

AGENDA – Monday, November 13th, 2023

I. OPEN

II. ROLL

6:37 pm meeting adjourned, In attendance: Terri Baranski, Sue Keck, Lorelee Smith, Mike Bui, Darren Reese, Ryan Summers, Paul Ickes, Tolis Koskinaris
GLR Staff: Kim Greenback, Dan Ames, Chris Rusznica, Charlie Spry

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Congratulations Chris Ruzica, hired at the GLR office to work with social media and region outreach.

IV. MINUTES

The minutes from our last meeting, of May 7th, 2023, were previously forwarded to you for review and passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Commissioner Review – completed in August 2023
 - Conducted by Tolis (Chair), Sue Keck (Girls Rep), and Dean Hoskin (Officials Rep)
 - Our evaluation was sent to the BOD for review.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. REPORTS

1. Commissioner (Dan)
 - GLR teams have done well at adult and girls nationals, will continue supplying.
 - WCPL 566 teams, BRC ahead of last year, 18's qualifier almost full, WCNQ moved to waiting list.
 - Officials are trending upward with amount of people that want to pursue officiating and junior officials want to continue and more training sessions will continue.
 - Recommended to us by Dave Lockwood (gentleman that helped re-write GLR By-Laws) that WCPL committee should have a representative as one of the girls' positions should be a rep from the WCPL Committee.
 - Combines prior to both qualifiers, hoping for a possible adult tournament night before G18s as well.
 - Logo sponsorship full rollout for 2024, waiting on USAV approval but

will honor any clubs that took advantage of that this season.

- Nationals' assistance will start back up per auditor; additional recommendation to invest in facility with court space.
- Building relationships with former local Olympians.

2. Treasurer (Charlie)

- Increased revenue and reserved.
- Audit is underway, all seems well currently.
- CDs are working well for us for this year.
- Charlie is in process of consolidating quickbooks.

3. Region Services (Kim)

- Membership is trending in the right direction; up 16% from last year at this time-whether it's due to SE registration opening up earlier or clubs registering more members.

4. Girls Reps (Ryan, Sue, Terri, Mike)

- Growth amongst many of our clubs; clubs are getting used to summer tryouts. Ryan's email responses regarding club retention period, recruiting and stopping late transfers prior to USAV sanctioned event.

5. Boys Reps (Tolis, Miguel)

- Interest from boys' side to start a Power League similar to WCPL.

6. Officials (Darren)

- Officials less professional than in the past; would love to see improvement.

7. Adults (Bob)

- Not a lot of change. Region looking for opportunities for growth. College officiating memberships could help drive adult open participation.

8. Outdoor (Lorelee)

- Went well, Partnered with Players Sport and Social and EVP (NW Indiana) to add to power league. Dave recommended 8/3 for the big championship. Outdoor grew 15% compared to last year.

9. Independents (Trish, Paul)

- Do we need authorization for nonprofit to sponsor another nonprofit?
 - Paul into executive session
 - IVCA is a state extension of AVCA; all awards are sponsored by GLR (representation at state, rep on awards)
 - Leave executive session

B. Chairman (Tolis) – Agenda Planning

- a. Budget Review/Audit
 - Possibility of hiring a consultant/strategic plan outside of the volleyball world.
 - b. Any cost saving measures we can take?
 - Cost-saving measures: office rent; Charlie will provide detailed expense to BOD
 - c. We still have an issue to settle in what is our investment aim with the resource now attained by the GLR.
 - GLR could pay for all adult background screens;
 - Sue would like to get it on the agenda for May agenda (~1850 members @ \$14/screen comes out to ~\$26k)
 - New officials startup costs is high
- C. Officials (Darren)
- 1. More follow up with new officials or looking to get started
- D. All-Star Championship Summary (Dan)
- 1. Giving kids collegiate experience during the tournament; Dan is requesting renewed commitment for next year.
 - Lorelee: Motion put forward to support the Great Lakes Region High Performance program, boys and girls, with a financial support of up to 50% of the total program cost for 2024-2025, with a limit of \$50,000 total.
 - Passed 7-1-0
- E. Pre-Signing of Current Members (Kim & Tolis)
- a. Clubs have a right to pre-sign their own players, contractually to the following season, as determined by GLR policy. This can be done before the tryout date. A review of this policy could be necessary based off of member club's feedback.
 - a. Athletes and families feel pressured to pre-sign for playing time at nationals, etc.
 - b. May increase illegal recruiting at nationals.
 - c. No motion coming forward to table; no changes to policy.
 - d. Will be added to May agenda.

VII. COMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Vetting Committee (Tolis)
 - i. Nothing new.
- b. WCPL Committee (Ryan)
 - i. Outlook for 2023-2024

- Within 30 teams of where we were last year; people are relatively happy; clubs like the north/south; would like schedules out earlier.
- ii. Boys WCPL for 2024-2025
 - Dan sending out questionnaire in the next few weeks.

c. Endowment/Grant/Charity Committee (Tolis & Dan)

- i. Various investments with local volleyball organizations: IHSVCA, VLA, etc.

VIII. EVENTS

- a. WCQ 2024
- b. Region Qualifiers Boys/Girls
- c. New Events for 2024 Club Season

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

X. ADJOURN

- Sue Motioned Terri second; passed 8-0-0