

MEETING MINUTES
EVERGREEN REGION BOARDMEETING
May 16, 2012 5:30pm
ERVA Region Office

1. CALL TO ORDER- Meredith Coupland 5:30-5:35 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Linda Kildew, Barb Twohig, Margie Ray, Karen Stebbins, Ronell Routon, Meredith Coupland, Roland Madany, Sabrina Hasenoehrl,, Larissa Welch, Jon Lee, Kyle Twohig, Kevin Twohig, Mark Springer
Absent: Trent York, Emily Mikkelsen, April Stark, Russ Poage, Diana Clemans, Dave Huerta, Bonnie Wescott

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 3/7/2012

Approved with amendments – Motion by Karen Stebbins to approve – Jon Lee seconded. Motion passes.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDITIONS 5:35-5:40 PM

Motion by Jon Lee to approve with additions, Kevin Twohig seconded. Motion passes.

5. REPORTS:

a. COMMISSIONER’S REPORT- Meredith Coupland 5:40-6:00 PM

i. Elections for 2012

1. Candidates biographies are now posted on the ERVA Website. Voting begins June 1st – June 6th.
2. Motion by Larissa Welch to extend previous application date to May 18th, 2012 because there are positions without any candidates. Margie Ray seconded. Motion passes.

ii. GJNC

1. The Evergreen Region received an extra bid for 15s and 18s junior girls’ age divisions. These bids were re-allocated to us by the National office.
2. Bid Acceptance – The following teams accepted bids to the GJNC in Columbus, Ohio.
 - 12s – Montana Volleyball Academy
 - 13s- VIP Juniors
 - 14s- VIP Juniors
 - 15s National – Club Catalyst
 - 15s American- Sideout VBC
 - 16s- Sandpoint VBC
 - 17s- Sideout VBC

- 18s National- Montana Volleyball Academy
- 18s American- Splash VBC

iii. BJNC

1. Spokane Boys VBC's 18s team will be attending BJNC this summer.

iv. May National Meetings

1. Karen, Larissa, Linda, Barb, Meredith will attend. Jon and Kevin will also be in SLC for meetings.

v. Meritorious Service Awards

1. The ERVA can award up to five individuals this award. Sabrina will find out the qualifications for the award and send to the board.

vi. Office Space Move

1. The office has been moved from Suite 303 to Suite 301 in the same building. We are continuing to look for additional locations.

vii. Office Manager Position Update

1. Sabrina may be interested in continuing employment in her Office Manager position. She will put together a proposal of what changes she would like to see in the position and return it to the board.

viii. Age Waiver Update

1. Meredith received some age waiver information from the North Texas region. It appears other regions are also re-vamping their age waiver policies. Meredith will take this topic to the National meetings and ask questions from other region leaders to get ideas about how they handle this topic in their region.

b. ETHICS COMMITTEE UPDATE- Jon Lee 6:00-6:15 PM

- i. Lone Wolf Decision – An update was given by Jon Lee.
- ii. Club CTL Discussion – Sabrina will send a letter to all adult members in Club CTL letting them know of the board's decision moving forward.

c. TREASURER'S REPORT- 6:15-6:35 PM

i. Budget Items

1. Margie and Sabrina reviewed an updated budget break-down with the board. The report was only from January 1- May 16 2012, so there is some work that needs to be done to switch classes and accounts from when our fiscal year began on November 1st – until we started using the new information on January 1st. Sabrina is working with Jeff Kavadias on this data.

d. YJOV Report- Larissa Welch 6:35-6:50 PM

- i. Club Director Rep – We have had an application sent in for Club Director Rep. This election will take place in conjunction with the ERVA Board positions.

e. OFFICIAL'S CHAIR- Linda Kildew 6:50-7:10 PM

- i. Regionals Officials Update
 - 1. We had many officials working at Regionals this season. Overall, Linda felt the feedback she received about the officials was positive.
- ii. Boys Tournament Officials
 - 1. Linda will be scheduling officials to work at the Border Smackdown Boys tournament. There will be one RI per court for the event.

