

IREVA Board of Directors - Meeting Minutes
Friday January 18, 2008 – 7:00 pm
WVTC, Orange County

- 1) Vice President's welcome [McNeil]; introductions [meeting started at 7:35 with Whoosh Chili!!]

Attendees:

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| - Mike McNeil | - Laurie Muollo | - Howard Veater |
| - Jim Bishop | - Paul Sander | - Hana Panek |
| - Hazel Goldstein | - Ben Rosenthal | - Neil Palent |
| - Ellen Lain | - Chris Trombley | |

- 2) Secretary's Report:

- a) Approval of Minutes – November meeting
 - i) Accepted, as modified by Jim Bishop
- b) Correspondence

- 3) Treasurer's Report [Bishop]:

- a) Recent activity
- b) Current \$\$ status
- c) Other?

- 4) Commissioner [Blacklock/Bishop]: appointments [>new business]; USAV info / issues; other tbd

- i) Replacement of West Director vacated by Mike McNeil due to accepting Vice President position
- ii) Motion to nominate Chris Trombley by Jim Bishop, seconded by Hazel Goldstein; accepted unanimously
- iii) Replacement of Registrar vacated by Cam Erickson
- iv) Motion to nominate Laurie Muollo by Jim Bishop, seconded by Hazel Goldstein; accepted unanimously

Other Officers / Directors

- v) Referee chair [Vink-Lainas]: update clinics/fellowships plan and schedule; other tbd
 - (1) Howard Veater, Referee Assignor, noted that he needs a comprehensive list of certified referees in the region
 - (2) Howard also said that there would be R1 training at the Tioga JO tournament on Feb 9
 - (3) A request was made to create/provide a Referee Rating Form for use by TDs to provide feedback on referees for potential improvement.
 - (a) Hazel will provide an example from college
 - (b) Howard/Paul will take this and other input and will develop a proposal
- vi) Scorekeeper chair [McNeil]: update clinics/fellowships plan and schedule; other tbd

- (1) Several Fellowships have been held, with several more upcoming
- (2) Finding Fellowship hosts continues to be an issue, especially in the Syracuse and Albany areas
- vii) JO chair [Goldstein]: club directors' meetings; fellowships coordinator; 07/08 Regionals prep; 07/08 IREVA HP camps prep; 07/08 JO Nationals participation/playoffs; other tbd

Progress from last meeting :

NEW CLUBS – we have at least 4 new clubs this season that can be confirmed:

Syracuse Rush – girls

Kingston – girls

Tupper Lake – girls

Sidney area – girls

There have also been inquiries about other areas – Albany, Schenectady – but I am not aware that they have gone forward

FELLOWSHIPS : are running – we need more clubs to step up and host- Mike is doing a great job with that. I have also told some clubs that while fellowships are the preferred method- we can and will be flexible with clubs who wish to just have a refresher. I have told those clubs to contact Mike.

Fellowship Request Form and Guidelines documents are on the website

REGISTRATION – has been much smoother than expected – our new system seems to be working very well. THANKS – Laurie, Susanna, Joni !!

2008 REGIONALS- SUNY Cortland April 26-27 15 courts YAHOO !! SUNY Cortland Sports Management has agreed to run this event as a class project !! This allows us not to have to get volunteers from each club and eliminates the work bond concept and resulting annoyance. I will be meeting with them in about two weeks and have assumed the role of oversight advisor etc etc. The sport court has been ordered and SUNY will coordinate the takeup and put down of all that [YAHOO] . I will post the tournament on the website by the end of next week.

2008 REGIONAL HP – HP Chair Sue Medley and I are playing phone tag – but I know that we are currently prepared to have tryouts at IREVA regionals on Friday night and Sue would like to have several other tryouts as well. Will update you more as I know it via email.

2008 NATIONAL HP TRYOUTS – IREVA will once again be hosting a girls National Hp tryout on March 14,2008 at Sienna College – help will be needed. Boys National HP tryouts will be held January 27 at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa, and February 22 at University of Maryland.

2008 JO NATIONALS – Girls will be held June 26-July 5 in Dallas, Texas, Boys Championships will be held on July 2-9 in Sandy City, Utah. I will post this on the website shortly and ask for any teams interested in going to contact me.

IMPACT – there have been a number of inquiries about the region holding Impact training. Currently NCAJ is planning to host an IMPACT clinic on March 14- searching for a site. Mike Wingard has been talking with Dietre Collins [Cornell U] about the possibility of having an Impact clinic on April 25 at Cortland.

ACTION ITEMS :

1. update webpage –this is my top priority and I do plan to get it done asap – really
2. update JO manual – this is currently out with several club directors – I expect to have more feedback [since I have none right now] by May
3. get Regional HP moving and ready to go

Suggestions/ recommendations

Communicate communicate communicate

FUTURE GOALS

1. post a list of JO clubs and contacts on the website
 2. somehow get everyone [JO] on track with what they should be doing – and why
 3. standardize tournament formats
 4. get tougher on TD's who do not do their part
- viii) Communication chair [Rosenthal]: website and Calendar; newsletter; handbook; other tbd; Forum started on website for Board and others
- (1) Ben submitted a proposal for Newsletter Editor Payment – see below under Old Business c)
- ix) Registrar [Muollo]: on-line system status; ytd membership; other tbd
- (1) Discussion about AES vs USAV registration for tournaments
 - (2) Membership statistics as of Jan 17 provided as a handout
 - (a) 579 registered adults and 1123 Juniors, as compared to 465 and 913 from previous season at this time
- x) Tournament coordinator [Marsh]: 07/08 season progress; other tbd – n/a
- xi) Coach chair [vacant]: IMPACT policy/procedure; CAP/IMPACT goals for 07/08; IMPACT clinics schedule: IMPACT clinicians; other tbd
- (1) SUNY Utica planned for next year for CAP/IMPACT
- xii) Office manager [A. Turner]: adult and JO regionals 07/08; calendar deadlines reminders; other tbd
- (1) Need nomination slates for elections in May

