

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Great Plains Region – Junior Program Board**  
**August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**Mahoney State Park Lodge**

President Greg MacLean opened the meeting at 9:02am with the introduction of the Meeting Agenda. (see attachment 1: Agenda)

**Attendance:**

Board Members:

Greg MacLean  
Tony Carrow  
Mike Godek  
Matt Bassett  
Randy Hansen  
Deb Grafentin  
Paul Wright

Staff Members:

Sue Mailhot  
Bill Hamilton

Guests:

Debi Godek  
John Spaustat

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am

**I. APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING**

A. **Motion/Hansen/Wright:** to approve minutes from July 07 meeting **Passed**

**II. FILL VACANT JPB POSITION**

There was a lengthy discussion about establishing JPB election procedures. It was decided to first fill the vacant board positions for now.

**Motion/Hansen/Godek:** Fill Scott Christensen's JPB position on an interim basis until the next general election in the spring. **Passed**

John Spaustat and Korrine Schuster were nominated. John Spaustat was elected by paper ballot.

**Motion/Grafentin/Godek:** Fill Jake Moore's JPB position on an interim basis until the next general election in the spring. **Passed** (one nay)

Debi Godek and Korrine Schuster were nominated. Debi Godek was elected by paper ballot.

**III. FILL JPB SECRETARY POSITION**

**Motion/Grafentin/Hansen:** Nominate a current board member to fulfill the secretary position until the officer elections. **Passed**

**Motion/Grafentin/Hansen:** Nominate Debi Godek as JPB Secretary. **Passed**

**IV. ANNUAL JPB MEETINGS**

Following up on discussion that was held at the last meeting, the following motion was presented.

**Motion/Godek,D/Wright:** The meeting schedule for the JPB will be as follows:

1. Spring Meeting will be a general membership meeting to be held on the weekend of the Regional tournament. Elect JP Board members at general forum.
2. Summer Meeting to be held (approximately) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of August: Discuss budget, action items, USAV issues, upcoming events, elect officers.

3. Fall Meeting to be held (approximately) on the last Sunday in October (before the season starts): review tournament schedule, plan spring meeting, vote on action items as needed. **Passed**

Items to be considered at the next board meeting:

- i. Determine terms of office
- ii. Election procedures
- iii. Update website and handbook with meeting dates.

## V. JPB ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL

After a lengthy discussion regarding JPB election procedures, VP MacLean noted that per Section 4.3.2.5 of the Great Plains By-laws, the JPB has the authority to develop policies and procedures necessary for the program board to conduct its affairs and fulfill its responsibilities, and publish them in an administrative manual.

**MOTION**/Carrow/Godek,M: that a committee be formed to create a JPB administrative manual to be presented at the October meeting. **Passed**

Committee members will be Tony Carrow, Greg MacLean, Deb Godek and Deb Grafentin.

The Administrative Manual should include:

1. Where should the member representatives come from within the state.
2. Number of members.
3. What requirements make up a quorum
4. Proxies?
5. Operating procedures for the JPB.
6. Procedures for electing members and officers and their term lengths

## VI. BID TOURNAMENT

Possible options to change the bid tournament format were discussed.

- A. Have a two day format
  1. Does not necessarily mean two consecutive days.
  2. If there are 8 or less teams entered, only a one day format is needed.
  3. If 9 or more teams entered, a two day format is required.
- B. Limit the teams to 8 Gold teams with more criteria for the final 8 entries.
- C. Increase the entry fee to accommodate for the extra expenses in running a 2 day tournament
- D. Play the least number of matches to get to the final 8 entries.
- E. If two days are used, team's position in the pool for the first day will be seeded a method to be determined by the JPB. Teams will retain their same seed for the second round, which is determined after the first round.