f. PLAYER REPS

- i. Adult Rep- Kyle Twohig 7:10-7:25 PM
 - a. Adult National teams reimbursement
 - i. Two adult teams from our region will be attending Nationals in Salt Lake City this year. They are Wild Game 45 & Montana Volleyball Club BB. Both teams will have the opportunity to get partial-reimbursement of their entry fee after they have completed competition.
 - ii. Sabrina will work to put something in our handbook about guidelines for adult nationals reimbursement and policies as to who qualifies for this.
 - b. Sand League/Summer Tournaments
 - i. Nets Ordered
 - 1. Nets have arrived for the sand courts at Browns Park. Kyle is leading the court make-overs on May 18th.
 - 2. Kyle made a motion to pay Dennis Baal \$150 for his use of tractor and equipment during the make-over. Jon Lee seconded. Motion passes.
 - ii. Sand Balls for Tourney/Prizes
 - 1. We may need to order some sand balls as prizes for a tournament/league this summer. Kyle will work with Sabrina to get them ordered.
- ii. Junior Rep- Karen Stebbins 7:25-7:40 PM
 - a. Post-Season Recruiting - Player/Club Release
 - i. There have been a lot of questions and concerns raised by parents and club directors in regard to post-season recruiting and players being released from a club. We need to work on a new policy to put in place so that everyone is clear about what rules there are.
 - ii. Meredith is going to take this question to the National meetings to ask other regions how they handle this issue.

6. MOTIONS

7:40-7:45 PM

- a. Proposal by Karen S. for Participants Handbook Wording Change:
Current handbook wording for frozen rosters:

“Clubs with multiple teams may move individual players within the club freely between skills levels and teams of that club until February 1 for

*Adults and the **second Monday in April** for junior members. On the second Monday in April, all players in a club must be placed on a specific team roster and no additional player movement will be allowed, except as detailed herein."*

Proposed wording:

*"Clubs with multiple teams may move individual players within the club freely between skills levels and teams of that club until February 1 for Adults and the **Monday prior to regionals** for junior members. On the **Monday prior to regionals**, all players in a club must be placed on a specific team roster and no additional player movement will be allowed for **regional competition**, except as detailed herein."*

Motion was amended to say:

"Club with multiple teams may move individual players within the club freely between skill levels and teams of that club until February 1st for adults and the Monday prior to the first weekend of regionals for junior members. On the Monday prior to the first weekend of regionals, all players in a club must be placed on a specific team roster and no additional player movement will be allowed for regional competition.

Rosters of teams who have participated at any National Qualifier are frozen as of the date of the Qualifier."

Jon Lee seconded. Motion passes.

7. ADVISORY BOARD

7:45-8:00 PM

a. Office Manager

i. Regionals Update

1. Regionals went very well this year. We had 127 teams participate.
2. Thank you to everyone that helped and donated their time to make this event successful. A survey was sent out to all club directors asking about how to improve Regionals. Only two responses were received so Sabrina will be sending the survey out a second time.
3. Nationals Entry Fee Reimbursement
 - Nine teams will be participating in Nationals and Sabrina has sent them all the Nationals Entry Fee Reimbursement policy. There is \$3500 that can be split between all clubs that meet the guidelines.

ii. PVL team

1. Chris Kosty has been working closely with Sabrina in preparation of "Team Evergreen" participating in the Professional Volleyball League at Adult Nationals in Salt Lake City. The team has submitted over \$4000 in sponsorship money. The region is not involved in this league financially at all this season. If the team

wants to get region involvement after Salt Lake City they will put together a presentation to present to the board.

