

MEETING MINUTES
EVERGREEN REGION BOARDMEETING
March 7th, 2012 6pm
ERVA Region Office

SPECIAL SESSION:

- Ethics- Executive Board Only 6:00-6:15 PM
- An Ethics update was given to the Executive Board. Jon Lee and the ethics committee will continue to work through the complaints we have received.
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GENERAL MEETING:

1. CALL TO ORDER- Meredith Coupland 6:15-6:20 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Present - Roland, Barb, Kevin, Larissa, Karen, Jon, Meredith, Sabrina, Linda
Absent – Trent, Emily, Russ, April, Diana, Dave H, Bonnie

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 11/9/2011


Motion by Kevin Twohig to approve minutes. Karen Stebbins seconded. Motion Passes.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS 6:20-6:25 PM

Motion by Kevin Twohig to approve agenda, Karen Stebbins seconded. Motion Passes.

5. REPORTS:
 - a. COMMISSIONER’S REPORT- 6:25-6:40 PM
 - i. Elections for 2012
 1. Positions up for election are: Commissioner, Junior Player Director, Adult Player Rep, Junior Player Rep
 - a. Sabrina Hasenoehrl has been appointed the elections chair. Sabrina will send to Karen Stebbins and Larissa Welch the dates so that they can also plan their club director rep to the elections.
 - b. The dates for the election are now posted on our website.
 - ii. Extra Bid for 12s – benchmark for U14-U18
 1. We have received a second bid to the GJNC for the 12s age group (American Division)
 2. U14-U18: At the start of the season we were off benchmark by 575 and currently need 455 to reach the mark and receive an automatic American bid in these age groups.
 - iii. Membership Numbers (as of 2/15/2012)

1. EV is in the top 10 percent for growth in membership numbers. Our membership numbers have increased by 19.2 percent for this season. We have 4231 full members and 544 limited members (as of 2/15/2012). We have seen number of clubs increase in the Montana area also.
- iv. Continued best practices work
 1. Jon Lee and Kevin Twohig are solidifying a job description for our Sport Court Manager position. We are also working to have sport court contracts available so that the office has access to them.
- v. Youth Scrimmage Event
 1. The Youth scrimmage event is happening on March 18th. We have 13 teams signed up. It will cost the region \$440 to put on the event. It will be a round robin format, held at Freeman High School.
- vi. Office Space Move
 1. We are looking at moving the office to another location. We are hoping to find something with better safety, but a space that is easy to access. Also, ADA access is important. It was asked that the board continue to look/listen for places that may come available.
- vii. Office Manager Position/Hiring Committee
 1. Sabrina will be leaving at the end of the summer. We will need to start the process of gathering a hiring committee. Sabrina will provide some information to the board on what we should be looking for in a job description. She is willing to continue working part-time.

- b. TREASURER'S REPORT- 6:40-6:50 PM
 - i. Tax Return Review 
 1. The tax return has been completed and submitted.
- c. YJOV Report- Larissa Welch 6:50-7:05 PM
 - i. Tryouts
 - i. 187 members responded to the tryout survey giving their feedback on the process. We will use this as we plan for next year.
 - ii. Mark Springer suggested that we produce a short video about tryouts – explaining the process and what to expect.
 - ii. Tournament Sign Up- AES
 - i. We need to put out some best practices to help users use the system.
 - iii. CAP
 - i. It was very successful – we had 44 participants. We will definitely look into hosting another clinic in the future. We should continue to look into other options for clinics within the region.
 - iv. Ranking/Seeding

- i. The ranking system is up and running for the year. We have received both positive and negative feedback and will continue to monitor it for review this summer.

d. OFFICIAL'S CHAIR- Linda Kildew 7:05-7:20 PM

i. Online system update

1. The online system is up and working – we are still working through some glitches. We are making strides in getting the system where we want it to be. We plan to work in the off-season to get it perfect.

ii. Ref/Score Clinic Update

1. This year we did a region ref/score in the Tri-Cities. Next year we plan to do it in Yakima and rotate between the two. I think that it was well perceived by the area and a step in the right direction to supporting those areas. We had three ref/score clinics in Spokane and we did two make-up clinics as well.

iii. Montana Progress

1. We are making progress in Montana. Linda made two trips to Montana to put on clinics. Linda is working on developing some Skype technology to use in Montana. It may be possible for them to do a webinar and then take a test. Possibly next year the clubs in Montana could pay for their clinician. Meredith Coupland recommended that Linda work with USAV's Grassroots department to see what resources were already available.

