

NCR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
December 6th, 2009 4445 West 77th Street. STE 109 Edina. MN 55435

Present: Brad Aaberg, Twila Roemmich, Shannon Shaughnessy, Doug Lothenbach, Chris Hunt, Stephanie Hanson, Darla Heikes, Dan Westby, Scott Jackson, Joe Sussenguth, Lonnie Morken, Chris Mahoney, Crystal Nucech-Duesler. **Not Present:** Kacy Kienholz and Tracy Hruska

Staff Present: Jennifer Brathol, Ken Miller, Sue Murphy, Judy Praska and intern Karee Damme

Meeting called to order: 9:10am

Previous minutes had been approved electronically

1. Introductions: New Board Members Crystal Nucech-Duesler and Dan Westby and the NCR Intern Karlee Damme was introduced.

2. Old Business

Lengthy discussion held on Mixed-Gender and Boys Team Policy and the policy was revised to:

- a. Teams which choose to register and compete under the Mixed-Gender and Boys Teams Policy can only participate in events held in North Country Region, exclusions being the Presidents' Festival and Regional Qualifiers.
- b. Mixed-Gender teams are allowed to play in 14 & under girl's events.
- c. Boys Elementary teams are allowed in girls 12-under events
- d. Boys Jr High teams are allowed to play in ages specific girls events
 - i. Jr High Boys teams with 7th graders & under can play in girls 13 & under events
 - ii. Jr High Boys teams with 8th graders & under can play in girls 14 & under events.
- e. Boys Jr High 9th Grade teams or higher cannot play in any girl's event.
- f. As with any team's entry, it is up to the Tournament Director's discretion whether to allow a team's enrollment into their event.

Motion to accept the revision was made by Scott Jackson and seconded by Chris Hunt. Motion Carried

Suggestion was made to e-mail policy to Tournament Directors, post it on the web site and next year add it to the Event Sanction Form. Decision on the policy for Boys 14 & over Teams participation in Girl's events was tabled until further research into liability in regards to net height.

3. Executive Directors Report

- a. Adult /Boys Report: Jennifer Brathol reported the possible formation of 5-6 new Boys teams. There will be ten boys events offered, the most ever. The boy's team grant program will stay in effect. Adult events do well when filling a need not routinely offered i.e. Hi Low, end of season masters tournament and the adult Friday night events. Suggestion was made to offer at mixed master's end of season tournament.
- b. Officials report from Cara Lang read by Judy Praska: Number of officials committed for Presidents' Day at 93 out of 140 desired. 52 officials have been trained to date. There are 40 Officials committed for Hire by teams attending the Presidents' event. Area event will again provide an opportunity for officials to volunteer and gain officiating experience. 10 Advanced Officials Clinics are scheduled and 4 have been completed. 83 registered officials to date. There are 74 junior official clinics scheduled. Any tournament interested in hiring officials contact Cara. Fees are negotiable.

- c. Junior report: Ken Miller reported entries and registrations are a bit behind last year but felt it was due to a late state tournament and a late Thanksgiving but expects to see continued growth based on the requests for team formation packets. Also anticipates the newly added 16 bronze division in Rochester to do well.
 - d. Report from National Meetings. Judy attended National USAV meeting in Denver where discussion was held as to raising Administration Fee and extra \$10.00 per member. The majority of reps were against it. At the State Tournaments the Youth CD's were promoted. Anyone wanting copies contact Judy.
 - e. Treasurers Report: Joe Sussenguth see Attachment A
 - f. Registration Numbers 2009-2010 Season (Attachment B)
4. New Business
- a. Brad Aaberg attended the Train the Trainer Clinic in Houston. Its aim is to make more uniform the officiating and training of those officials that occurs in all regions. Attachment C summarizes the event and its pertinence NCR. Not all regions were represented at this Clinic.
 - b. Policy for Non NCR Staff Attending Educational Clinics: Discussion was held as to the need for a policy to cover requests by non Staff members to attend clinics, as none such exists at this time. Brad Aaberg will draft a document for the boards review at the July meeting. Approval of the policy will table until a formal statement is drafted. ***Motion to table made by Scott Jackson and seconded by Chris Hunt.***
 - c. \$10.00 Admin Fee increase for USAV starting the 2010-11 Season: Lengthy discussion held
 - d. President Doug Lothenbach will select 3 members for the Nominating committee plus one Staff member. (Brad Aaberg will chair, Crystal Nucech-Duesler, Dan Westby, Chris Hunt, Sue Murphy-NCR Staff.
 - e. 5 board positions up for election; Scott Jackson has declined to stand for reelection. Lonnie Morken's term has expired. Joe Sussenguth and Chris Mahoney are interested in Area Rep positions.
 - f. A decision to remove the UP Area Rep position and make it a possible At Large position was tabled until the July meeting.
 - g. Meritorious Service Award and Founder's Award Nominations are due May 1st
 - h. Next Meeting July 18th 9:00 AM

Motion to adjourn made at 11:30 by Scott Jackson and seconded by Chris Hunt / Motion carried

Respectfully submitted by Shannon Shaughnessy

Minutes approved electronically 1/4/10