iii. Summer Memberships

1. Summer members are now for sale for \$15.

- b. SPORT COURT MANAGER REPORT- Russ Poage- No Report 8:00-8:05 PM
- c. QUALIFIER DIRECTOR'S REPORT- Russ Poage - No Report 8:05-8:10 PM
- d. SCOREKEEPERS REPORT- Barb Twohig 8:10-8:20 PM
 - i. Both ERVA candidates for National Scorekeeping – Barb Silvey and Lisa Paull – have been accepted. The ERVA will refund their application fee if they pass.
- e. JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT REPORT
 - i. Girls- Mark Springer – No Report 8:20-8:25 PM
 - ii. Boys- Roland Madany 8:25-8:40 PM
 - a. Border Smack-down Tournament Update
 - i. Boarder Smack-down tournament will take place May 19-20, 2012 at the HUB Sports Center. There are 18 teams participating in the event. Play begins at 9 AM and semi-finals begin at 1 PM on Sunday. This is a multi-level tournament with over 56 total matches.
 - b. Boys Development Grant
 - i. After the Border Smackdown tournament, Roland plans to work with Sabrina to begin a USAV boys' grant proposal for the boys program.
 - c. BJNC team update
 - i. The Spokane Boys VBC 18s team is going to submit a THS/USAV Housing Scholarship letter and would like it to come from the ERVA Board of Directors. Roland and Barb Twohig have drafted a letter.
 - ii. Kevin Twohig motioned to approve the letter and give full board support of the scholarship proposal. Karen seconded. Unanimously approved.
 - d. Roland is interested in having a summer planning meeting for the boys program. The board discussed that the boys junior planning meeting should be included in the junior planning division meeting – and then a break-away meeting should be scheduled for boys' only items.
 - f. HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT- Trent York
 - i. Linda Kildew has been selected to officiate at the HP camp this summer. Barb Twohig recommended her to USAV.

g. IMPACT REPORT- Bonnie Wescott/Barb Twohig

- i. Barb discussed possible way to do a continuing education segment electronically. This is something we will bring to the summer planning meetings to work out.
- ii. Barb would like Sabrina to send out an email asking what item (coaching-wise) club directors would like to see improvement in.

h. JUNIOR CLUB DIRECTOR REPORT- Ronell Routon

- i. Ronell discussed that she has been approached about pre-season recruiting. She is hoping this is an issue that can be addressed in the summer planning meetings so that people are on-board with following the guidelines.
- ii. Ronell has had club directors express concern that there were a lot less 14s tournaments in the Spokane area this season. She hopes this can be “looked-into” when we prepare for tournaments next year.
- iii. Sabrina will run a report of number of teams based on geographical location in the region.
- iv. Ronell has heard concerns about the ranking system and that odd-aged group teams receive a different point break-down while participating in an even-aged group tournament. This is something that will be addressed during the summer planning meeting.

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

9:00- ??

- i. Summer Planning Meetings – Sabrina will work with the division heads to set up planning meetings for the summer. The target date to have these done would be August 15th.
 1. Juniors
 2. Adults
 3. Officials
 4. Executive
- ii. Observer Program Review – Margie brought to the board’s attention that we cannot use funds set aside in the observer program to pay for other items in the region.
- iii. Advisory Vacancies- North Idaho Rep Tom Bertsch and Central Washington Rep Diana Clemans have given notice that they will not be returning in their roles. Meredith welcomes suggestions of anyone that may be a good fit in their position.

- iv. Treasurer Feedback- Margie met with Jeff Kavadias and the two of them discussed Best Business practices. This conversation included paying the commissioner a stipend for their travel/missed work due to USAV obligations. Also, it was discussed how the region should handle mileage. It was decided that we need to come to an agreement about how much each service in the region should cost – and then have it approved by the board so we can be consistent beginning next year.
- v. Office Hours – Karen asked for feedback in regard to office hours and when the office should be staffed. Sabrina is going to work on a proposal of when she feels someone should be in the office.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:17 PM –
Next Meeting- TBA