

EVERGREEN

MINUTES
REGION BOARD
MEETING-February 22, 2009
Spokane Convention Center

1. Call to Order –The meeting was called to Order by Russ Poage at about 6:15 PM
2. ROLL CALL
Attendees: Russ Poage, Jon Lee, Karen Stebbins, Larissa Welch, Meredith Coupland, Margie Ray, Mark Springer, Barb Twohig, Tom Bertsch, Linda Kildew (late 6:45 pm)
Trent York. (7:15 pm)
Absent: Dave Huerta, Peggy Baker, Bonnie Wescott, Julie Jones, Ronell Bracey,

Guests: Candice Mumm (Splash), Emily Mikkelsen, April Stark
Quorum: met
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 10/26/2008. motion to approve the minutes by Jon Lee/Seconded by Larissa Welch. Motion passed
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA/Additions: motion to approve the agenda with additions by Jon Lee, Karen Stebbins seconded: Motion passed
5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mark Springer –Junior doubles

Mark has been running junior doubles at Franklin Park and wishes to expand the concept. During the summer months, he would like to have tournaments on Wednesdays and is looking for 6-10 nets. He presently has 5 nets.

Question: would the ERVA purchase some nets?

Question: would the players be covered by USA Volleyball's insurance. April noted that they would need to fill out sanction form for the summer and have junior members registered through the ERVA. A list of members from the region could be provided by ERVA office of all registered junior members.

A One-day event membership may also be available.

The play is usually based on a bearing format.

It was recommended he contact Spokane Park and Rec for other fields where this might be possible.

The consensus was that the ERVA would support his efforts. Russ would look into net availability or acquisition..

- B. Russ noted that Jack Dyck sent an email with a couple of topics. Jack was proposing to have single ages groups U-13-15-17 for regional's.
1. Karen Stebbins proposed getting the word out to find out how many teams are interested at each age level
 2. The proposal was to try to do this for 2010 since regionals for 2009 has already been formatted
- C. Jack also proposed that we try not to have regionals conflict with the Far Western Qualifier dates. A discussion was held noting that unfortunately the Qualifiers are based on what the QDs feel are appropriate dates.

Regionals

are based on the availability of most of the regional players and teams. History has shown that with proms, graduations, spring vacation, etc. that the end of April is a very small window that is available and we have to take what is available and what serves most of the members/teams. Issue

regarding

conflict of dates has been set based on the needs of the kids.

- D. Sanctions for non registered members on roster

April noted that there have been a number of violations by the clubs concerning unregistered Members-Chaperones, asst. coaches, etc. being used by the teams, authorized by the tournament hosts, or the site officials.

The Handbook is clear that Chaperones, assistant coaches, etc. need to be registered and background screened. Teams, tournament hosts and site officials do NOT have the make their own rules or ignore the rules and there is

a \$250 fee for violations per incident.

- (1) 3 major incidents were reported and brought to the board. This involved 3 of the larger clubs in ERVA. Violation is \$250 per incident. The ERVA board is on top of it. Still need to address the sanction.

The three clubs per club (Splash, River City, Team Yakima). The clubs were invited to come to the Board meeting to express their situation.

Candice Mumm from Splash VBC addressed the board. She is the new club director and has been learning on the fly. She has been working with Staff to resolve the issues.

It was pointed out that the Web Point process has some issues. A note was made to advise USAV that we need a new club director's "how to" Webinar and on how to use Web Point.

Mrs. Mumm noted that Splash has expanded significantly and there were lots of issues within the club learning whether the players or coach were registered, especially when they were coming from another club. For instance, if a coach had been background screened last year with club A, would they need to be screened again or how would the verify the last screening date.

Splash has 140 members.

Karen Stebbins noted that the Club Directors group should help clubs with this. A Club Directors checklist is on the ERVA webpage. checklist.

Motion: That each club be sanctioned \$250.00 as opposed to each violation and they be warned for future incidents. Splash, River City, Yakima. Jon Lee, Karen Stebbins seconded. Motion approved

E. Day officials duties and issue:

1. A discussion arose concerning the Job responsibility of the Day officials. It was noted that the Handbook does list certain things as responsibilities. (See handbook-)
2. Officials need to be familiar with the rules of the region
3. Officials will be required to sign a verification of adherence of the region rules and responsibilities. If a Day Official does not do what they are supposed to, then they will not be awarded future assignments
4. Linda Kildew will need to contact the Officials re: their duties and responsibilities and advise them of the consequences if they do not follow the rules, they will not be assigned.
5. There were several incidents also discussed regarding officials either failing to be responsible or allowing tournament hosts to do their own thing and disregard the regional handbook rules. These incidents will need to stop and officials and tournament hosts will need to familiarize themselves with the handbook, which is on the ERVA web page.