- xiii) Insurance [Agnew]: TBD - n/a

Standing committees per bylaws:

- i) Eligibility [vacant; McNeil acting] Still working on finding a permanent Chair
- ii) Elections [Marsh/C. Turner/Goldstein]
- iii) Awards 07/08 [Panek]

4) Ad hoc committees/assignments [to be discussed / revised per June 2007 retreat meeting and CEO direction]:

- i) Structure & function committee [Blacklock/Goldstein/McNeil/Bishop]
- ii) Officials committee [Vink-Lainas/McNeil/Veater]
- iii) Membership Growth committee [Lain/Marsh/Goldstein]
- iv) IT [Nolan et al]
- v) Communications [Rosenthal et al]
- vi) Juniors committee [Goldstein, Wingard, Dwyer]
- vii) Adults committee [Marsh et al]
- viii) Registration committee [Muollo/Blacklock/Ashline/?]
- ix) Events Mgt. committee [tbd]
- x) Resources / development committee [tbd]

5) Assignments / other action / info items

- i) Regional boundaries/GEVA issues [Blacklock]
- ii) Grievance / appeal concerning penalties imposed related to 2007 JO
- iii) Regionals [Bishop /Vink-Lainas/Panek]
- iv) Balyszak litigation update [Bishop/Rosenthal]
- v) Awards 05/06 and 06/07 [Goldstein] Need list on website!
- vi) WWSS sponsorship proposal [Bishop/Wingard] Kishan Zuber
- vii) Policy updates [Bishop]
 - (1) JO players on adult teams [9/29/07 email]
 - (a) The existing policy was reviewed. We still need input from Pat Dwyer and possibly others
 - (2) One day registration [9/29/07 email]
 - (a) Wait until next year to resolve
 - (3) Competition season [9/29/07 email]
 - (a) Wait until next year to resolve
- viii) Other?
 - (1) Club / team names [Blacklock] - tabled
 - (2) Roster requirements at tournaments [Blacklock] Need to establish a policy, and then clearly communicate and enforce it starting next season
 - (3) JO and adult nationals entry deadlines and procedures [Blacklock/Bishop] IREVA deadlines will basically be 4 weeks prior to National submission deadlines
- ix) Discussion on mission/goals/function/structure [Blacklock]
- x) Committee appointments & task assignments [Blacklock]

6) Old Business:

a) Subsidy policy for USAV HP camps [tabled from November, sent to JO committee for input]

i) Currently \$1000 for all boys and girls, split evenly

ii) Motion to adopt the existing policy and revisit the specific amount in May;

Motion by Jim Bishop, seconded by Hazel Goldstein, passed unanimously

b) Subsidy policy for adult nationals [tabled from November, sent to adult committee for input]

i) Tabled – need input from Betsy Marsh and the Adult Board

c) Newsletter editor fee [tabled from November, needs written proposal]

It is proposed that the newsletter editor be compensated for putting the newsletter together at \$250 per issue with the following stipulations.

1. A maximum of two (2) newsletters will be published per year.

2. The following deadlines will be met:

a. Nationals articles shall be submitted to the editor by July 31

b. The newsletter will be delivered to the Commissioner (or designee) by September 15 for review and comment.

c. The Commissioner (or designee) will return any comments back to the editor by September 31

d. The newsletter will be posted on the IREVA website by October 15

3. If the above submission deadlines (b and d specifically - with allowance for extensions if the a and c deadlines are not met by IREVA) are not met, a deduction of \$25 per week from the above \$250 will be applied.

If a spring newsletter is to be published (determined by the amount of information / articles available at the time) it is to be published on the IREVA website by March 15. A review by the Commissioner or designee should occur prior to the publication of the Spring Newsletter. No penalties are proposed for not meeting the March 15 deadline.

i) Motion to accept as amended by Jim Bishop, seconded by Mike McNeil, passed unanimously

d) Adult regionals entry fee [tabled from November, sent to adult committee for input]

i) Currently \$140

ii) Motion to agree in principle to raise the Regional entry fee, and leave the details of the amount to be decided by the Adult Board Chair, Commissioner, Executive Director, and Regional TD/Office Mgr; by Jim Bishop, seconded by Ben Rosenthal, passed unanimously

e) Tbd

7) New business:

- a) Officer resignations / election of replacements – see above under Commissioner’s Report
- b) Director appointments / approval – see above under Commissioner’s Report
- c) Policy updates approvals
- d) other tbd
 - i) Howard Veater raised a question about whether there is a requirement to provide medical personnel at IREVA tournaments, and specifically Regionals.
 - ii) Initial answer is no, there is no USAV or IREVA requirement. However, it was suggested to add a First Aid Kit and a list of POCs for medical emergencies to the Tournament Director’s guideline.
 - iii) Tabled for more research and final recommendation/proposal

7) Other business

- a) TO DO LIST deletions/additions/corrections
- b) IREVA calendar review
- c) Meeting schedule for 07/08: Suggested dates attached below
 - a. May 2, 2008 – Friday 7 pm - Verona? – need to verify
 - b. June retreat? June 21 @ HVCC
 - c. July budget? July 20 @ Sacandaga Lake
 - d. August season prep? Aug 24 @ Albany area
 - e. September full Board? Sept 14 @ Albany area
 - f. October JO directors? 10/12 @ Southern Tier area

8) Adjourned at 10:50