

AGENDA
EVERGREEN REGION BOARDMEETING
November 8th, 2011 6pm
ERVA Region Office

1. CALL TO ORDER - Meredith Coupland 6:00 – 6:05pm

2. ROLL CALL 6:05 - 6:10pm
Attending: Meredith Coupland, Jon Lee, Margie Ray, Karen Stebbins, Larissa Welch, Kyle Twohig, Linda Kildew, Bonnie Wescott, Sabrina Hasenoehrl, Emily Mikkelsen, Mark Springer, Trent York, Roland Madany

Not Attending: Kevin Twohig, Barb Twohig, Ronell Routon, Dave Huerta, Tom Bertsch, Russ Poage, April Stark

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 09/20/2011-
- Motion by Jon L., Second by Kyle T., Motion approved.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS: 6:15 – 6:20pm
- Motion by Jon L., Second by Linda K., Motion approved.

5. REPORTS:
 - A. COMMISSIONER’S REPORT - Meredith Coupland 6:20 - 6:40pm
 1. October National Meeting Overview
 - a. Background Screening: 44,000 screened - 2,509 w/criminal records – 85 disqualified – greatest disqualification was multiple drug & alcohol offenses – 6 were sex offenses.

POINT – How many offenders walked away from becoming a USAV coach or affiliated adult because of our Background Screening Policy?
 1. Re-Screening: Regions have the ability to ask for a rescreen on the interval year (if we are aware that something happened in the community during that interval year). NO permission is needed for rescreen because waiver has already been signed.
 - The board suggested we form a written policy to place in our Participants Handbook for if the region decides to re-screen a coach or an official. Jon L. agreed to put together language for us.
 - b. Insurance: Change to Medical Hx form that adds a confidentiality sentence. Also, ESIX recommends that all club directors destroy the medical hx forms annually (at the end of their season).

- Board suggested adding to the Participants Handbook that Club Directors should destroy the medical release forms years. (SABRINA)
- c. Events Dept: Considering moving 12's & 13's Jr Natl tournament into May to keep their season shorter. Adult OPENS – considering moving the age group format to 3 days only so that a portion of the tournament can be attached to the holiday weekend.
- d. ProLeague – see attached presentation 
- e. Zonal Items:
 1. Push to find sponsor deals for a national grouping of RVAs
 2. Survey for Spending ideas from the RVAs for the USAV Budget & Finance Committee

B. TREASURER'S REPORT- Margie Ray 6:40-7:00 pm

- Finance Committee Update
- Third Quarter Tax Return
- Fiscal Year End Summary
- Account Formatting Update
 - i. Classes Break-down
 1. After the board reviewed the Profit and Loss reports, plus the third quarter tax return we discussed how we want our classes broken down in Quickbooks. The board would like to see the budget able to be broken down into divisions- Adult, Junior, officials, Corporation/Administration. Sabrina will work with Accountant Jeff to make these changes and also break down the income report into more detail.

C. YJOV Report- Larissa Welch 7:00-7:15 PM

- Annual Meeting Recap
- Tournaments
 - i. Larissa discussed that we are having a shortage of tournaments. She would like to see some of the new clubs take on hosting a tournament. The board agreed that if a club is not comfortable hosting a tournament, we should partner them with someone who has done one before. Mark Springer volunteered to allow his tournaments to be shadowed.
 - ii. We discussed whether or not the region could schedule more than one tournament per day on PNQ

weekends. Only one day official may be utilized per weekend for a region tournament so that answer is NO. We already have a 14's and 16's tournament on the second weekend and it would be ok to schedule a U12 tournament outside of Spokane on the first weekend. It is difficult this year to find age groups opposite of the PNQ age groups since 16s are scheduled for BOTH weekends.

- CAP Clinic
 - i. CAP registration is up and running. We currently have 14 members registered. We would like to offer those clubs who can't pay for their coaches to attend the clinic, the opportunity for the region to pay up front the registration cost, and then have the clubs pay back the region at a later date. SABRINA will work on wording for this and send to club directors.
 - ii. Sabrina will also send out a press release about the event to the Spokesman Review and the Tri-Cities newspaper.
- Recruiting Issues/Complaints
 - i. We have had just a few recruiting issues/complaints. Karen has been fielding those questions and letting club directors know what is allowed and isn't.
- Tryouts
 - i. Tryouts begin on Sunday, November 13th.

D. Officials Division- Linda Kildew

7:15-7:20 PM

- Electronic Forms for website
 - i. Linda has prepared electronic forms to be submitted for the website for the upcoming year. Linda will finish them and send to Sabrina.
- Ref/Score Clinics
 - i. The Spokane area Ref/Score clinics are scheduled for January 6th, 7th, and 8th. We are waiting to hear back from GU to decide if we can use their facility.
 - ii. Linda is working on finding a date for the Tri-Cities Region-sponsored Ref/Score clinic, as well as Montana region-sponsored clinic.
- Spokane Area Officials Meeting
 - i. The Spokane area officials meeting will be held on Sunday, November 27th. Linda will also hold an officials training clinic on December 4th.