iv. Officials Numbers

1. Our officials numbers are up. We have 38 officials in good standing. Linda Kildew and Barb Twohig are requiring the officials to work the entire season in order to officiate at the PNQ and Regionals.

e. PLAYER REPS

i. Adult Rep- Kyle Twohig 7:20-7:30 PM

- a. The Inland Northwest Men's and Women's club teams will not be attending Nationals this year.
- b. Sand League/Summer League
 - i. We are interested in having sand league at Browns Court. Kyle Twohig has a concern about leaving the equipment at the sand courts. The board agreed we should proceed as planned and purchase two nets to leave at the courts – and see how it goes from there. Kyle Twohig will work on coming up with a job description/hiring plan for someone to run the courts/league.
 - ii. We will need to renovate the sand courts and Alan Alan agreed to do a clinic this summer.

ii. Junior Rep- Karen Stebbins 7:30-7:40 PM

- a. Combine Tryout

- i. There were around 13 players that participated in the combine tryout. Barb Twohig, Trent York, and Kyle Twohig all helped run the tryouts. Although the caliber of the tryout seemed low, there were a few players that found homes. Sabrina H. will see if the players found a home. If all of the players found homes it will be worth holding this tryout again in the future.
 - ii. A suggestion was brought forward of using the website more in the future to showcase those players that still need a club.
 - b. Grassroots Boys Survey
 - i. The survey on grassroots boys play was completed and voted on by the board.
 - ii. We now have something in our handbook about boys participating in our season and being involved. They are able to compete in pool play with the girls this season, but will not advance to bracket play unless there is another boys team in the tournament they can play. The exception is INK – where boys teams will be allowed to move to bracket play with the girls.

6. ADVISORY BOARD

7:45-8:00 PM

a. Office Manager

i. Regionals Update

1. Dates

- a. Regionals will be held April 21, 22, 28, 29 at the HUB, Central Valley HS, University High School, and Greenaces Middle School.

2. Beginning Numbers

- a. Numbers are looking solid. We have enough teams in the 17 age group to run a completely separate 17s tournament.

3. Board Help

- a. We will need help from board members, and those outside the board to run regionals. Sabrina will be contacting board members not present to ask for their assistance. We may be able to offer a club fundraiser to the Boys Club – if they are able to assist us in Set-up.

4. Ball Donation

- a. We plan to run a “Leave A Ball Behind” event at Regionals this year where teams can leave their used balls for us to donate to areas of need within our region. Sabrina will work with the area representatives to find those locations that could use our assistance.

ii. PIVA Update

- 1. PIVA is wrapping up their season this weekend at the University of Oregon. Some teams will go on to compete at the NCVF Championships. We finished the year with 139 full collegiate members which was a great number for our first year!

- iii. Quickbooks Update
 - 1. Quickbooks has been completely revamped. We moved from online services to our desk model. Our budget numbers and classes have all been updated and we hope to be able to run actual budget reports soon.
- iv. Incident Report Update
 - 1. 5 incident report forms have been submitted to the region office since the beginning of the year. All have been player injuries.
- v. Age Waiver Update
 - 1. 25 age waivers were submitted this year. Of those the board approved 18 and denied 7.

b. SPORT COURT MANAGER REPORT- 8:00-8:05 PM
 Russ Poage-*Report Attached*

- i. Russ Poage has been in touch with the Columbia Empire region about them renting courts to the Yakima Dome and the WIAA last season. They were not aware that ERVA had been renting to them. They do not plan to rent to these customers again. Right now, we have projected to rent 26 sports courts this season. Russ P. has also been contacted by a national square dance conference in Canada about renting the floors this year.



c. QUALIFIER DIRECTOR'S REPORT- 8:05-8:10 PM
 April Stark- *Report Attached*


- i. The PNQ is at 453 teams for this season, which is 23 more than their record of 430. The PNQ has seen some increased facility costs this year, but are hoping to pay off the loan to the Evergreen Region after this year's event.
- ii. There was discussion about what the PNQ's relationship would be with ERVA after the loan is paid off. Kevin Twohig will try to find what was decided upon in regard to this PNQ-ERVA relationship post-loan.

