

MEETING MINUTES
EVERGREEN REGION BOARD MEETING
February 16, 2016- 6:00pm

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – Meredith Coupland 6:00pm
- 2) ROLL CALL – Meredith Coupland 6:00-6:05pm
 - i) Executive Board: Meredith Coupland, Kevin Twohig, Margie Ray, Larissa Welch, Linda Kildew, Debbie Spray,
 - ii) Advisory Board: Lindsay Callaghan, Kelsey Solberg, Barb Twohig, Bart Townsend, Hedder Illustrer-Pascua, Roland Madany
 - iii) Guests: N/A
- 3) APPROVAL OF 10/27/2015 MINUTES: Kevin Twohig motions to approve minutes, Larissa Welch seconds this motion. Motion carries. 6:05-6:10pm
- 4) APPROVAL OF 02/16/2016 AGENDA: Kevin Twohig motions to approve minutes, Margie Ray seconds this motion. Motion carries. 6:10-6:15pm
- 5) BOARD REPORTS:
 - i) COMMISSIONER – Meredith Coupland 6:15-6:40pm
 - (a) Membership Report
 - (i) Full memberships up by 6.3%
 - (ii) Limited memberships down 5.1%
 - (iii) Increase in ALL memberships of 2.2%
 - (b) RVA Update
 - (i) Intermountain Region
 1. Conference call with Jason Badell (Commissioner) and Quintaya Miller regarding SafeSport and their implementation of it
 2. Early membership numbers show a similar level as last season, but hoping for growth with the addition of local events
 3. ERVA shared reduced membership cost for boys in hopes that it would help them generate a larger base
 - (c) Email to National Office
 - (i) Team Yakima sent an inquiry to the National Office as to how they could petition to be part of a different Region. USAV forwarded the inquiry onto ERVA to give them the opportunity to respond.
 - (ii) In Meredith's email conversation with Brenda Moore of Team Yakima: she stated that the topic of changing regions has surfaced many times over the last couple of years, although the Jamboree conflict was definitely the final catalyst driving the inquiry. She did state that there are certainly other factors mostly tied to travel, cost, and region support for their area (not TY specific). We should have continued conversation with TY regarding their concerns but request that the Juniors committee and Officials Director have greater communication with their directors regarding scheduling of tournaments and officials concerns.
 - (d) PVL
 - (i) Review of the 12/16/2015 meeting with Brandy Kosty and Kari Chavez regarding a PVL team for the current season.
 1. Request was that ERVA supports the PVL team for the Championships in Orlando, FL and provides the entry fee
 2. Request put to the Executive Board on 12/23/2015 and no forward move was made to financially support this version of a PVL team, as the current season's budget did not include this.

3. PVL ad hoc committee was recommended for further research in the steps ERVA can make towards hosting a PVL program vs just a team
 - a. Committee to include: Kevin Twohig, Bart Townsend, Hedder Illustre-Pascua, Kelsey Solberg, Linda Kildew, and recommendations to ask Brandy Kosty and Kari Chavez.
 - (e) Appointment of Metro-Area Rep
 - (i) Kevin Twohig motions to appoint Hedder Illustre-Pascua as the Metro-Area Rep with Liz Steinmark as an assistant, Larissa Welch seconds. Motion carries.
 - (f) Kevin Twohig
 - (i) USAV Board
 1. Doug Beal, CEO of USAV announced retirement to be affective after the 2016 Summer Olympics
 2. Search for a new CEO begins
 - (ii) Ethics Updates
 1. None known at the USAV level
- ii) TREASURER – Margie Ray 6:40-6:55 pm
- (a) Financials (P&L Report)
 - (i) Numbers remain consistent
 - (b) Divisional Budget YTD
- iii) SAFESPORT 6:55-7:10pm
- (a) 2015-2016 Season YTD Report
 - (i) SafeSport meeting scheduled with parent group of North Idaho Thunder U16 team on 2-22-16 to discuss concerns with Coaches and Club Directors. Debbie has reached out to Quintaya Miller and is prepared to advise the group.
 - (b) Player Training
 - (i) No updates to player training YTD
- iv) OFFICIALS DIVISION
- (a) Reports
 1. Officials Director/Chair of Officials – Linda Kildew 7:10-7:35pm
 - a. Ref/Score Clinics Update
 - i. Clinics have been held in Spokane, Yakima, Montana
 - ii. Positive feedback thus far
 - b. Help Desk Tickets
 - i. New this year: Region offices are expected to answer help desk tickets from USAV Academy. Many Regions have complained and we are awaiting response from USAV regarding this for the 2016-2017 season.
 - c. Coaches R1 Certification Update
 - i. Overall positive feedback. Outlying clubs are having somewhat of a difficult time getting their coaches certified, but the option to be certified on-site at a tournament is helping.
 - d. USA Volleyball Academy-ERVA
 - i. Online Ref/Score for Members
 - e. New Officials
 - i. Numbers are up, much in thanks to Barb Twohig and her mentoring program
 - f. Power League Update
 - i. Miscommunication led to some issues with the assigning of certain Officials to certain age groups. Plans to meet with Larissa to remedy these issues.
 - g. Observers
 - i. Continuing to have Observers at U12 and U14 competitions

