

AGENDA/NOTES FROM MEETING
EVERGREEN REGION BOARD MEETING
February 26, 2014 5:30pm
Evergreen Region Office Conference Room

- 1) CALL TO ORDER – Meredith Coupland 5:30pm
- 2) ROLL CALL – Meredith Coupland 5:30-5:35pm
 - i) Executive Board: Larissa Welch, Jon Lee, Kevin Twohig, Kyle Twohig, Meredith Coupland,
Advisory Board: LW (Office Mgr), Barb Twohig, Mark Springer, Jes Wes
 - ii) Guests: Brandy Sonderland. Outdoor VB program Director.
- 3) APPROVAL OF 10/27/2013 MINUTES: M/S/P 5:35-5:40pm
- 4) APPROVAL OF 02/26/2014 AGENDA: M/S/P 5:40-5:45pm
- 5) BOARD REPORTS:
 - i) COMMISSIONER – Meredith Coupland 5:45-6:15pm
 - (a) AVCA Convention Promotion Winners
 1. Full AVCA Convention- Gene Dowers-Confluence
 2. Weekend AVCA Convention-Kimberlee Lacey-Shockwave
 3. CAP I-Michael Nesmith-Aftershock
 4. Final Four Ticket Package-MVA, Splash
 - (b) Membership Report- ERVA still growing (See spreadsheets through Jan.2014)
 - (c) ESIX (Insurance)/SSCI (Background Screen) Regional Update
790 applicants to date. 0 disqualifications to date
Incident Reports to date: 11.
2 Achilles Injuries, 2 fractures (thumb, wrist), 1 dislocation (knee cap),
1 sprain (knee), 2 contusions (elbow, knee) 3 possible concussions,
 - (d) PVL Meeting with Cindy Beyer and Barb Moe- 8 committed to PNQ and PHX
Allen Allen-possible coach for future. Rox-uniforms
 - (e) SafeSport – “SafeSport if a fully-supported not fully-developed program.”
 - (f) Jon Lee
 1. Regional Ethics Trends- None on going at this time
 - ii) TREASURER – Margie Ray Reported by Lindsay 6:15-6:30pm
 - (a) Financials (P&L Report)-No questions arose.
 - (b) Budget Formatting/P&L Report-Updated formatting is currently being worked on by Margie Ray and Lindsay Walter to make it easier to read and track division budgets with actual spent.
 - (c) Board Stipends – Paperwork needed for accountant collected.
 - iii) OFFICIALS DIVISION
 - (a) Reports (BT) (see attached)
 1. Officials Director/Chair of Officials – Linda Kildew 6:30-6:45pm
 - a. LMS and USAV Academy – region specific curriculum With Lindsay’s assistance the curriculum is up for players, coaches and officials. We have had the officials take the curriculum and tests through Coursemill. The process and directions were difficult at best. That along with the site being down through most of December and January made it difficult to use this as a viable alternative for players and coaches.

- b. Arbiter- All tournaments are being assigned through Arbiter this year. All Tournament contacts from the Sanction form are also in Arbiter and can review their tournaments. There was a major glitch in Arbiter in December through January but is fixed now. We need to work on a way for the Sanction form to be online and any changes can be done there. We can work on this during the off season.
- c. R1 Clinics for Clubs- There were several clubs that took advantage of the R1 training clinic and we had specific training at our Regional clinics. From feedback this seems like a worthwhile addition to training.
- d. National Officials Clinic- The National clinic was well attended. The date was problematic as it was on tournament sign up day. We will work on a better date next year.
- e. 2013/14 Season Updates
 - a) We are in the process of training more day officials and clinicians. There is still a need for more officials that are not club people from Tri-Cities and Yakima area.
 - b) With the help of the office and others we have addressed concerns with our tournament play schedule. We have come up with viable alternative and I believe that Lindsay has already added that to the handbooks or online.
 - c) Club clinics-there will be a new online clinic request form for that clubs will fill out for clinics. We will work with a January deadline for all players and coaches to be ref/score certified to alleviate some of the stress of certify during the holidays.
 - d) The region hosted more Ref/Score clinics this year and they seem to have been well attended and appreciated. We need to have an online registration system that would help with some of the “attendance” issues we had this year. Locations: Spokane 5 different dates, Tri-Cities-Friday before Baker tournament, Tri-Cities after officials clinic. Montana-Michelle Peterson is our clinician in Montana and did a great job organizing and completing the clinics.
 - e) Day Official fee was lowered to help out the clubs from \$200 to \$175 this year and will be increased to \$200 for next year.

