



## White Bear Lake Volleyball Club

Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2026

**Board Members Present:** Julie Steffensmeier, Kim Anderson, Liz Cinqueonce, Julia Eder, Jeff Dumroese, Patrick Knipping, Jessica Christiansen, Theresa Neudecker

**Board Members Absent:** Nicole Phillips

**Guests:** Jodie Eastburn (Tournament Director candidate)

J. Steffensmeier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

### Coaching Director Update

Team pictures were held the evening of the meeting, with the Coaching Director present until all teams completed their sessions. A small number of parent communications regarding playing time and team communication were received; the Club Director and Coaching Director continue working with coaches as needed to address concerns.

One player from the 17-2 team withdrew due to scheduling conflicts related to personal and religious commitments.

Tournament updates were positive, including successful participation at the Rochester tournament. Board members expressed support for the split age format used for the 14U teams.

Team statistics from the Big City Luau tournament were reviewed, including serving percentage, serve receive passing, kills, and blocks across participating teams. Overall performance trends were strong across age levels.

### Director's Update

Board member recruitment was discussed. Jody Eastburn was presented as a candidate for Tournament Director and Laura Peterson as a Treasurer candidate.

**ACTION:** A motion was made and approved to appoint Jody Eastburn as Tournament Director.

Discussion regarding Treasurer appointment will continue.

Bear Blast planning continues. Board roles and responsibilities were reviewed. Donation items secured to date include \$100 gift cards from Scheels and Little Village Pub, along with a donation from Manitou Grill. Additional options including silent auction or raffle items during the tournament weekend are being explored.

### Facilities Coordinator Update

All permits have been granted and auto-charge billing is in effect. Bear Blast facility reservations are confirmed for March 27–29, 2026 at White Bear Lake High School (Field House Courts 2–4 and Galvin A & B). No adjustments were requested at this time.

### **Tournament Director Update**

No additional tournament registration updates were reported.

### **Uniforms/Apparel Coordinator Update**

All web store orders are shipping via FedEx or available for pickup at Sport Shop. Families have been notified. Bear Blast bag tags are in transit and expected to arrive by February 12.

### **Treasurer's Update**

Financials remain aligned with the approved budget. Year-to-date budget performance was reviewed, including expenses related to photography services, printing of signage, concessions planning, and gift basket raffle preparations. Updated concession worker guidelines were discussed.

### **Website Coordinator Update**

SE Play implementation continues. DIBS assignments for Bear Blast must be finalized by March 1. Communication to families will include a description of responsibilities and expectations.

### **Equipment Coordinator Update**

Equipment options were reviewed, including ball color variations and upcoming NFHS stamp requirements effective for the 2026–2027 season. Vendor comparisons between Scheels and Game One were discussed, along with evaluation of Baden Lexum and Molten L2 volleyball models.

### **Fundraising/Marketing Update**

A shirts-on-site vendor option is being explored for Bear Blast to support fundraising efforts.

### **Secretary's Update**

Action on minutes from the previous meeting were deferred to the next meeting.

### **Closing Items**

Next board meeting: March 2, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by L. Cinqueonce.*