

NCR BOARD of DIRECTORS' MEETING'S MINUTES

June 8th, 2014

4445 West 77th St STE 109, Edina MN

Board Members Present: Doug Lothenbach, Shannon Shaughnessy, Twila Roemmich, Joe Sussenguth, Ross Erickson, Chris Hunt, Sarah Hammers, Crystal Nucech-Duesler, Dennis Piechowski, Greg Sayuk, Darla Heikes

Absent Board members: Stephanie Hanson, Jon Hegerle and Dan Westby

Staff Members Present: Judy Praska, Ken Miller, Sue Murphy, Jennifer Brathol and Brad Aaberg

Meeting Called to order 8:57AM

Award presentation to Chris Hunt for service to the NCR Board, Stephanie Hanson's plaque was previously mailed.

1. Election of Board Members: 2 nominations submitted for the 2 At-large positions, Kelsey Peterson and Becky Schlichting. Motion made to accept the nominations by Chris Hunt and seconded by Darla Heikes
2. Election of Officers: All current officers agreed to stand for another term and all were re-elected by unanimous vote.

President: Doug Lothenbach

Vice-President Twila Roemmich

Secretary Shannon Shaughnessy

Treasurer Joe Sussenguth

3. Executive Director's Report

a. Jennifer Brathol: Adults/Boys/NCR Officials Clinic Reports

Adult: Membership has grown. The partnership with SAVA continues to be beneficial. Petra & Linzy have attended open gym nights around the region to get the word out that the adult program is not just for the elite. Skills clinics are offered. Facebook is proving to be an effective means of communicating and invitations to continue to be a part of NCR is sent out to all High School Seniors.

Boys: NCR sponsored 3 boys' teams (12U-in-house, 15U and 18U) for a total of 40 Members. College Exhibition Matches and visiting teams from Canada & Iowa made for a good year. Mike Hull's efforts have helped generate excitement for a boys program.

Coaches Clinic: 90 participants all went well despite the snow storm. NCR considering making it an annual event and are currently in the planning stage for the next clinic.

b. Brad Aaberg: Officials Report

New rule book and new rules did not pose any problems, Online Registration had 12,000 members sign up of those who completed the course, 57% certified as R1, 70% as R2 and Scorekeepers. 13% did only LJ and Libero. Discussion was held about the problems and advantages of the online program. Brad pointed out the difficulties were those of USAV's and they have reported a breach of contract from the service provider. The positive is that it supplies a uniform presentation and those who have completed it need only do a refresher each year. A pre-test is being considered that would ask a

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series of questions. In-person Officiating Clinics will continue to be offered for those requesting one.

NCR has four members trying for their Jr National Officials and four for National Official at Junior Nationals. Four members have been accepted as regional and will be hired for the Jr National Tournament in MPLS this summer. Christina Fiebich earned her Para International rating. Brad anticipates that the Libero Jersey rule will be the next big issue. The numbers of events using certified officials are up this year providing more opportunities for certified officials.

c. Ken Miller: Junior Girls Report

Junior Membership is up 4.5 %. All Juniors events grew. Question was raised as to adding an 11U event but Ken felt there is not enough interest at this time

d. Judy Praska: Report from National Meetings:

No increase in Insurance fee this Year. The new USAV Board Chairperson is a Woman for the 1st time. The 2015 National tournament location announced: Boys in Columbus, Girls in New Orleans and Adults in Detroit. 2016 sites are Boys in Dallas and Girls in Indianapolis. The Safe Sport Initiative still not fully developed but Judy will go through the training for the region. We have switched banks. There will be a new intern in the fall and her name is Crysta Christensen.

e. Joe Sussenguth: Treasurers Report:

See Attachments. Motion to accept the 1014-15 budget made by Chris Hunt and seconded by Sarah Hammers motion passed

f. Registration: See attachments

5. New Business:

a. **Conference Call Meeting:** December meeting will be a conference call provided that a suitable service provider is found and that events or agenda items dictate a face to face meeting. Expected savings of \$3000.00. Suggestion made that service provider also have white board capabilities.

b. **Stay and Play Policies:** Joe Sussenguth provided information about USAV's policy, its demand for strict compliance and the fact that they are not always forth coming with a policy waiver. Discussion was held and most in agreement against the policy but not sure of any recourse of action. It was pointed out that not all qualifiers have this stay and play policy.

c. **Other Items:** Question raised by Greg Sayuk as to why it was necessary to play 7 matches in one day and NCR's Regional Qualifier and could it have been a 2-Day Qualifier instead. It was felt that this situation occurred due to the fact that the Nationals were being held in MPLS and the next time they are held in the area a 2-day qualifier will be considered.

6. Motion to adjourn made by Ross Erickson seconded by Chris Hunt. Meeting adjourned 10:27 AM.

Next Board Meeting will be Sunday December 7th, 2014, 9:00 AM. Potentially via conference call.

Respectfully submitted by Shannon Shaughnessy

Electronically approved 6/14/2014