

## NCR BOARD of DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 9:00AM

4445 West 77<sup>th</sup> St STE 109 Edina MN

Board members present: Doug Lothenbach, Joe Sussenguth, Crystal Nucech-Duesler, Chris Hunt, Twila Roemmich, Kacy Kienholz, Ross Erickson, Darla Heikes, Shannon Shaughnessy, Greg Sayuk and Stephanie Hanson

Board members absent: Dan Westby, Mary Hanson, Dennis Piechowski and Jon Hegerle

Staff members present: Ken Miller, Sue Murphy, Jennifer Brathol, Brad Aaberg and Judy Praska

1. Meeting called to order 9:01AM
2. New Board member Greg Sayuk was welcomed and introduced to NCR Board.
3. Election of Officers: Current executive board stood for reelection and ran unopposed and was elected by unanimous voice vote. The term is for one year. President Doug Lothenbach; Vice President Twila Roemmich; Secretary Shannon Shaughnessy and Treasurer Joe Sussenguth
4. Election was held for an open at-large member and Sarah Hammers was elected by ballot and will be seated at the December Meeting. Ross Erickson and Dennis Piechowski were re-elected to another term. The term is for three years.
5. Old Business:

a. PVL for NCR: PVL is a High Performance league for Adults. Ken Miller reported that there would not be a schedule available until 2016. Discussion was held and members felt there would be a good chance for success if NCR participated in the league but without a schedule it would be impossible to set the necessary budget to become involved at this time.

b. NCR Coaches Clinic: NCR will host a 1 day coaching clinic tentative date Jan 18<sup>th</sup> in St Cloud. Hugh McCutcheon will anchor a team of Division II & III coaches to be named later. The day will consist of 55 minute classroom sessions, court sessions and a panel forum. A shorter Impact Clinic would be optional to end the day. Anticipated attendance is 100 participants. Estimated member fee \$75.00, Nonmember fee \$100.00. Session will be videotaped. A manual will be available to all after the event with an estimated member cost \$60.00, non-member \$65.00

6. Executive Director's Report:

a. Adult/ Boys Report-Jen

I. Outdoor Events have started despite the weather. 5 groups have sanctioned events with NCR. An alliance with SAVA (Super Awesome Volleyball Association) has been made and they will handle the sand events. Adult will have a video available online to see the difference in the level of play for Gold and Silver divisions. Adult membership grew this year. They will keep the current PASS system which is based on participation. 7 Prizes were awarded this past year with the PASS system. Winners of events were awarded T-Shirts and each event had a different color. Online registration was well received by the adult community.

II. Boys season started with the Presidents' Festival. Panther VB sanctioned 3 events. \$11,000.00 grant received from USA Volleyball and will be paid out in increments based on performance. Upcoming season will have a budget to run in house teams with NCR as club director. The plan is to have 4 teams divided into areas i.e. North /South/ East/ West Metro. 1 teams age 14 & under and the other 3 age 14 & over.

b. Officials Report –Brad

Reported rule changes concerning Libero & substitutions. They will require the reworking of the score sheet. NCR hosted a National Officials Clinic with 25 attendees. The Jr program is making use of the VRT (Volleyball Ref Training) Use amounted to 30% of all official training. Brad did report there were some initial start-up problems that will be fixed for this year. The number of officials were down by 100(not also coaches) this year. Presidents' Festival required some coaches at the play-off level having to officiate but they were compensated. Highlight for the year was 2 NCR Officials received National awards: the Silver Pen to Christina Fiebich and the Silver Whistle to Ed Richardson.

c. Junior Girls Report-Ken

Presidents Festival fielded 628 teams up 24 from last year: 184 in Gold Division 356 in Silver and 88 in Bronze. 157 courts were used. The format will be kept the same for next year. Area Championships were down mainly due to a conflict with 2nd half of Northern Lights National Qualifier. Ken expressed that the number of unsanctioned teams and tournaments were down this year and attributed that to schools being more diligent in their demand for proof of liability insurance. NCR's Regional National Bid tournament was not held but anticipates a full event next year due to the fact Nationals will be held in MPLS. Automatic entries to the Nationals at the NCR Regional to be earned for Nationals are 4 at the 12's and 5 at all other divisions.

Some unregistered coaches and or parents have been found to be coaching teams when registered coach is not available. There is a one-event membership that is available and would cover their liability.

It was expressed that poor sportsmanship on the part of parents appears to be getting worse, especially among 12's & 13's division. Ken will be supplying site & club directors with wording for a code of conduct that can be posted or included in a document that parents can sign upon enrolling their child.

d. Report from National Meeting- Judy

Ken, Jen, Brad & Judy attended this year's meeting. It was announced that the Adult Nationals will be in Phoenix, Boy's Nationals in Houston and All of the Girl's Nationals in Minneapolis in 2014. Safe Sport has been adopted by the NGB and NCR has many of the policies already in place. Ones to be looked into for compliance will be a travel policy and a social network/electronic policy. Insurance Fee's will be raised \$1.15 per member next year. New score sheets reflecting changes will be issued. Judy reported that NCR is named in an injury lawsuit, lawyers are involved but it is covered under our liability Ins.

Online check in for Presidents Festival was a success.

e. Treasurers Report-Joe

Budget and expenses reviewed discussion held. Motion to approve budget made by Chris Hunt and seconded by Ross Erickson. Approved

7. New Business: NCR staff proposed a membership fee increase to \$50.00 up from \$46.00 to offset USVA's fee increase in insurance, credit card fees & the cost of Background screening that NCR currently absorbs. Much discussion was held, alternatives suggested but in the end the board reluctantly made a motion to raise the membership fee to \$50.00. Motion made by Chris Hunt seconded by Darla Heikes and carried.

8. Motion to adjourn made at 11:13 am by Chris Hunt and seconded by Ross Erickson.

Next Meeting December 1, 2013 9:00 am

Respectfully submitted by

Shannon Shaughnessy

Approved electronically 6/12/2013