E. Player Reps

7:20-7:35 PM

1. Adult Rep- Kyle Twohig

- Adult Tournament Recap

i. Budget Recap 

1. Kyle discussed the Adult tournament—it was a success. 24 teams participated. Everyone seemed to enjoy the format, location, and competition. We hope to put on another adult tournament in our region sometime in the upcoming year. A budget review was passed out. The region subsidized the adult tournament \$429.14.

2. Junior Rep- Karen Stebbins

- Grassroots/Boys Survey

- i. Karen has been working on putting together a Boys survey to send out to all club directors. She has been in touch with representatives from the Columbia Empire and Puget Sound regions. The survey is complete. Karen will send the survey to Sabrina to send out.

F. MOTIONS

7:35-7:45 PM

1. Boy's Participation?

- a. This motion not ready to be voted on—as the boy's survey has not yet been sent out. We will wait until the next meeting to move forward with this topic.

G. Advisory Board

1. Office Manager

7:35-7:45 PM

- Open House Successes

- i. The open house was a great success. There were 1197 in attendance at the Gonzaga University volleyball match. GU is interested in having us come back next year for the event and we would love to do so also.
- ii. Meredith heard from a middle school coach that if we could select a home game a couple of weeks later he would love his whole middle school program to have the opportunity to attend. The timing was too early this year for middle school promotion.
- iii. We have gathered feedback from the Club Directors that attended the event, and we plan to use their feedback to improve the event for next year.

- Quickbooks Re-organization

- i. We are working on re-formatting Quickbooks online. Sabrina will be working with Jeff and Dale, our accountants, to get everything organized.
- Pre-Registration Numbers
 - i. We have had 887 juniors pre-register for a tryout membership through webpoint up to this date. Last year at this time we had 352 registered. We have had 225 regular adults, 26 chaperones, 77 collegiate, and 21 officials register through webpoint up to this date, Last year at this time we had 124 adult members total. So, pre-registration is going great!
- PIVA/Collegiate Update
 - i. Foreign Team Registration
 - 1. As mentioned, we have had 77 collegiate players register, and we still have teams to get registered. So far things are going great with our PIVA/Collegiate members and we plan to start sanctioning their tournaments soon.
 - 2. We have had one foreign team, Selkirk, register within our region. Sabrina is working with Nationals to make sure all of the appropriate paperwork and membership forms are being documented and signed.
- ESIX- another insurance claim filed
 - i. Another insurance claim, for an injury occurring during an event, has been sent to Nationals.
- Ball Donation
 - i. We did not get a ball donation program up and running in time for the open house, but we plan to make it “bigger and better” by launching an exciting program for Regionals this season. Sabrina will be working on marketing materials and details about this program.

2. Sport Court Manager Report- Russ Poage *No report* 7:45-7:50 PM

3. Qualifier Director’s Report- April Stark *Report Attached* 7:50-7:55 PM

- a. The PNQ is scheduled again for the last two weekends in March, to be played at the same venues- the Spokane Convention Center, EWU, and the HUB. The new website has been launched, many of the hotels are already full and registration opens in mid-November. If we continue to have 430 plus teams, PNQ hopes to pay off the loan to the ERVA after the 2012 tournament. Once that is paid off, they hope to establish a fund

similar to the Spokane Regional Sports Commission's Athletic Achievement Grant Program.

4. Scorekeepers Report- Barb Twohig *No Report* 7:55-8:00 PM
 - Linda mentioned that they will be doing extra training with officials, juniors, and coaches about how to track the libero serve with the new 2 libero rule and our grassroots modification of libero serve.
5. Juniors Development Report
 - a. Girls- Mark Springer 8:00-8:05 PM
 1. Mark plans to reserve two courts at the INK Tournament for boys participation
 - b. Boys- Roland Madany 8:05-8:10 PM
 1. Winthrop contacted Roland about having boy's interested in participating again this year. Roland told them we have not made a decision as a board about boys participation yet, but that the survey should be coming out soon.
 2. The Spokane Boys team placed second in Canada again last weekend.
6. High Performance Report- Trent York 8:10-8:15 PM
 - Trent has been in touch with Tim Davidson in Yakima, Connie Bone in Pullman, and Marilou Jones in Missoula about High Performance options. He has been working with all three of them to see what the region could offer for players this season and beyond. Pac-V wants to do a tournament and possibly a regional tryout in late May. If we aren't able to get tryouts up and running for this year, Trent would like to see the region outreach and make a high performance tryout open to everyone—so we could send a team to camp this summer.
 - Combine Tryout
 - i. The combine tryout is scheduled for November 22nd. Trent will be running the tryout with Joe Volkman and help from the Inland NW adult teams, Karen, Meredith, Sabrina, and Emily.
7. IMPACT Report- Bonnie Wescott/Barb Twohig 8:15-8:20 PM
 - Spokane Dates Announced
 - i. IMPACT clinics are scheduled for Spokane on November 19th and December 11th.
 - ii. Bonnie is working on finalizing a date for a Tri-Cities clinic as well as Selah/Yakima date, and Lewiston date.