- 2. Chair of Scorekeepers – Barb Twohig
2 have applied to be National Scorer-Jill Garnett; Dale Goodwin
New score sheets working well/ on line
No schedules for meetings at Nationals
- 3. IMPACT – Barb Twohig. 2013-2014 Season Barb was the only IMPACT clinician as Bonnie Wescott moved to Chicago. There is a need another clinician-Jes Wes ??
The Region needs a succession plan for IMPACT instructors as Barb Twohig is looking to retire. There are some other candidates in Spokane to recommend-Debbie Spray; Darin Wold.
While IMPACT is also offered on line and Barb Twohig suggests need personal touch to include parents

iv) OUTDOOR DIVISION

6:45-7:00pm

- 1. Brown’s Park Opportunities (Kevin Twohig) City of Spokane Valley involved and see activities benefit. They have landscape architect with VB focus. Looking To grow the facility and add lights; new storage; new equipment; Lodging tax Committee offered \$7000 to track who coming and if using hotels/lodging

Possible to get funding through Sports Commission/Olympia-Field house project
Could shirt tail this. Property Tax to levy funding. Parks Dept. really high on this
2014 4 courts and possibly more. Kevin Twohig and Kyle Twohig both meeting with
Parks Dept.

Kyle has a number of events scheduled for this summer for the adult division. A
tournament every month from May-September along with Adult Doubles and Coed
leagues for 6 weeks.

2. Outdoor Programming

Kyle: For \$250K we can do major upgrading-
Proposing 12 sand courts. Big draw for Beach events; Draw tourism
Attraction idea excites Park people.

March 27, 2014 @ U-High for public meeting

- a. Outdoor Coordinator Introduction- Brandy Sonderland will be the coordinator for
the outdoor events at Brown's Park this season.
- b. USAV Skills Clinic- USAV is sending a clinician to Spokane to run the FREE
sand clinic for Junior players on May 31st at Brown's Park.
- c. Beach IMPACT- Lindsay is working with Diana Cole from USAV to schedule a
Beach IMPACT Plus coaching clinic to enhance the knowledge of Beach with the
coaches in the Region. Looking at end of May or early June for this clinic.
- d. Region Events- 5 adult tournaments/2 leagues. Working on juniors
Combo tournament (Beach/Grass)-sand = adult dbls; grass (whatever is popular)
Juniors: Memorial Weekend-Beach sand clinic hosted by ERVA/USAV
Junior league starts the following week. ERVA to register 64 per session.
Junior Beach Tour stop (June 14th). Also club practice blocks for sand.
Jes working in Yakima Parks and _____ in Tri Cities;

Kyle: Needed equipment (rototiller/ nets, etc.) Ladders/rakes/grass nets.

- e. Outdoor Handbook Development (Lindsay) Looking to develop draft and
structuring handbook. Getting info from Puget Sound region. Also has a separate
deal for outdoor/beach training from indoor with tournaments players are
individuals vs clubs
 1. Sanction Forms
 2. Formats
 3. Rules/Guidelines
 4. Cross over seasons (indoor and beach/outdoor)
- f. Juniors: ERVA giving teams/clubs beach balls

v) ADULT DIVISION

(a) Reports

1. Adult Player Rep Report– Kyle Twohig 7:00-7:15pm

a. Spokane Sizzler

1. Recap- Good tournament and great positive feedback 51 teams played
Membership went up a lot. 30% growth. From 31 teams. More Montana
Teams. Some Canadians had to withdraw for 2014

2. 2015 plans to add more courts. Probably 64 teams or go to waves. Friday
option: start playing Friday night with local teams.

PT Physical Therapy Associates

Good rate from Convention Center and Spokane Sports Commission.

Reducing need for Spokane Sports Commission assistance financially. Kyle Twohig and Anna Twohig were the tournament directors.

