

**IREVA Board Meeting**  
**May 2, 2008 at BOCES – Verona, NY**

Meeting called order at 7:10pm by Patty Blacklock.

Attendees:

Patty Blacklock  
Jim Bishop  
Hazel Goldstein  
Ellen Lain

Anna Turner  
Craig Turner  
Chris Trombley  
Hana Panek

Howard Veater  
Paul Vink-Lainas  
Paul Sander

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes of 5/4/07. **Approved** unanimously.
- Minutes of 1/18/08 being worked on by Mike McNeil.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Bishop

- See Budget Handout for details.
- Junior Regionals income outweighed expenses.
- HP camps at Caz are a wildcard at this point.
- Girls are going to the USAV HP tournament in Tucson.

Other Reports:

Commissioner:

- Ben Rosenthal resigned as Communications Chair. Position needs to be filled includes web master, policies/procedures, marketing and outreach.
- NET issue – See letter requesting an appeal. IREVA supports WEVA sanctions. Have the club deal with the coaches in question. The coach needs to go to IMPACT recertification (a physical class – not webinar) and be recertified by January 31, 2009. **Board concurs in this approach. PATTY TO FOLLOWUP.**

Referee Chair:

- There were some re-evaluations at Regionals. The re-eval system needs to be re-evaluated. There were 5 new provisional referees this year.
- Issues at Regionals with contrasting uniforms between the libero and the rest of the team. Black Ice had black and periwinkle but was allowed due to minimal prior notification. Paul to send a letter to Black Ice concerning this issue. When teams buy new uniforms, the teams should send the proposed colors to the Ref Chair for approval prior to ordering.
- We need a tracking system to know when and what teams have been warned of uniform issues. When teams buy new uniforms, the teams should send the proposed colors to the Ref Chair for approval prior to ordering. **PAUL WILL DEVELOP PROCESS AND ANNOUNCEMENT.**

Referee Assignor:

- Other uniform issues: the color of the number must be different then the team name.
- Undergarments showing must be the same.
- RE: assigning – lack of referees was a problem. We need to recruit more officials. There was also an issue with referees with limitations ie: distance to travel and level of referees available. What does our membership want? If we are short referees, should we fill Junior tournaments and let adult tournaments go to Friendships? There are a lot of opinions on adult friendships with no referees.
- Paul is to revisit the assignments system and the pay rate.

- Don Miller from Cortland is interested in using his referee class to referee Junior Regionals. He would need to send a proposal. Don is to contact Paul V-L.

Scorekeeper Chair:

- See handout – We will continue to recruit and develop scorekeepers.

Juniors **Chair**

Regionals:

- The Cortland kids were helpful but they did not believe we needed 25 bodies to put down sport court so we had 5! It took way too long and was a lot of hard work. In the future we will investigate Regionals over 2 weekends without sport court. Cortland is a great venue as it is 11 courts at one site.
- The Cortland students did well, there was good feedback both ways, the advisor was not present.
- We complained to the sport court people that there were 2 blue courts – the wrong colors.

**IREVA HP**

- Sending **IREVA HP girls team** to the National **HP** event in Arizona. The Kaepa rep. will outfit the team gratis.
- There will be a camp at Caz. July 3 for 1 week.

**USAV Nationals**

- 2 NCAJ girls teams and Lakeside boys going to Nationals.

**USAV HP**

- No information on the USAV HP.

Communications Chair: Ben Rosenthal – Not present

Registrar:

- Muollo – Not present: We will continue with website instructions improvements.
- Discussion on membership fees for coaches vs. players.
- Will be proposed to increase membership fees to \$45 at the June meeting.

\*\*\* Pizza Break 8:20-8:35pm \*\*\*

Tournament Coordinator: Besty Marsh – Not Present

- Howard V.: we need to improve the system so a tournament is not at pending status for too long. The correct referees need to be assigned and last minute assigning makes it difficult to meet everyone's needs.

Coach Chair: Vacant –

- IMPACT Clinics were well attended.
- **MOTION (Hazel Goldstein): To increase the stipend for Dietra Collins to \$200 for IMPACT clinician duties. (5 hours worked) Seconded by Ellen Lain – Passed unanimously.**

Office Manager: Anna Turner

- Adult Regionals went well. There seemed to be more waiver requests this year for the “2 tournament rule”. There were the usual scorekeeper and R2 issues – members trying to get certified at the last minute. See handout for results.
- There were also some Hotel issues. Patty B. will contact the party involved.

Insurance: Blaise Agnew not present.

Eligibility **Committee**: Mike McNeil not present – See handout.

- Looking at adult levels and reclassifying teams closer to the National level of play based on how IREVA teams perform at the National Championships.

Elections **Committee**: Move **elections** to June 21 meeting at HVCC

Awards **Committee**: Hana Panek

- Father Dwyer Gold Award – Robin Sparks
- Silver Award – Paul Vink-Lainas
- Silver Award – Ben Rosenthal
- Platinum Award – Team Legion
- Platinum Award – NCAJ

Ad hoc committees: these will be addressed at the June 21 retreat. They will be better defined.

- Structure and function
- Officials
- Membership growth
- IT
- Communications
- Juniors
- Adults
  - Regional entry fees - done
  - National subsidies – no feedback - status quo
  - Competition levels – higher level men’s teams
  - Membership growth and retention. – Betsy M.
- Registration - Muollo
- Events Management – Blacklock
- Resources/Development

Other items:

- Regional Boundaries/GEVA issues – No news
- Balyszak litigation: Jim Bishop went to court 3/17/08. Went to settlement – all medical covered and cash for pain and suffering. USAV and Siena will argue who pays. The judge assigned USAV to pay but it is in appeal. The status of Mike B. officiating – monitor his performance, assign to specified levels.
- Awards from 5/06 and 6/07 are in Hazels possession.
- WWSS sponsorship proposal – no progress
- Policy updates
  - Junior players on adult teams. Parents must be aware of USAV background check policy. They are responsible for kids in an adult environment or the coach is responsible for their welfare.  
**MOTION (Jim Bishop): Move to adopt a policy that when a junior plays on an adult team, a background-checked person (or parent) is on the roster (coach, player, parent, chaperone) and attending the event. Passed unanimously.**
  - One-day registration – save for June meeting.
  - Competition season – save for June meeting.
  - Club/Team names – save for June meeting.
  - Roster requirements at tournaments – save for June meeting.

Old Business:

- Subsidy policy and \$\$ for USAV HP camps – no info yet

- Subsidy policy for adult nationals – sent to adult committee for input. Ben R. proposed IREVA pay full entry for Regional winners. Jim B. recommended status quo. The policy needs changes. **See email from 2/2/08 – MOTION: a proposed revision to the IREVA Adult National Championships policy. Seconded by Hazel G. Passed unanimously.**

New Business:

- **USAV HP tryouts at Siena - \$\$ to support NCAJ VBC – see handout proposal. Motion as per handout to compensate \$700 court fees plus USA V fees. Seconded by Hazel G. Passed unanimously.**
- Privacy policy – table

Meeting Schedule:

- June 21, 2008 – Saturday HVCC
- July 20, 2008 – Sunday Budget at Edinburg
- August 24, 2008 – Sunday Season prep west location
- September 14, 2008 – Sunday Board with JO directors – HVCC
- October 12, 2008 – Sunday JO directors – Southern Tier

Motion to Adjourn by Craig Turner at 10:00pm.

**Submitted by Acting Secretary, Craig Turner**