- iii. Bonnie suggested that we add some coaching education/resource materials to our website. Sabrina will work on putting it on the website and getting sites from the board.

8. Junior Club Director Report- Ronell Routon *No Report* 8:20-8:25 PM

9. Area Rep Reports 8:25-8:30 PM

- a. Montana- Dave Huerta *No Report*
- b. North Idaho- Tom Bertsch *No Report*
- c. Central Washington- Diana Clemans *Report Attached*
 - 1. Diana reported some questions that Confluence Volleyball had brought to her attention. Sabrina had already followed up with Gene Dowers to answer his questions about practicing before commit day. He also was interested in boy's participation- Sabrina informed him that the survey was set to come out soon.

H. NEW BUSINESS

8:30-9:25 PM

1. Saturday Hours

- a. The group discussed whether or not an office employee needed to staff the office/be on call on Saturday and Sunday mornings during the season. It was decided that no, we do not want an office employee to be on call or in the office. How rosters are distributed to tournament directors was changed this year. We discussed the importance of communicating with Club and Tournament directors to let them know the new "policies" about the Tournament Director sending a list of entered teams to the office 10 business days before a tournament, changes being in by the Tuesday before the tournament, and then the office sending out rosters to Tournament Directors on Thursday.
- b. Karen suggested also sending out the roster to Club Directors so they could confirm they were right. We discussed whether or not a player who is not on a roster should be allowed to be "written" on the roster at the tournament if they can show proof of USAV membership. It was decided that yes, they could do so if they could provide evidence, either by electronic device or membership card, that they were a current USAV member. If the USAV number written down was incorrect, there would be a sanction fee.
- c. SABRINA is working on documenting all of the changes so an email can be sent to all club directors to make sure they are aware of the new processes.

2. Meeting attendance

- a. We discussed whether or not our board meetings should be at a certain time ever month (first Sunday of every month, example). It was decided that we would leave the current structure like it is.

3. 12 Youth Region-Hosted event

- a. We have 29 potential U-12 Developmental teams for the upcoming season. Meredith suggested that we host a short tournament at the end of the season for these teams, or find someone to host monthly event. The board agreed this would be a good idea. Emily volunteered to take the lead in organizing this after tryouts were over and we had solid data on who was going to have a team.
4. Regionals Registration Increase 
 - a. Sabrina discussed and showed the board a budget of what regionals cost last year, compared to what the region brought in with Income. The region spent approximately \$11,204.95 OVER what the ERVA Regionals entry fees covered. We discussed whether or not we should increase the U14 and U16 tryout fee, because the Day official rate is increasing and the 14s and 16s play two days versus the U12 and U18 teams playing only one day.
 - b. There was a motion from John Lee to raise the tournament registration fee for U14 and U16 teams to \$300. Karen S. seconds, Motion approved. (5 for, 2 against)
5. Cashmere Age Waiver
 - a. Meredith read a leader that the ERVA office has received about an age waiver that we did not grant. A Cashmere club did not form because we did not grant the waiver. Meredith discussed how she felt if we were to “grow the game” we needed to think about how clubs in small towns may be affected differently than in bigger cities. There was a lot of discussion about age waivers. We will continue to vote on them on a case-by-case basis.
6. Regionals in Tri-Cities
 - a. Bonnie brought to the board’s attention that John Lengphounpraseut from Columbia Juniors is interested in hosting Regionals in Tri-Cities this upcoming season.
 - b. The board discussed some of the issues involved in having the tournament outside Spokane. One was an economic issue. The other things to think about are site rental, hotels, officials traveling mileage.
 - c. The board encouraged John Lengphounpraseut to put together a proposal if he wanted to host Regionals in the Tri-Cities, and that then the board would consider it.
7. Dale Goodwin’s, long-time ERVA Nationally Ranked Referee, Membership
 - a. Linda brought to the board’s attention that Dale Goodwin needs to renew his USAV membership for the 2010-2011 season or he will lose his National ranking. His dues also need to be paid. She was asking if the board would agree to pay his two years of USAV membership dues (\$60 each), plus his two years of officials dues (\$40 each) to assist our long-time friend of the region and his family as a thank you for his steadfast service.
 - b. Motion was made by Linda K. to pay \$200 for Dale’s USAV membership dues and officials dues for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 seasons. Kyle T. seconded. Motion approved.

I. Close- Motion to close made by Jon L., seconded by Karen S. Motion approved.
Adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Next Meeting: TBD

Location: TBD

Time: TBD