

**General Board Meeting  
Gateway Region USA Volleyball  
DATE: December 2, 2012  
Minutes**

**Called to Order: 4:00pm**

**Additions to Agenda:** Clubs offering scholarships and region criteria. Bruns/Stover MC

**Approval of minutes** - August 3, 2012 Crank/Shyu, MC

**Present:** Tim Neels, Steve Mueth, Brad Bruns, Augie Werner, Shawna Stover, Debbie Palmer, Hilary Bennett, Bob Crank, Ben O'Day, Linus Shyu, Shane Weber, Joe Flanigan, Holly Luenemann, James Atteberry, Tony Stratman, Shannon Loso, Donna Gunning,

**Staff Members:** Donna Mayer, Nicki Fisaga, Jessica Werner

**Absent:** LaChance, Clauss (proxy to Neels), Schaefer (proxy to Palmer), Dennis Nosco (Gunning), Ken O'Day (Flanigan), Linda Jensen (B.O'Day), Frank Buggs, Kyle Kaiser, Chris Dickey, Kevin Stapleton-Cloud, Jodie Hempen, Maureen O'Neill, Becky Czuppon, Mark Sicking, John Yehling,

**BOARD REPORTS:**

Commissioner – Neels: Things in Region are going fine, we will discuss & address new USAV national bids.

Associate Commissioner – Mueth: no report.

Treasurer – Schaefer: absent.

Secretary – Bruns: No report.

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss: absent.

Scorer Chair – Palmer: no report.

Referee Chair – Werner: Conducted Train-the-Trainer clinic today. Live clinic for people interested in certification is on Saturday, 12/8. Most people are utilizing the online modules. 6-10 candidates for Ratings Tourney in January. A reminder was sent out to all referees needing recertification. Would like to see Gateway Region rule modifications listed in one document, and make that document accessible to all members via the region website.

Women's Coordinator – Stover: 3 teams moved up and told they must play in A tourneys in Gateway Region starting Jan 2013. Angry Beavers, The Haven, & Spiked Punch.

Men's Coordinator – LaChance: absent.

Tournament Coordinator – Jensen: absent.

Outdoor Coordinator – Stratman: no report.

Education Coordinator – Loso: will look into scheduling a recruiting seminar, asked for input from board for the need of coaches' clinics.

**Staff Reports -**

Mayer: National bids - we lost 1 American in 13s division.

Fisaga: Regionals/Bid Event tourney info will be updated on website this week. Event fee will be \$225/team for each tourney. Gateway Region/Rockwood Community Ed Developmental program begins tomorrow.

Werner: Jr.mentor training next two weekends, club clinics scheduled and filling, we've received lots of positive feedback on new website.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Mobile app - Fanzlive

Presented by Tim Murphy. Captures every photo/video for concerts, sports, etc. Mobile app for fans at live event to upload images, data, videos into one location. Test group this season with MO Thunder and High Performance. Creates digital memory book for the team.

2. 10 and Under / 8 and Under - tryouts vs sign ups  
Issue with clubs doing online registration for sign ups. Need to discuss general guidelines today.  
    Signup must not start before the designated first day of tryouts for that age division.  
    If planning to have 10s team play up in 11s tourney they may not do sign-ups and must follow current tryout guidelines.  
    Clubs should communicate with 10s players at tryouts if there is a possibility of the team registering to play 11s tourneys.
3. Membership fee increase  
    Have not increased our region registration fee since 2001. Most regions our size/level charge \$50 for membership. Recommendation from Executive Board to charge \$50 for all regular members, whether they pay by credit card, cash or check.  
    **Motion:** Charge \$50 registration fee for regular members for 2013-14 season and going forward. MCU
4. Junior one-event membership  
    **Motion:** Gateway Region will honor Junior One-Event Membership for a team from another region. MCU
5. GW bids as they relate to the new divisions of the GJNC  
    Aug 2012 motion - No team with an Open or National bid will be allowed to participate in Bid Event. National bids are now awarded by the regions. **Motion** Suggested amendment to "No team with an Open bid will be allowed to participate in the Bid Event". MCU
6. Clubs offering scholarships and region criteria.  
    Discussion. Current policy in Jr. Handbook addresses this issue. Shane Weber will further research to create a set of guidelines for the Jr. Handbook.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Bruns/O'Day, MC

**Meeting Adjourned:** 5:22pm

**Meeting Dates:**

March 1- 6:30pm

May 10- 6:30pm

August 2- 6:30pm