F. Registration Issues: April Stark/Emily Mikkelsen

1. All information needs to be forwarded to the region together.
2. People/Clubs have failed to contact the office re: club issues until they are issued a sanction.
 - a. It was suggested that the ERVA board come up with better ideas to assist and make the players and clubs aware of their obligations for proper registration, and for updating the player handbook.
3. Coaches Responsibility/ Tournament Host Responsibility

The Web point is the only official roster for ERVA Clubs, coaches and Tournament hosts should have the rosters prior to play and posted. Those need to be checked. Tournament hosts should be verifying these and verifying the medical releases prior to play. That is a Tournament Host's responsibility and a Day Official's responsibility to verify these things is done.

Clubs and Teams have tried to export Web point info to AES. Web point will not allow export to AES, which is unofficial

Teams are and shall be responsible for bringing their own rosters Teams are and should be responsible for bringing their medical release forms. Coaches should be carrying them in a folder at all times in case on of their players does get hurt.

AES also does not provide ref's scores.

- F. Job Descriptions –for board members- each person on the board will need to put something together for their jobs/responsibilities. We want more than what the by-laws state in order that individuals looking to run for those positions or who have been appointed know what is expected of them. The Commissioners responsibilities are also noted in the USAV Guidebook.

G. **Motion:** All site directors shall be adult members of USAV and ERVA, and be background screened as a condition precedent to serving as a site director for any junior tournament in the ERVA. Violation: 1st violation: \$ 100.00 and warning to the club ; 2nd Violation or multiple violations of the first, \$ 100.00 per violation along with forfeiture of the club's ability to host a tournament for the balance of the season. If the club is not scheduled to host again in the season of the violations, forfeiture of the club's ability to host in the next upcoming season. Jon Lee/2nd Margie Ray/Motion passed.

H. **Motion:** Any person/club seeking to host a tournament in the ERVA, shall not have any legal action pending against the region or executive board of the region; or any unresolved ethics violation pending against themselves. Jon Lee/2nd Margie Ray/ Motion Failed.

I. **Motion:** The Executive Board of the ERVA may, for good cause, award, restrain, restrict, or deny any person or club from hosting a tournament in the ERVA. Jon Lee/2nd Larissa Welch. Motion passed

J. **Motion:** Any tournament director who fails to adhere to the rules of the ERVA regarding authorizing teams or players who are not properly registered to play shall be sanctioned. First violation: \$ 100 per violation. Jon Lee/Meredith Coupland seconded. Motion passed

6. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT-Russ Poage

A. Russ provided a status on the PNQ tax status. The PNQ's 501 (c)(3) has been finalized as has the Federal documents.

After 2009- The ERVA will need to write language re financial contract to reflect the ERVA loaning the PNQ funds to start and operate the PNQ and to reflect the PNQ leasing the court systems and floors from the ERVA, and providing some scholarship for funding and scholarship.

7. COMMISSIONER EMERITUS REPORT

A. Jon Lee noted that the USAV Board passed a provision in which USA Volleyball will be increasing it's membership fee by \$10 per member over the next quad. It is unclear as yet whether they will do it at one time in 2010 or two \$5 increments 2010-2012.

B. Status on D&O representation-Motions have been filed and set for hearing March 6, 2009 before Judge Moreno in Spokane County Superior Court. Laurie Johnston is on top of it. We are all welcome to attend. Laurie will also be in town to meet with the named parties on Thursday and again Friday after the hearing.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT-Margie Ray

A. The Balance sheet and P&L is being prepared and will be included with the minutes.

9. QUALIFIER DIRECTOR'S REPORT-Russ Poage

- A. Status Report: There are 360 teams registered and all Open Divisions have qualified with 3 bids in each division.
- B. Mizuno and Molten have continued their sponsorship
- C. Kimmel will be the vender at both sites
- D. Russ and Mike have built Kiosks to house the flat screens with scores and real time scoring.
- E. The SRSC no longer is providing a staff person (which was an agreement previously made).
- F. A Staff meeting will be scheduled in early March, 2009

10. OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT-April Stark

See report above.