**Motion**/Hansen/Carrow:: Propose that the bid tournament is open to all teams, who fulfill the bid tournament entry requirements which will follow the USAV JNC entry requirements. If there are 8 or less teams, the format used will be a double elimination one-day tournament, played out to fourth place only. If there are 9 or more teams, a competition will be played on the first day to reduce the number of teams to 8, who will then play in double elimination one-day format on the second day, playing out to fourth place only. If a two day format is used, days do not need to be consecutive. **Passed**

## VII. RECRUITING

There were some recruiting issues discussed, but the commissioner said she was not informed and cannot act if nothing is brought forward. Other discussion included club directors or coaches who approach parents at events, but it was determined that parents are not members and we cannot protect them. Also, parents are adults and they have the ability to remove themselves from these situations.

It was discussed if we wanted to use something similar to the Heart of America Region's 'no contact' list on their website, but it was decided that there was not much use and that office staff could create a education document for parents on how to avoid these situations.

**Motion/Carrow/Spaustat:** Propose to change the recruiting policy to read: Club personnel cannot initiate contact with an athlete outside of their club at any school event or school venue. – **Passed** (one nay)

Note: This change now includes middle schools as well as high schools.

## VIII. TRYOUTS

Discussion was held about allowing players to try out for different clubs. Some points noted were:

- i. Players should have the option to choose from different clubs.
- ii. Players would tryout at several different clubs and sign a letter of intent at more than one club.
- iii. Teams or clubs would have to fold because of players who committed to more than one team, but then other teams were left with not enough committed players.
- iv. Players should have to pay a fine for changing clubs after they committed and signed.
- v. There should be a process for players who want to switch clubs.

A motion regarding a possible buy-out option was presented, but was later withdrawn.

**MOTION/Godek,M/Wright:** Moves to send the letter of intent issue to the administrative manual committee to look at possible options. **Passed**

## IX. TOURNAMENT ENTRY SYSTEM

Tony contacted the Heart of America Region regarding their tournament entry system. Their system can be purchased for our use for \$4000.00. Everyone in the region can use it to enter all tournaments within the region. The system also has a ranking system for teams. This can be used to seed teams in tournaments. Team records are kept and who they played.

Questions asked included:

Would the office staff be bogged down using this new system? *No, as it should alleviate some of the current work. Or the current work would be replaced by the new system. So it should be an even trade-off.*

Can our current server handle this additional program? *The office staff will check into that and will upgrade if necessary.*

**Motion/Grafentin/Spaustat:** To purchase and adopt the HOA Region's tournament registration system to be implemented by the GP staff for 2008 season. **Passed**

Suggestions on how tournaments should implement using the new system offered:

1. If there are more than 2 pools in a specific age group at a tournament, the tournament director shall use the rankings as determined by the region ranking system.
2. In a single age group, with no teams playing up, and with 2 or more pools, those teams must use the region rankings.

3. Use the latest rankings possible within the region tournament sanctioning requirements.
4. In a multi-age group, having more than one age group and more than one pool, use the system to rank the teams within their division, then the teams from the next lower aged groups would be added at the end of the rankings, using that age group's rankings as determined by the region ranking system.
5. Use a webcast system to give information regarding the new tournament registration system to tournament and club directors.

Spaustat asked if it would be possible to compare Gateway and HOA systems to see which ranking system works best. MacLean reported that he could do that.

**X. BUDGET**

The staff will email the current budget to Randy. Randy and the staff will develop and present a new budget via email to all board members for their approval.

**XI. PRESIDENT'S DAY TOURNAMENT**

**MOTION/MacLean/Spaustat:** Proposed that the staff ensures the information regarding how to enter the President's Day tournament is disseminated to the general membership. –

**Passed**

The office staff will contact all clubs via the annual Club Directors Packet and will publish the information on the region's website. Other local Gold tournaments will be offered on President's Day weekend.

**XII. YJOV REPRESENTATIVES**

Mailhot asked JPB members if anyone wanted to attend the YJOV meetings to be held October 5, 6 and 7 as the region's representatives. Deb Grafentin and Debi Godek volunteered.

**XIII. MEETING ADJORNED Tony/Paul at 1:15 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted August 17, 2007**

**Debi Godek, Secretary**