or out of region (all levels) have expressed an interest in being able to order apparel (region logo). **This is in the works**
- Set up a table at our Windy City National Qualifier with information on “how to become an official” (**this was implemented**).

- New on line registration and clinic input is going to be ready by Sept. 1. I voiced concerns as to who will be teaching us how to work the system. Response from minutes below.
- Training for Regions is a work in progress. There will be webinars, in-person training, and system tutorials. A support matrix is being created and formulated.?????
- Staff is working on a singular database for Officials and newsletter but will take some time.
- Purple Card – In two regions that implemented this I do not believe this will work for us but the gist of it is to help control fans and parents. This problem is nationwide. If the official gives a “purple card” where a point/points are given to the opposing team for misconduct by fans. Club Directors are notified before the season starts so everyone is prepared to control their parents/fans and put them on notice.
- Simplified score sheet for younger age groups. Much discussion with no decisions based on input about regions offering this scoresheet as optional. Traveling to other regions where they do not implement this would bring much confusion to clubs not prepared to use current traditional sheet. More info to follow.

**Officials Division:** Consists of

- Officials Chair – Mary Malpede
- Rating Coordinator – Janice McGeary
- Head Rater – Devonie McLarty
- Commissioner – Sandy Abbinanti

Janice McGeary has done a sensational job of bringing new ideas and implementing them into our rating and training processes.

At this time I respectfully and regrettably submit my resignation.

*Mary Malpede – Great Lakes Region Officials Chair*

## **Beach – Ross Balling**

The Great Lakes Region Volleyball (GLRV) Series is for youth and junior athletes who are new to the beach doubles volleyball game. We are excited to expand the series to 12 dates this summer. The series of beach volleyball tournaments include Junior Boys and Girls age brackets for 12U, 14U, 16U & 18U. Many of our athletes are gaining tournament experience and preparing to make a splash at summer tryouts. The junior teams who finish 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th in these events receive a FREE ENTRY to compete in the GLRV Series Championship on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**START TIME: 9AM**

**PLAYOFFS:** 1PM Top two teams to GOLD Brackets and unranked teams to SILVER Brackets

**SCOREKEEPER:** <http://www.evptour.com/score/index.cfm>

**AWARDS:** 1st place GOLD GLRV MEDAL 2nd place SILVER GLRV MEDAL 3<sup>rd</sup> place Academies Medal 4<sup>th</sup> place Academies Medal

## **2019 GLRV Series @ Evanston, Oak Lawn, Lagrange, Park Ridge & North Ave Beach.**

<b>Date City</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Levels</b>
Sunday - June 2 18U Evanston, IL	Clark Street Challenge	12U, 14U, 16U &
Saturday - June 8 18U Chicago, IL (North Courts)	Chicago Pro Am Series #1 @ North Ave	12U, 14U, 16U &
Sunday - June 16	Four Lakes Series I	12U, 14U, 16U & 18U
Sunday - June 23 IL (South Courts)	Chicago Pro Am Series #2 @ North Ave	12U, 14U, 16U & 18U
Wednesday - June 26 18U Lagrange, IL	Lagrange Spike on East Ave	12U, 14U, 16U &
Sunday - June 30 18U Evanston, IL	Clark Street Challenge	12U, 14U, 16U &
Sunday - July 7	Four Lakes Series II	12U, 14U, 16U & 18U
Monday - July 8-11	Great Lakes Beach Camp	Lisle, IL 12U, 14U &

## **Tournament Director- Dean Hoskin**

As of May 30, 2019 we have a total of 320 Junior Sanctions and 20 Adult Sanctions.

While the total number of junior tournaments appears to be higher, we had 91 sanctioned WCPL dates this year as opposed to 35 last year. Last year's number of junior sanctions was 272. If you subtract the number of WCPL dates you get the following:

2018 – 237 non WCPL sanctioned dates

2019 – 229 non WCPL sanctioned dates

I was informed of and cancelled twenty-four (24) junior tournaments and zero (0) adult tournaments.

