

WEST FARGO VOLT VOLLEYBALL
MEETING MINUTES

3/6/2022, 6:00 pm
Rustad Recreation Center

Mission:

To develop the athletic abilities of the players and to promote teamwork and a positive volleyball experience.

Opening:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.
- Attendance/Introductions

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Twila Nogowski, Director (virtual) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mackenzie Odden, President |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica McClafin, Co-Vice President (virtual) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steph Lauritsen, Co-Vice President |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angie Saxlund, Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristen Dinger, Secretary |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betsy Dodds, Accountant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Betsy Schulz, Concessions Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chelsey Mahon, Concessions Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Bloedow, Concessions Chair (virtual) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kristen Peterson, Concessions Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kami Muchow, Sponsorship/Special Projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caitlin Killoran, Member at Large | |

Other:

Secretary Report (presented by Kristen D):

- Review of Meetings Minutes from the February 6, 2022 board meeting
 - Motion to Approve Minutes by Kami, 2nd by Betsy S. - Motion passed

Director's report (presented by Twila):

- Would like to have a coach's bonding. There is a \$2,000 line item in the budget for coach's clinic; however, there will likely not be training for coaches this year.
 - Motion by Mackenzie to spend up to \$2,000 of the coaching clinic budget to pay for a coach's gathering, 2nd by Steph – Motion passed.
- We will continue to give each team up to \$100 to spend for team building. There is already a line item in the budget for this. In the past, the coach has to fill out a form and turn in receipts to get reimbursed for the expense. If a coach cannot afford to front the cost, then VOLT or a parent can pay for it.
- There was conversation about what information is being conveyed to players and coaches regarding expectations. Twila will give more specific direction to the coaches for each team in term of what information they should be communicating prior to tournaments. She will also send out a mass email prior to the spring season with tournament information. We still want to direct people to the VOLT website/app for tournament information as this is updated weekly.
- There has been some broken equipment at Deer Creek and Willow Park. These schools are no longer available to us as the nets are broken. It is believed the nets were not put together properly in the first place. The nets at Heritage are also not put together properly. There is no consistency with the equipment and all of the parts are not necessarily there. Coaches are

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being reminded regularly to be diligent and check the equipment as it is set up and taken down. There are questions from the school district as to who is going to pay for these nets. It was noted that when VOLT started 20 years ago, we did not have to pay for gym space. Within the last 8 years, VOLT donated money to the schools to assist with purchasing equipment. Now we have to pay for gym space through WF public schools. We have paid \$12,000 so far this year. Any time school is cancelled, we get our money back for gym rentals since we cannot use the space.

- Twila is recommending that we use a pre-payment system for the VOLT tournament. She believes scanning may be the best option. This would require a person to have a specific app on her phone so that she can scan barcodes at the door. VOLT will need to cover 2 sites for 2 days.
 - Motion by Mackenzie to hire individuals to scan barcodes at \$50 per person for 4 hour shifts each, 2nd by Heidi – Motion passed.
- Adrenaline Fundraising will be providing apparel for the coaches, but it will not cover every coach. VOLT will negotiate with Adrenaline Fundraising to add their logo to the apparel and provide apparel for all coaches. If they are unwilling to do this:
 - Motion by Mackenzie to approve up to \$500 for coaches' apparel, 2nd by Angie – Motion passed.

President's Report (presented by Mackenzie):

- Congratulations to Twila for her nomination of YWCA's Woman of the Year. The board will secure a table at each board member's own expense.
 - Motion by Mackenzie to approve the purchase of 1 table for \$1,000 for coaches to attend the Woman of the Year event, 2nd by Steph – Motion passed.
- She is working on setting up a share sit through Microsoft for sharing documents.
- Giving Hearts Day was very successful. \$2,610 was collected and the money is now a separate line item for giving scholarships.
- Initiated conversations about creating a weekly Newsletter to provide more consistency in communication.
- Motions made by Email:
 - Affirmed email motion passed by unanimous vote to refund of \$70/family that did not participate in Smackfest due to weather cancellation.
 - Affirmed email motion passed by unanimous vote to pay coaches who got stranded due to weather an additional \$150 for the extra night of hotel.

Vice President's Report (presented by Jessie/Steph):

- Cookie dough distribution went smoothly. Cheney office got a box of cookies and thank you cards. We still have some leftover boxes.
- Felt the fundraising went well – Adrenaline was great to work with. There were families who did appreciate the option to fundraise rather than pay the extra \$150. There were some challenges with collecting cash and partial buyouts, but overall it went well and we would do it again. We raised \$29,000 with the fundraiser/buyouts this year – approximately \$18,000-\$19,000 was from cookie sales.
- Steph and Jessie will start working on the end of the year party. There was agreement that The Lights was fun last year. There is \$3,500 budgeted for this event.
 - Ideas: there is opportunity for a program to recognize teams, players, coaches, etc.
 - Will also put together a PowerPoint.
 - Send other ideas and comments to Steph.

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Treasurer's Report (presented by Angie/Betsy D):

- Betsy reviewed the Financial Report, Income and Expense, and Budget v Actual. There was discussion that the coaches' hotel expense is over budget. This is due to having more coaches this year.
 - Motion by Kami to approve Treasurer's Report, 2nd by Heidi – Motion passed
- Betsy D asked to Bell Bank regarding Zelle – it's only offered to personal accounts, not businesses. The bank indicated we could have a credit card reader to accept electronic payments. Betsy will continue to look into options.
- Mackenzie and Twila will communicate with Katelyn Boehm (social media) gauging how much time she puts into the additional work she has been doing.

Sponsorship/ Special Projects Report (presented by Kami):

- Hotels are wrapping up. Kami is waiting to block rooms for one tournament until she has playing locations.
- Kami would like to know everyone's priorities going forward for blocking hotels – proximity to tournament location is a high priority.

Concessions Committee Report (Mackenzie/Betsy S):

- We are good to go for the next Dine-N-Donate is scheduled for March 30, 2022. Epic will be matching. VOLT will start advertising this event next week.
- Phone calls were made to businesses that are near the tournament locations. It was agreed to preserve these conversations and relationships for next year to see about getting local businesses more involved with sponsoring the VOLT tournament.

Set meeting for next month:

- Next meeting is scheduled for April 10 at 6:00 pm at the Rustad.

Adjourn

Motion and 2nd to adjourn

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