

**IREVA Board Meeting  
September 16, 2007 at HVCC**

Meeting called order at 4:00 PM by Patty Blacklock.

Attendees:

Patty Blacklock	Craig Turner	Betsy Marsh
Jim Bishop	Mike McNeil	Paul Vink-Lainas
Hazel Goldstein	Hana Panek	Joanne Blacklock
Ellen Lain	Mike Wingard	Paul Sander
Anna Turner	Cameron Erickson	

Secretary's Report:

- The May minutes have not been submitted as of this meeting. They will be voted on at the November meeting if they are submitted prior to that meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Bishop

- See Budget Handout for details.
- We are on our projected schedule. Some losses include JO Regionals and HP Camps.
- Discussion on the proposed budget brought concerns about the loss of adult membership trend. Should we institute a late fee for registering after March?
- There was a question of the low numbers of registered Chaperones and volunteers. What is the extent of liability of Status Quo? Should all parents get registered and background checked if they are carpooling kids to practices and tournaments?
- HP camp entry fees should be raised.
- There will be 2 IMPACT clinics this year.
- The budget reflects no change in membership fees.
- With new electronic signature registration, a \$10 paper registration fee should be instituted.
- Discussion on registration changes: Cameron will oversee Joni Blacklock and Susanna Ashline in registration duties. Joni will concentrate on Adults players, Junior boys and associated adults. Susanna will handle junior girls and associated adults.
- MOTION by Jim Bishop: Propose that basic membership fees be unchanged at \$45 (\$40 with 6 registrations at one time) and \$55 for an individual paper registration. (No discount associated with a paper registration) (Possibly increase penalty next year for paper registration.) Second by Patty Blacklock. Passes unanimously.
- MOTION by Jim Bishop: Propose that coaches pay full membership fee. Second by Hazel Goldstein - 3 Yes, 7 No, 0 Abstentions – Not Passed. Concerns were over identification of player vs. coach. IREVA registration number includes “MR” for regular membership or “MOA” for other membership.
- MOTION by Jim Bishop: Proposal that membership after March 1 for players is subject to a \$50 penalty. Second by Ellen Lain. Passed with one abstention.

- MOTION by Jim Bishop: Proposed that the referees' subsidy be raised from \$250 to \$300 for BB/16+ only. (to cover cost of higher level officials) (per court per day) Second by Hazel Goldstein. Passed with 9 yes, 1 no and 1 abstention.
- MOTION by Jim Bishop: Proposed that the CAP certified coaches subsidy change from paying the individual coach to refunding the club for having a CAP certified coach at Regionals. (a discount of \$50 – one coach per team; one coach if coaching more than one Regional team.) (Note: Maintain CAP every 4 years). Discussion – change the budget to reflect \$1500 (not \$500) Passed unanimously.
- MOTION by Jim Bishop: Proposed that the region purchase a projector for Powerpoint presentations for scorekeeper clinics, ~\$600 investment. Second Hazel Goldstein. Passed unanimously.
- Paul Sander discussed the possibility of IREVA buying ad space in the boys regionals state program.
- MOTION by Jim Bishop: proposed that IREVA buy a full-page ad for the girls and boys program at a cost of \$285. Second by Mike McNeil. Passed unanimously. Hana Panek will follow-up.
- MOTION by Jim Bishop: Proposed to adopt the budget as presented with revisions as discussed. Second by Hazel Goldstein. Passed unanimously.

#### Commissioner Appointments:

- Office Manager: Anna Turner
- Competition Chair: Cameron Erickson
- Tournament Chair: Betsy Marsh
- Assignor: Howard Veater
- Registrar: Cameron Erickson with delegation of duties to Joni Blacklock and Susanne Ashline.
- JO Chair: Hazel Goldstein
- Referee Chair: Paul Vink-Lainas
- Insurance and Grievance: Blaise
- Scorekeeper Chair: Mike McNeil
- Communication Chair: Ben Rosenthal

Passed unanimously.