11. YJOVD REPORT- Karen Stebbins

A. Tournament Issues:

1. River City VB- Ice Classic: There were a number of complaints regarding how poorly this tournament was run. There were lack of proper equipment and formatting issues. Numerous complaints. Sanctions should be removed until RCVB can demonstrate they are capable of running a good tournament.

2. Best in the West-RCVB

Need to follow up re: tournament requirements; bracketing; seeding; and formatting. The criteria are setup so the Best in the West tournament is a quality event. Right now, the present River City VBC has not demonstrated the ability to handle a 24-32 team tournaments. They did not have proper equipment. As the ERVA we want to promote good tournaments and establish a criteria for RCVBC so the Best in the West can succeed. Karen Stebbins will help with the criteria and assist so the Best in the West continues to be a good tournament. Karen wants to give them opportunity to succeed and will try to educate them.

3. The HUB in Spokane has limited equipment which do not seem proper systems. Russ has talked to them but it apparently is not getting through. The HUB has no ref stands and limited limited experience re: safety issues and what is needed.

4. Yakima Jamboree Tournament: The Tournament failed to pay the officials proper mileage and officials fee. We will need to contact them and note the mileage and fee schedule in the Handbook. All tournament hosts need to adhere to the tournament handbook and the ERVA needs to hold all clubs accountable if they wish to have tournaments sanctioned.

5. Club Directors Meeting- dates are not set

6. Players Handbook and Tournament handbook updates-we need to have a committee put together before the summer meeting to review and make recommendations for updates. Tom Bertsch volunteered to help with updating the same.

12. OFFICIALS-Linda Kildew

See above comments. There was much discussion regarding the assigning responsibilities and the Day Officials performing their proper duties.

Linda will confer with the assignor regarding use of Officials who are enforcing ERVA policies. Those Officials who are reluctant or who are not doing so may not get to be assigned since they in effect represent the region when they are working.

13. PLAYER REPS-

1. Adult-Trent York-Trent is scrambling getting a men's team to go to nationals. There are many whose schedules conflict, etc.

There has been local team(s) participating at PEVA (Club College VB team) tournament.

Men's VB are still playing on set evenings

Women's VB still playing but not as organized

2. Junior-Larissa Welch-Junior Player rep-and Ethics Complaints

Mike Baker has brought complaints vs. Columbia Juniors

Larissa noted she sent out the forms to document the alleged violations and she has been waiting for documents to be returned.

Larissa will also provide Russ a heads up concerning any complaints

14. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS

A. SCOREKEEPERS-Barb Twohig –

1. Barb attended the meeting and furnished her report and had to leave.

2. The ref and scorekeepers status reports need to be completed and furnished to review if people are reporting properly
3. We just passed deadline for regional scorekeepers
4. Barb noted that there are people who have not turned in their requirement forms and test results. Officials are working and not turning their stuff in. Notices have gone out and we have given a week of wiggle room.
5. Scorekeeping Clinic- Minnesota- Barb to attend

B. JUNIOR GIRLS DEVELOPMENT- Mark Springer

Nothing additional

C. HIGH PERFORMANCE- Trent York

Trent is waiting for PNQ-HP 3/22 and 26th
Trent will be contacting Tom Pingel regarding the PNQ HP
Trent forwarded info regarding the buses and has not heard from Tom Pingel

D. JUNIOR BOYS DEVELOPMENT- Barb Twohig-

- a. The boys younger team is strong.
- b. Mark Springer offered to allow boys U-14 to play in Mark's U-16 junior girls tournament 3/8/09 to allow for some competition, if there was an opening. The boys are a development team.
Motion: to allow boys development-/ board aware and no motion is required

E. IMPACT CLINICS- April Stark/Bonnie Wescott

Bonnie is back in school. Barb Twohig has taken up the slack
The ERVA needs another Impact Clinician-
Webinars reports have been very positive
PNQ will not have an impact clinic-all teams attending have been advised.
Ref-Score- Wade Wells (Montana)-sending a team, which needs to be trained
Barb will be talking with Wade.

F. AREA REP REPORT

A. MONTANA- Dave Huerta-did not attend

B. IDAHO-Tom Bertsch-Nothing further

C. CENTRAL WASHINGTON- Peggy Baker- did not attend

G. ELECTIONS: Need to review who and which position. Jon Lee will review and provide information.

Close: 9:35 PM

Next meeting: Early June 2009

Location: TBD

Time: TBD