

NCR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
June 13th, 2010 4445 West 77th Street, STE 109 Edina. MN 55435

Board Members Present: Brad Aaberg, Doug Lothenbach, Chris Hunt, Stephanie Hanson, Darla Heikes, Scott Jackson, Joe Sussenguth, Kacy Kienholz, Crystal Nucech-Duesler.

Board Members Absent: Dan Westby, Lonnie Morken, Jon Hegerle, Twila Roemmich, Shannon Shaughnessy and Tracy Hruska

Staff Present: Jennifer Brathol, Ken Miller, Cara Lang and Judy Praska

Staff Absent: Sue Murphy

Meeting called to order: 9:10am

Previous minutes had been approved electronically

1. Congratulations to Jon Hegerle and Joe Sussenguth who were elected electronically for Area Reps.

2. Old Business

a. Reviewed Independent Contractor Educational Clinic Form

i. Form needs a disclaimer

ii. It must be approved by majority vote. Executive Director, Associate Executive Director and Board President will have a vote.

iii. Add information in monthly newsletter

iv. Brad will make changes and send to NCR Office

Motion to accept was made by Chris Hunt and seconded by Joe Sussenguth. Motion Carried

b. UP Area Rep position changed to At-large position.

i. Discussion was held and due to declining number the board felt an at-large position would assist the region better.

Motion to accept was made by Chris Hunt and seconded by Darla Heikes. Motion Carried

3. Election of Board Members

i. At Large position nominations: Carolyn Bell, Ross Erickson, Mary Hanson, Greg Sayuk and April Sutor. Brad will follow-up with all candidates who were not selected. Carolyn Bell, Ross Erickson and Mary Hanson were elected. Judy will contact the new board members.

ii. Election of Officers: President: Doug Lothenbach, Vice President: Brad Aaberg; Secretary: Shannon Shaughnessy; Treasurer: Joe Sussenguth.

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

4. Executive Directors Report

a. Adult /Boys Report: Jennifer Brathol reported that there were 34 events on the schedule. It averages out to three events per month. This year we had a sanctioned league as well as three sanctioned events. The coed events on Friday are very popular. There are seven outdoor events, which are mainly grass. Our adult division is growing again. The boys division is at status quo. NCR ran five tournaments and another club ran an event. There were a total of 8 boys teams which is up one from last year. NCR gave out two grants (new boys teams) this year. The boy's team grant program (\$250) will stay in effect.

b. Officials Report: Cara Lang report that 141 officials were hired for Presidents' Day; 17 officials were hired for Regional Qualifier and 59 officials volunteered for the Area Event. There were a total of 62 Jr Clinician, 30 Jr Clinician Observers and 20 Teach-n-Trainers this year. The Jr Clinician Observers and Teach-n-Trainers were new this year

and it helped promote consistency among clinicians as well as players. It was well received by the teams. NCR hosted 135 Junior Clinics this season which is up from last season. There are 205 officials this year. Goal for the next season to find more officials in out state MN, ND and SD as well as revamp webpage for officials. Great resource for all volleyballreftraining.com. A suggestion was made to split Teach n Train session January and again in March.

- c. Junior report: Ken Miller reported our region grew by 107 junior girls teams and 92 were regular teams. Presidents' Day Festival grew by 32 teams. Area Event grew by a handful of teams and the Regional Qualifier was really small. Ken commented that he has already had people contacted him for next season. The large tournament schedule was discussed.
 - d. Report from National Meetings.
 - 1. Judy brought the Region-only membership options to USAV board and it was a tie vote. USAV contacted Judy about the extended league option if it would work for North Country. USAV could not make the numbers work.
 - 2. Judy is on the Special Commission on Governance Alignment Committee.
 - 3. Congratulations to: Founder's Award: Val Swanson; Meritorious Service Winners: Virgil Clark, Lisa Nos-Tollefson and Mike Patanude.
 - e. Treasurers Report: Joe Sussenguth gave the report and the budget will be voted on electronically in July when Judy has all the final numbers.
 - f. Registration Numbers 2009-2010 Season were given and the region continues to grow.
5. New Business
- a. *Motion to change the Jr High Division from 7-9th grade to Middle School Division (Grades 6-8).*
Motion to accept was made by Chris Hunt and seconded by Brad Aaberg. Motion Carried
 - b. Discussion was held regarding City of Lakes. Ken will contact City of Lakes and let them know they cannot register as LEAGUE ONLY.
 - c. Founder's Award qualifications were discussed and will remain the same 15 years involvement with North Country Region.
 - d. Officially change the July meeting to the 2nd Sunday in June.
Motion to accept was made by Chris Hunt and seconded by Darla Heikes. Motion Carried
 - e. *Board members are to reply to emails from NCR staff in a timely manner or NCR Staff cannot guarantee hotel-this will be added to the Board information sheet.*
 - f. The board will vote on the newly amended Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation in July with the budget. The changes are the Area Reps and At-large numbers as well as the registered office location.

Closed Session was held

Thank you goes out to board members who are leaving: Scott Jackson, Lonnie Morken, Chris Mahoney and Tracy Hruska. We appreciate all your time.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Hunt and seconded by Scott Jackson. 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted by Judy Praska in Shannon's absence. Approved electronically 6/16/10
Budget electronically approved 8/2/10