#### Commissioner's goals for Board Structure for 2007-2008:

- Governance: 4 elected positions can review region documentation to update.
- Awards committee: outgoing at-large director
- Communication Chair: Ben Rosenthal
- IT committee: John Nolan, Craig Turner
- Officials committee: Paul V-L, Mike McNeil, Paul Putnam
- Member growth and outreach: Ellen Lain, Paul Sander
- Events planning and management: Paul Sander
- JO: Hazel Goldstein, Mike Wingard assisting
- Adult: Betsy Marsh, John, Craig
- Competition, eligibility: Cameron [Troy Dollar may be willing to help develop applications and / or data entry, as with R2 / scorekeeper info]

National Meeting Report: USOC – The board and staff should not interact on a daily basis. There is a question of representation. For CAP – there is a movement to go to a higher level of certification for coaches but there are implementation issues.

The National October Meeting - Patty B. and Hazel G. are attending with to-be-named assistants.

Referee Chair Report: Paul Vink-Lainas

- Trying to get clinic and fellowship dates early.
- Aaron Baum received Junior National Referee status
- 2007 Rule changes: recommending center uniform numbers front and back, 6” front and 8” back – NO TAPE allowed. Similar shorts must be worn.
- Discussion on officials’ judgement of “similar shorts” and enforcement of the rule. The TD cannot override the officials ruling on the shorts. Lean toward less strict rather than more, but will still be ambiguous and a potential issue.
- Only the legal coach can stand during game play.
- 2009 will need the Libero shirt to contain NO color that is present in the team shirt.

Scorekeeper Report: Mike McNeil

- Two new National scorekeepers: Ben Rosenthal and Andrew McNeil.
- Clinics and fellowships will be posted on the web. Are adult clinics needed? There is little interest.
- There are no rule changes. Referees and scorekeepers need their cards.

Junior Report: Hazel Goldstein

- There was a junior meeting earlier in the day 9/16 and there will be another 10/14.
- Junior Regionals for girls and boys are in Cortland April 26 and 27 with wave play. Looking into SUNY sports management to run the tournament for students to get practical experience. Still looking to Jen Sangiacomo to help.
- The new registration system is in place. Club reps must come to a meeting in order to register.
- No HP report.

Tournament Report: Betsy Marsh

- Looking to answer the question as to why there does not seem to be much interest in IREVA volleyball. Some aspects are travel concerns and cost involved. IREVA needs more visibility in High Schools, students need to know that they can still play after graduation. We need to send info to ADs, teachers, coaches, and Boys and Girls clubs.

Communications Chair:

- Darcy is working on the newsletter and Ben is working on the website.

Registrar report: Cameron Erickson

- New updated electronic signature for registration. An email will be sent with instructions on how to register. The IREVA site will be updated with new links.
- There will be 2 registrar assistants as previously mentioned. Joni Blacklock and Susanne Ashline.

Adult Regionals: Anna Turner

- April 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 in the Fieldhouse at SUNY Cortland.
- Registration fee unchanged at \$140
- Hana will do T-shirts and Anna will do other prizes.
- Hazel will help with trophies.
- AES used for all Junior Tournaments, optional for Adult tournaments, will be used for Adult Regionals.

Standing Committees per by-laws:

- Eligibility: Cameron Erickson
- Elections: Betsy Marsh
- IREVA Awards: Hana Panek

Grievance - JO Regionals: Pine Bush Appeal received; nothing yet from TCVC or Oneonta teams.

Grievance - HP Camp Subsidies: \$500 per head was stated than changed based on finances. Lakeside and 518 boys were affected. Discussion concerning distribution of monies should go to grass roots or to elite players.

MOTION by Jim Bishop: Proposed that the 4 players affected be paid the balance of the money for HP camp as promised. Seconded by Ellen Lain. Passed 13 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstention.

ACTION ITEM: Awards. Jim Bishop and Anna Turner will send information regarding 05/06 and 06/07 awards to Hazel Goldstein to obtain plaques.

MOTION by Jim Bishop: proposed that Adults use AES for tournaments as an option during the season. AES will be mandatory for Regionals. The region will pay \$1500 to use AES for JO and adult use. Passed unanimously

Mike Wingard mentioned a possible new sponsor: World Wide Sports. Check them out for discounts available.

Future IREVA board meeting schedule:

- November 2007 – Binghamton 11/9/2007 Mike McNeil to look into location.
- January 2008 – Orange Co. Area – 1/18/08
- May 2008 elections – Verona – 5/2/2008

Patty made motion to adjourn. Meeting closed 8:00pm