

Meeting called to order at 10:10am, awaiting arrival of guests from Cincinnati Sports Zone.

ATTENDANCE

Present: Don Burroughs, Steve Donahue, Adam Evans, Art Faura, Glenn Freed, Brian Hemelgarn, Al Herbert, Tom Kohl, Rob Long (departed 1:10pm), Terry Miller, Gretchen Niebling, Bob Price, Patty Salvatore, Emi Vishoot, Ron Wyzynski, Bill Zehler (departed 2:30pm)

Guests: Nick Poe, Karry Roell, Ken Roell (Cincinnati Sports Zone); Linda Logan (Great Columbus Sports Commission)

Absent: Keith Burke, Michelle Hills, Nick Nystrom, Matthew Taylor, Brian Valore

Don Burroughs, Coaching Education

Two new IMPACT instructors: Adam Evans, Brian Highfield

Receiving more requests for additional IMPACT clinics

Aware that some IMPACT certification certificates (PDF files) are being altered

300 coaches IMPACT certified so far this year, as of 1/16

Seeking to offer CAP re-certification opportunities in the OVR instead of requiring coaches to travel outside the OVR

Developing PPT/video presentation to be run continuously at GCCC events

Briefly discussed requiring coaches to show photo ID when they check in at a tournament; no action at this time

GUESTS: Nick Poe, Karry Roell, Ken Roell – Cincinnati Sports Zone

Three business men made brief presentation about a new facility in Cincinnati –

252,000 sq. ft. facility @ Cincinnati Mall property

12 VB courts, 3 hockey rinks, turf fields, pool, wet/dry locker rooms

Could expand up to 27 VB courts if all available space is used

23' ceiling height; existing building, so can't raise (easily)

Plan to purchase building within five years; 25yr lease

Inquired about Sport Court vs poured rubber flooring – our preference is Sport Court with adequate padding

Linda Shankstead will be VB coordinator for their facility

Volleyball courts available as early as April this year; but will seek tournament sanctions for 2012-13 season

Open July 5 for hockey; Grand Opening – August 31

Bar within facility; however, no liquor/beer will be sold during events, as required/requested by organizer

Video cameras set up on each court; each match will be videotaped, and DVD can be purchased by teams

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Rob Long, OVR Beach/Sand

Approx a dozen folks attended Beach meeting on Sunday evening, Jan. 15th @ Marriott

Beach is being pushed across the country, particularly NCAA Div I/II; provides great opportunity for growth in OVR

Current contracts between juniors and clubs do not impact beach participation even though there is some overlap of seasons; beach is a separate discipline

Plan to create an "OVR Tour":

- 6-8 "point" events, leading to a Regional Championship
- 12&Under will play "triples"; all other age groups are "doubles"; levels: 12s, 14s, 16s, 18s
- other events can be sanctioned, but may not be "point" events
- 6-team pools, single set played to 21; 4-team pools; single set played to 25
- One certified ref monitors up to 6 courts; refs only finals; paid \$165/day or match fee if only working playoffs

- \$40 base entry fee for tournaments
- Gold, Silver, Bronze levels within each age division
- “Open Tournaments” will help classify teams for Regional Championships
- Coaches will become Beach Impact certified (recommended this season); B-CAP & B-IMPACT certifications are available from USAV
- Tournament series starts Memorial Day weekend
- Patty & Brian will begin development of OVR Beach Officiating program
- Junior beach players MUST have USAV-registered, background screened chaperone or coach in attendance with them at tournaments, or they cannot play
- Sites include Columbus, Cincinnati; little response from Cleveland & Toledo yet
- Uniform issues for beach players are being addressed; intend to follow USAV guidelines – tank tops/sports bras and board shorts (no bikini-style clothing)

Wyzynski, CEO/Exec Dir Report

1449 currently registered girls’ junior teams (1654 at end of last season)

15,600 currently registered members; on track with last year’s numbers

Attended all referee clinics except Dayton & Ambridge

Attended first weekend of new referee certifications @ Parma

Winter Fest – found additional courts, if needed, for teams on the waiting list

Court rental inquiries continue to be strong – many people want them; events are growing and need more courts

Internet/website report (for Nystrom)

Discussion of website

New “look”, navigation features on website are much more appealing and provide easier use

Some Board/staff members have current or recently pending website requests:

- Gretchen Niebling – Elections material
- Rob Long – OVR Beach/Sand
- Brian Hemelgarn/Terry Miller – scoring materials; junior clinic materials
- Brian’s recent emails to club directors can also be posted, as appropriate

With the season starting, some of these items are time-sensitive, so it is important that we update them as quickly as possible for our members.

Bill Zehler, Juniors’ Program Director

ASEP @ Westerville – 19 attended, but online webinar option seems to be more preferred

Discussed this year’s changes to Junior Championship schedule format (four weekends, fewer courts each weekend)

Plan to change Junior Championships back to three weekends next season (more courts each weekend)

Glenn Freed, Boys’ Program Director

Recapped report submitted via email to Board/staff

Expects boys’ registrations to be higher than last year

Six applications for boys’ grant program

Regional Championships to be held at Vet’s Memorial in Columbus; 32 teams currently registered; 8 courts available each day (Feb. 25-26); 4 non-OVR teams entered

Sat., Feb. 25, Boys’ HP tryouts @ Vet’s Memorial

Wants to sell a Championship t-shirt at the event; provide team photo ops – Board supports this

Al Herbert, OVR Special Events

Winter Fest – 14 boys' 18s teams; 3-5 boys' 16s teams (this division may not fill)

President's Cup – assisting Dayton Jrs at the Columbus site

Bid Play-in – offering as many teams an opportunity as possible

Bid – registrations should be open from Feb. 1-29

National Challenges – except one, all of them have current team openings; most are close to filling

Assumed role of tournament director for Spike Fest in West Virginia

Linda Logan, Greater Columbus Sports Commission (guest)

USAV & THS (housing) – report on progress with bringing GJNC to Columbus in 2012; seeking BJNC for 2013

Brian Hemelgarn, OVR Referees' Chair/Junior Officials' Development Director

Assisting Dayton Juniors as Head Referee/Assignor for President's Cup

Completed Libero rule modification presentation; to be posted on website

Provided all scoring materials for posting on website

Sent club directors various memos in preparation for season, including Junior Clinic & rule change information

In process of certifying new referees, three remaining sites Jan. 21-22; resulting in approx. 75-90 new referees

Online training materials have been very popular among our members, both professional referees and juniors

Bob Price, Commissioner Report

Develop committee for local tournament sanctioning process?

- Establish policy for sanctioning events, focusing on growth of the region and the sport

Adults Program discussions ensued

Set next Board meeting for April 13 @ 8pm, GCCC

EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 3:45PM-3:55PM

Discussion resumed with regard to Adult program; ; meeting will be established with Matthew Taylor, Brian Valore and key adult players

Adjourn@ 4:05pm. Motion: Miller/Salvatore