

Meeting Minutes - Final
Great Plains Region – Junior Program Board
October 28th, 2007
Mahoney State Park Lodge

Attendance:

Board Members:

Greg MacLean

Paul Wright

Randy Hansen

John Spaustat

Mike Godek

Deb Grafentin

Matt Bassett

Staff Members:

Sue Mailhot

Bill Hamilton

The meeting was called to order at 9:40am.

President Greg MacLean presented the meeting agenda

I. APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

A. **Motion/Passed** – Greg/Randy: Approve minutes from last meeting.

II. Approve Junior Budget for the 2007 – 2008 Fiscal Year.

A. Randy introduced a draft budget for 2008. Randy is concerned about the affect of NVA not playing in USA Volleyball Qualifiers and National Championships will have on the Regional and Bid Tournaments. It was noted that NVA only had 2 teams in every age division at tournaments last year. Other board members are not concerned and affirm that other teams will fill in where NVA may not play. It was noted that there will be a new expense of \$4000 that will be added to the general budget for the new on-line tournament registration system from the Heart of America Region.

B. There was some discussion about raise the sanction fees next year. It is too late to consider that option for this year. If tournament entry fees are going to be raised, clubs should be informed before August.

C. There was some discussion about cutting the expenses on officials at tournaments. Sue stated the local pay rate for officials is low compared to the national average. Two referees were used last year at the bid tournament and as long as the coaches understand the ramifications of having only one certified referee, Sue will inform the officials program board that only one referee is needed for any region events.

D. **Motion/Passed** – John/Matt: Approve the Junior Budget as read by Randy.

E. The board discussed raising the Bid tournament fee because it may be a 2 day tournament. **Motion/Passed** – Paul/Matt: Change the tournament entry fee for the Bid Tournament to \$150.00 for the first day of play, and \$100.00 for the 2nd day.

Randy Hansen left at 11:45 am.

III. Tournament Schedule.

A. At the last meeting, the JPB decided they would help put the junior tournament schedule together. Sue brought a spreadsheet with all this year's sanction requests and a tournament schedule from last year. The board decided there was too much information to compile the schedule that day. A subcommittee was created to meet at

the Great Plains Regional office on WE, Oct 31, at noon at the office, and put the Junior tournament schedule together. The sub-committee will be:

- i. Deb Grafentin
- ii. Paul Wright
- iii. Mike Godek
- iv. John Spaustat
- v. Tony Carrow

B. There was further discussion about setting some criteria to help determine the tournament schedule. **Motion/Passed** – John/Paul: There will be five criteria to use when determining the tournament schedule:

- i. Number of tournaments hosted by an organization or club.
- ii. An organization or clubs preference.
- iii. An organization or club should not have 2-3 gold tournaments in the same age division in the same season (13 gold playing at site A, 3 times in a season).
- iv. Limit the number of tournaments per age division on the same weekend in the same area.
- v. Number of complaints per organization or club will limit the number of tournaments given.

Mike Godek left at 1:00 pm

C. There was a discussion about changing the gold tournaments to accommodate a 5 team pool. **Motion/Passed – Deb Grafentin/John:** If there are only 5 teams in a gold division, the tournament director has the option of playing two games in pool, and then allowing tournament at the end. The tournament director must request this from the region office. Games will be played to 25 starting at 0. (Gold level pool play is usually 2 out of 3 games starting at 0 and played to 25.)

IV. Administrative manual

A. The sub committee for creating a manual for the Junior Program Board submitted a draft of the manual for the JPB to look over and make suggested changes. Sue had suggestions for some changes.

V. Other Topics of Discussion:

A. There was some discussion about the mechanism used to attach the coach's name badges. No action could be presented as there were no longer enough members to constitute a quorum.

VI. Greg will appoint a subcommittee to help staff plan the spring general meeting.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 2:11pm. **Motion/Passed** – Greg/John