- h. Day Officials
 - i. No news to report
- i. Regionals Plans
 - i. Meeting scheduled with Linda, Barb, and ERVA office to create court schedule
 - ii. Day Officials to be Barb Silvey, Rusty Wellman, Barb Twohig
- j. Beach Official
 - i. Need to train more Regional Beach Officials to help develop beach program
- 2. Chair of Scorekeepers – Barb Twohig
 - a. Growing Officials division through mentorship
- 3. IMPACT
 - a. Course Updates
 - i. 6 total 2015-2016

v) ADULT DIVISION

(a) Reports

- 1. Adult Player Rep Report– Kyle Twohig 7:35-7:50pm
 - a. Outdoor Update
 - i. Brown’s Courts: construction of Championship court should commence in June
 - ii. March Scheduling/Planning Meeting: Meeting to determine court rental fees, tournaments dates, and future plans
 - b. Indoor Update
 - i. Sanctioned Tournaments: Spike2Care has 10 indoor events on the calendar
 - ii. Sizzler: 64 teams, banquet was well attended. Financial reports pending.
 - iii. Adult Open Championships Orlando 2016: ERVA is sending a Men’s B team to participate (Spokane Slugs)

vi) JUNIOR DIVISION

(a) Reports

- 1. Junior Program Director - Larissa Welch 7:50-8:15pm
 - a. Power League
 - i. First Power League received overall good feedback
 - ii. Plans to decrease number of teams accepted so as to not interfere with club-hosted events
 - iii. Plans to meet with Linda in regards to the Officials assigning
 - b. ERVA Bid Tournaments
 - i. U18 Bid Tournament scheduled for Sunday, March 13th in Missoula, MT
 - ii. U12-U17 Bid Tournaments scheduled for Friday, April 15th in Spokane, WA
 - c. CLASS Act
 - i. Receiving significant amount of responses from the membership
 - d. Youth Program
 - i. Region Scrimmage: Scheduled for 2-28-16, 16 teams registered. Allen Allen to MC, Olympic themed.
 - e. Outdoor
 - i. Scheduling Meeting
- 2. Junior Player Rep –Liz Steinmark
 - a. No updates
- 3. Juniors Development
 - a. Girls – vacant
 - b. Boys – Roland Madany

- i. Boys Draft held on December 6th generated 4 U14 and under teams and 1 U15 an up team in addition to the 2 existing SBVC teams.
 - ii. ERVA Boys Tournament Schedule: Spikestorm 2-14-16, March Mayhem 3-5-16, INK 4-9-16, Border Smackdown 5-21-16 & 5-22-16
 - iii. Border Smackdown 2016: numbers look good, consistent with last year. Roland plans to have conversations with new clubs regarding the Border Smackdown being their final tournament of the season.
- 4. Area Reps (Juniors)
 - i. Rocky MT – Nate Michael: positive feedback on the MT membership, encourages the continuation of this
 - ii. Palouse – Amie Dussurgett-Quesnell: No update
 - iii. Metro – Liz Steinmark/Hedder Pascua: No update
 - iv. Cascade – Desiree Phelps: No update
 - v. Columbia Basin– Tim Davison: No update
- 5. Club Director Rep – position vacant
- 6. High Performance
 - a. Conversations with Keo Millan continue regarding HP in the Evergreen Region. No forward motions have been made.

vii) ERVA OFFICE

(b) Reports

8:15-8:30pm

- 1. Operations Manager - Lindsay Callaghan
 - a. MT Membership
 - i. Full memberships likely grew due to the new MT Membership.
 - b. Regionals
 - i. Numbers are up in the U18 Division, U14 and U16 were the same as the 2015 Regionals.
 - ii. Currently working on formats and logistics
 - c. JBT/AVP Tour
 - i. AVP Tour scheduled for May 7th
 - ii. JBT scheduled for June 18-19
 - iii. Planning to have outdoor clinic before these events
- 2. Marketing & Development Coordinator-Kelsey Solberg
 - a. Internship
 - i. Interviewing potential candidates for a Sports Management Internship. Intern will help with Regionals and in getting the outdoor season underway.
 - b. Sponsorships
 - i. Court sponsors: Spike2Care, Northern Quest, Pizza Rita
 - ii. Vendors: Sanuk, Mike Bohrsen, Kimmel
 - iii. Still receiving bids for a merchandise vendor
 - c. Website Committee
 - i. Requesting approval to assemble a committee to discuss the current website and make recommendations for improvements in a redesign
 - ii. Committee should include a parent, coach, player, club director, board member, official, and tournament director.

viii) PNQ Report

8:30-8:35pm

1. OTHER NEW BUSINESS

8:35-8:45pm

2. MOTIONS

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3. ADJOURN

Next Meeting Date: June 2016

Location: ERVA Office

Time: TBD