

**General Board Meeting
Gateway Region USA Volleyball
DATE: March 3, 2017
Minutes**

Called to order 6:32pm

**Attendance: Neels, Mueth, Ryan, Weber, Clauss, Werner, Palmer, LaChance, Scanio, Tyler, Shyu, Pouyer, Brunk, Halaz, Lyon, Pieschel, Sicking, Flanigan, Diemeke, Boyle.
Guests: Sue McClure, JoAnn Nelson.**

Additions to Agenda:

- 5) Seeding teams without win/loss data.
- 6) Cape Girardeau events scheduling.
- 7) Survey from Joe Diemeke

Motion to approve additions to Agenda. **Palmer/Ryan. MCU.**

Approval of minutes –

Motion to approve **Ryan/Palmer. MCU**

BOARD REPORTS:

Commissioner – Neels. Meeting of new USAV CEO next week in Minneapolis.

Associate Commissioner- Mueth. Bosch, Pieschel and Sicking up for election, 3 year terms.

Treasurer – Weber. Financials OK. \$50K net from Boys Fest.

Secretary – Ryan. No report.

Jr. Coordinator – Clauss. SafeSport issues.

Scorer Chair – Palmer. No report.

Referee Chair – Werner. Referee certification data. 2 JrNational candidates and 1 National candidate this season.

Women's Coordinator – Scanio. No report.

Men's Coordinator – LaChance. April 1st Parkway Central Adult Regionals.

Education Coordinator-Boyle. IMPACT report. Beach IMPACT May 19th, CAP I & II May 20-21st. John Kessel to be Speaker.

Junior Outdoor Coordinator-Diemeke. Information about Junior Beach Tour in May. Sandbox location.

Staff Reports – Tyler. Boys Fest was ok, attendance numbers similar to last year. SEMO events report. Girls Fest registrations down significantly. Regionals registration open.

Shyu-Formats and flows on AES for regionals.

Pouyer-Education update general information, update on status of Club Info night for 2017-2018 season.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Satellite club naming policy. Continue as is, no changes required at this time. Donna has created a system for an identifier for clubs who have multiple teams.
2. SafeSport. Deferred to after May USAV meetings. Possibly to be required every 2 years and paired with background screening timing.
3. Club information Night. Add another location, time frame, job responsibility.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Gateway League information and discussion by Sue McClure and Joann Nelson of Elite Volleyball Club.
2. Boys Regional championships. Date/location discussion. Move to Cape Girardeau location for 2017-2018 season. Discussion of timing—beginning of January?
3. Mentors. Change in wording for Tournament Directors handbook.

A Junior Officials Mentoring Program has been implemented for Girls and Boys 11s and 12s age divisions. When available, the GW region will provide one Mentor per court to assist/critique the officiating throughout pool play and then referee playoff matches on their court. Adult mentors must be current USAV members and have a current background screen (SafeSport certification will also become mandatory in the 2017-2018 season). If no mentors are at a tournament, only the aforementioned adults or juniors 15 years or older are allowed to be first referee; exceptions must be approved by the Tournament Director. If no Mentors are available, the GW region offices will notify Tournament Directors by the Wednesday prior to the scheduled event and those Tournament Directors may search and arrange their own mentors with approval of those proposed Mentors by GW region offices.”

Motion to approve new wording. **Ryan/Palmer MCU**

4. Seeding of teams with no win/loss data. Teams that play up into the next age bracket have no data for ranking/seeding within the Gateway region.

Motion to add policy wording of:

“Teams will be seeded by comparison of their finish as compared to Gateway Teams in the same age group for Gateway Regional Tournament and/or Gateway Bid Event.”

Ryan/Mueth. MCU.

5. Cape Girardeau facility. Discussion held to move Regionals to Cape and move Girls Fest for scheduling in May.

Motion to have Boys High School bid event in January—first weekend, Jan 6 & 7 2018.

Reserve one weekend in April for Girls Regionals, and 2 weekends in May for Girls Fest.

Palmer/Ryan. MCU.

6. Survey suggested by Joe Diemeke. Create a Survey Monkey to inquire about general information on Gateway region. Diemeke and Shyu to create and send to Executive Board for review and approval.

Motion to adjourn. **Palmer/Werner. MCU 8:13 pm**

Meeting Dates:

May 5, 2017

August 4, 2017

December 1, 2017