Really good local presence at the tournament. More than double hotel room nights. Profitable for ERVA.

2. Adult Teams for Nationals

- a. MT Team assistance- One to two teams from MT are attending Nationals and looking for Region assistance on the entry fees.
- b. Number of teams going. Two men's and two women's teams. Teams complete Nationals Reimbursement form/write-up to receive \$500/team ERVA assistance.
- c. Prize balls for Adult Tournament hosts.
- d. MT had 9 outdoor tournaments last year

vi) JUNIOR DIVISION (Larissa Welch)

(a) Reports

1. Junior Program Director - Larissa Welch 7:15-7:40pm
 - a. Tryouts
 - a) Reformatting of tryouts for areas? Central location for weekend for larger area like Spokane to help parents/kids from driving all over.
 - b. Tournament Sign Up Day- AES much faster
 - 1) Region Sponsored Tournament-Shamrock (U14s/16s) in March 9 @ HUB
 - 2) 32 teams (16 teams each age group)
 - c. Tournament Play-Tournament Directors want more say in choosing reffing teams
 - d. Site Directors: need to put in responsibilities in Handbook
 - e. Report Increases
 1. Release of Players
 2. Tryouts
 3. Ethics- behavior at tournaments
 - d. Youth Programs- ERVA sponsored Youth Development Tournament at St. Georges (Emily) March 16th. (younger kids)
2. Junior Player Rep – Jes Wes-Holwegner Grass Tournament- Adults and Juniors ERVA presence there. Need set up and Jes to do a presentation and ERVA can Give handouts. June 7-8
Big Sky State Games July 18-28-(same for ERVA)
Jes offered to help with SafeSport
3. Juniors Development
 - a. Girls – Mark Springer
 - b. Boys – Roland Madany (not in attendance)
Boys going to Kelowna 3/1 weekend. Have 4 teams equivalent
 - a) Border Smackdown Plans
 - b) Boys Grant Plans
4. Area Reps (Juniors) Survey Responses-
 - a) Montana – Marilou Jones
 - b) North Idaho – Amie Dussurgett. 2 sand at UI and Moscow
Some response from North ID
 - c) SE Washington – Ron Dinsmoor
 - d) Eastern Washington – Mark Springer-limited responses. Also inquiry
Regarding indoor league during the summer especially for youth program

Easter Sunday: Offering a Sunday service that AM/Locations for services on Sunday.

Mark has a couple courts available on INK weekend for ERVA to use if needed.

- e) North Central Washington – Clete Wise
- f) South Central WA – Tim Davison-
- 5. Club Director Rep – position vacant
- 6. High Performance – position vacant

vii) ERVA OFFICE

(a) Reports

7:40-7:55pm

- 1. Office Manager - Lindsay Walter
 - a) Regional Championships Update- same numbers as 2013
At HUB and Valley Schools. Won't need all sites at all dates.
 - b) Hilton/United Incentive-USAV incentives -\$750 from USAV
 - c) Website Update Estimate-met with Zipline-Our webpage is dated
They can upgrade. Looking to upgrade and make it more user friendly
Search bar? Sponsor scroller? Trying to have registration for indoor and outdoor/beach. Event calendar. Lindsay looking at what is possible and Getting ideas from BOD. BOD approved Lindsay for \$10K for website upgrade.
 - d) Juniors Planning 2014-15 Dates for meeting
 - e) Free IMPACT Courses for 2014-2015-31 courses. Lot of applications
For new clubs and outline areas.
- 2. PNQ Report – Russ Poage. 604 registered. Additional sites.

6) OTHER NEW BUSINESS

7:55-8:25pm

- a) SafeSport Job Description/Hiring Process/Pay/Deadline. Juniors
Other regions tested. 3/5 regions responded. Gateway jumped in feet first.
Great Lakes not started as yet. USAV/USOC have summit in April.21-23.
Mark Springer asked to help with the development of the ERVA plan to implement and find a SafeSport person for the Region.
- b) SportKits-Kessel kits (25 kits) To give to area elementary schools or Junior highs
suggested give to area reps.

7) MOTIONS

8) ADJOURN-

Next Meeting Date: June, 2014?

Location:

Time: