

## **5/23/18 Windy City Power League Directors' Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 11:04am

**Members in attendance:** Joel Anderson, Ryan Summers, Kathy Steel, Scott Harris, Mike Bui, Sebastian Acevado, Sue Keck, Terri Baranski, Mike Falk

Minutes from May 8, 2018 reviewed. Motion made to accept minutes as presented by Kathy Steel. Motion was seconded by Ryan Summers. Minutes unanimously approved.

### **Committee Reports**

**League Coordinator Committee-** Terri Baranaski provided an update on possible candidates for both positions. Importance of posting positions discussed. Terri will be leading application process with an email to be sent out to Great Lakes Region members regarding these positions.

**Playing Dates and Schedules-** Ryan reviewed playing dates that were established previously indicating no changes. Schedule was reviewed and explained to members once again. Kathy Steel made a motion to accept presented schedule and Sue Keck seconded the motion. Motion approved by 9-0 vote. Joel to forward dates to GL Region staff for posting on their website.

**Hosting Process-** Board members reviewed and discussed current and existing criteria for being a host site. Board members discussed ways to be inclusive of those wanting to host in the future. Committee to re-convene to review criteria. Logistical discussion of how to "pair" facilities with age groups to make travel more manageable for participants.

### **Old Business**

Admission prices for hosting sites discussed and reviewed. Kathy Steel made a motion that all admission prices should be; \$5 for adults, \$3 Seniors (65 and older) and 10 and under free. Sebastian Acevado seconded this motion and motion passed with a member vote of 9-0.

Outside food policy was briefly discussed and reviewed and it was decided that the policy of "no outside food" will remain.

A brief discussion also occurred regarding allowing Open Division teams to play under the same site. It was agreed that this was a good idea but would need to be handled by the League Coordinator.

A Confidentiality Agreement was distributed to all board members and briefly explained. All members were asked to review, sign and return.

Kathy Steel lead a discussion regarding the hiring of the Official Assigner position for the 2019 WCPL. Members agreed that this position should be posted for all interested applicants to apply. An interview committee of: Kathy Steel, Joel Anderson and Scott Harris was formed. Great Lakes Region staff to send out email with open position.

League format for 2019 season was reviewed as Ryan Summers presented a Proposal document with his thoughts and ideas. A discussion ensued regarding the desired format for the league. Several items of emphasis were; importance of seeding, "double points" system and bracket play vs round robin play. No formal motions proposed on this topic and item was tabled for future discussion and analysis.

Ryan Summers identified that late notification of hosts sites (to be hosting) has historically caused scheduling difficulties for site owners. This issue will need to be forwarded to League Coordinator for consideration and attention.

### **New Business**

With the acknowledgment of the importance of league seeding, Ryan Summers motioned that the board establish Seeding Committees to assist with this process. Teri Baranski seconded motion. Discussion ensued with the following committees formed:

| <u>17/18</u>      | <u>15/16</u>   | <u>12/13/14</u> |
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| Scott Harris      | Sue Keck       | Kathy Steel     |
| Sebastian Acevado | Terri Baranski | Ryan Summers    |
| Mike Bui          | Mike Falk      | Joel Anderson   |

Members approved motion and formed committees by 9-0 vote.

Mike Falk briefly discussed the importance of advertising and public relations in terms of the WCPL improvements. A PR committee was formed consisting of: Kathy Steel, Mike Falk and Joel Anderson.

Kathy Steel motioned for Official Assigner position to have a stipend of \$7,500 for the 2019 WCPL season. Scott Harris seconded the motion. A brief discussion ensued and motion was accepted with a 9-0 vote.

Terri Baranski presented a motion to leave the national bids incentives as they stand at \$325 per qualifying team. This is a payment that is provided to each team that qualifies from the GL Region for USA Volleyball GJNC to help defray costs. It will continue to be coordinated by the Regional Director of Finance, Angelo Iasillo. Motion seconded by Sebastian Acevado and motion passed with 9-0 vote.

Motion to increase entry fees for 2019 WCPL season to \$1,350 (13-18 y/o) presented by Mike Falk. Part of this motion included that fees for 12 y/o division will remain at \$1,150. Discussion ensued. Motion passed with 9-0 vote.

Ryan Summers offered a motion regarding waivered players participating in the WCPL. Motion was that waivered players will be accepted by the league at all levels with the acknowledgment that any team utilizing a waivered player will forfeit any opportunity to receive a GJNC bid. Sue Keck seconded this motion and there was a discussion regarding this motion. Member vote resulted in favor of motion 9-0. Motion passes.

### **New Business**

There was a brief discussion regarding the need for teams to "lock rosters" during the course of the WCPL. This item was deferred to next scheduled meeting for future consideration.

There was mention of some preliminary thoughts regarding the formation of a “downstate power league” forming. Members briefly discussed ways to interact with this process. This item will receive additional attention as more information becomes available.

Next meeting date was set for: **Wednesday, June 6, 2018 at 10:30**.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:16pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Falk