d. SCOREKEEPERS REPORT- Barb Twohig 8:10-8:20 PM

- i. Candidates for National Scorekeeping
 - 1. We have two candidates to get their national score-keeping. They are Barb Silvey and Lisa Paul. Barb Twohig requested that the board pay for both registration fees if they pass.
 - 2. Karen Stebbins made a motion to reimburse the National Scorekeeping candidates if they pass their certification, Kyle Twohig seconded. Motion Passes
 - 3. This year Barb Twohig has switched to more of a score/ref clinic instead of ref/score where they give an emphasis to score keeping as that seems to be an area where our region teams are low.

e. JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT

- i. Girls- Mark Springer 8:20-8:35 PM
 - a. Tournament Ranking System 
 - i. If a team plays for the first time in the Evergreen Region they are automatically placed at the bottom of the pools. Mark Springer proposed that we consider the previous year's rankings as well as tournaments outside the region. Karen Stebbins suggested that we table the topic and work on the ranking system in the off-season.
 - ii. Kevin Twohig made motion to table this discussion. Kyle Twohig seconded. Motion passes
 - b. INK (Scholarship Money) 
 - i. Mark Springer brought forward a motion for the ERVA to provide a club grant for a new club not based on need, but other criteria – based on best chance of success. This would be to reward clubs that are organized and are really planning for the future with their club. It was determined that we could not discuss this idea until we knew what was legal.
 - ii. Sabrina will contact Jeff Kavadias to see if there is a problem with a non-profit offering something through INK (for-profit)
- ii. Boys- Roland Madany 8:35-8:50 PM
 - a. Border Smack-down Tournament Update
 - i. The Border Smack-down will be held May 19th-20th in Spokane.
 - ii. Roland Madany will work with Linda Kildew on the officials staffing of the event. He is looking to reduce their rate from \$25 to \$15 per match.
 - iii. Sanction Fee Waived
 - 1. Roland Madany Motioned for the region to waive the sanction fee for his boarder smackdown tournament, Meredith Coupland seconded – Motion Passes
 - b. SBVC 18s application to BJNC in Dallas
 - i. Roland Madany submitted a proposal for the ERVA to pay \$900 toward his Spokane Boys VBC going to Nationals.
 - ii. Kevin made a motion to pay \$900 to the Spokane Boys VBC for them to use toward BJNC – with the condition that this would not be violating a NCAA requirement- Linda Kildew seconded- Kyle Twohig volunteers for it to come out of the adult budget – Motion approves (once the condition has been checked). Jon Lee will check with the Eastern Washington University Compliance office to see if we are violating NCAA rules.
 - c. Boys Development Grant
 - i. Roland Madany is interested in submitting a boys proposal grant to the National office. He will work with Sabrina H. and the Puget Sound region to see what the next step will be.
 - d. Roland's Attendance at Boys Summit- Salt Lake City

- i. Roland Madany was interested in attending the Boys Summit in Salt Lake City. Upon further discussion it was suggested that we think about getting board members from the CEVA and PS region together to discuss boys topics, instead of travelling to Utah.
 - f. HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT- Trent York
 - i. Trent York has been working with Jen Greeney at Washington State University. He does not think they will have anything for 2012, but hopes to continue working for the future.
 - g. IMPACT REPORT- Bonnie Wescott/Barb Twohig
 - i. Barb Twohig and Bonnie Westcott did many clinics this season. There is interest in a re-certification for IMPACT.
 - ii. Sabrina will find out if there is another region that re-certifies.
 - h. JUNIOR CLUB DIRECTOR REPORT- Ronell Routon – *No Report*
 - i. AREA REP REPORTS 8:50-9:00 PM
 - i. Montana- Dave Huerta – *No report*
 - ii. North Idaho- Tom Bertsch – *No report*
 - iii. Central Washington- Diana Clemans – *No report*
- 7. NEW BUSINESS 9:00- ??
 - a. Release of Personal/Club Contact Information
 - i. We need to add something to our handbook about the release of personal/club contact information. We have decided to only direct people to the club directors information on the website and not pass out other information.
 - ii. Sabrina will check to see if we can post information about college camps on our site.
 - b. Age Waivers 
 - i. Should we consider a different process that may streamline the requests and current requirement of Exec Board vote
 - 1. Karen Stebbins suggested that we have a more stream-lined form for the age requests we are receiving. Sabrina is going to work to put an age waiver request form together.
 - 2. The board agrees that we should look into the age wavier process in the off-season. Meredith Coupland is going to do some investigating within regions that do not offer age waivers and bring that back to the board.

Kevin Twohig motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jon Lee seconded. Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned – Meeting closed at 8:45 PM

Next meeting date: TBD