**Evaluations– Kathy Steel:** No report

## **Old Business**

Girls in Indianapolis, June 27-July 6, 2019

Boys in Dallas June 30 – July 7, 2019

HP in Fort Lauderdale, Florida July 18 – 22, 2019

## **New Business**

- 2020 USA Volleyball Open National Championships (Opens): May 22-27 in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2020 USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC): June 25-July 4 in Dallas, Texas
- 2020 USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC): June 27-July 4 in Reno, Nevada

**#1 August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting with staff from each club. Strategy session- June 14, 2019 at 3:00PM**

- Safe Sport
- Membership Management System - SportsEngine
- High Performance, Boys
- Charges for alleged violation reports and appeals
  - O Site and time – This should be comfortable with tables and chairs. Brother Rice was perfect but I know other places could work just as well. – Devonie, Paul and Kris
  - O Topics – See below for possible one topic. – Kathy, Tolis and Terri
  - O Presenters I believe the BOD should present
  - O Seating arrangements
  - O Fee- Since it's mandatory should they just pay for lunch?
  - O What happens if no one comes from a specific club? A penalty or a video of the presentation?

**#2** Tolis said that we (I think Kathy felt included in this description) we were ancient, prehistoric, old-fashioned, archaic or obsolete and while I was slightly offended it also intrigued me. So to that I'd like you to click on this Pepsi commercial and see Stay Forever Young! This might be the concept for our August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please tell me what you think. **Speaking of this I believe Tolis would be the perfect chair for this committee. Do I hear Terri and Kathy saying nominated and approved?**

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=stay+forever+young+pepsi+commerical&view=detail&mid=B91AE4F649B9FE219AFB91AEA4F649B9FE219AF&FORM=VIRE>

**#3** Tolis also got me thinking...

How can we re-new enthusiasm, re-invent the region and re-gain JVA or any unaffiliated clubs in this region?

**VNL Update** – June 21-23 at Hoffman Estates

Finals – July 10-14 at UIC Pavilion

- August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting

Spring meeting: June 2, 2019 – Burr Ridge office at 6:00 PM

Fall meeting: November 10, 2019 – Burr Ridge office at 6:00 PM

Spring meeting: June 7, 2020 – Burr Ridge office

Motion to adjourn made by Kris and seconded by Terri

#### WCNQ Agenda

Update- Sandy and Angelo

Housing: Peak Night Sold/Allocated – 6,888 Total Room Nights Sold/Allocated – 21,504

There were 135 courts, 892 teams registered, 14,000 players for a total of approximately 64,300 attendees.

Number of teams attending the tournament: 885

What percentages of participants were from states **other** than Illinois? **80.6%**

List the top 5 states with participants in attendance.

1. Great Lakes (IL)
2. Ohio Valley (OH)
3. Lake Shore (MI)
4. Lone Star and North Texas (TX)
5. Southern Cal (CA)

**Puerto Rico sent 9 teams**

**Tickets sold:** 8965 tickets from about 5800 people

Qualifier schedule for 2020

	2020	2021	2022
Crossroads	March 7-9 (11-15s)		
Denver, CO	March 13-15 (16-18s)		
Mideast	March 13-15 STL (11-14s, 15A & U)		
Indianapolis, IN	March 20-22 Indy (15O, 16-18s)		
Sunshine	March 6-8 (all ages)	March 5-7	April 1-3
Orlando, FL			
Pacific Northwest	March 20-22		
Spokane, WA	March 27-29		
Southern California	March 28-30 (16-18s)		
Las Vegas, NV	April 3-5 (11-15s)		
Windy City	April 10-12 (all ages)	April 2-4	April 15-17
Chicago, IL			

Big South	April 10-12 (all ages)		
Atlanta, GA			
Northeast	April 4-6 (11-14s and 15U & A)		
Philadelphia, PA	April 10-12 (15O, 16-17s)		
Show Me	March 28-30 (11-14s & 15A, 18NB)	April 3-5	
Kansas City, MO	April 3-5 (15O & U, 16-17s)	April 9-11	
Lone Star	April 4-6 (13s)		
Dallas, TX	April 10-12 (11s-14s, 15A, 12A at Gaylord)		
	April 17-19 (15s-17s)		
Far Western	April 18-20 (11s-14s, 15A)		
Reno, NV	April 24-26 (15O & U, 16-17s)		
Northern Lights	January 31-February 2 (17s)		
Minneapolis, MN	April 17-19 (11-14s)		
	April 24-26 (15-16s)		

Motion to adjourn was made by Bob and seconded by Trish. PASSED Unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Malpede

Secretary

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