

**COLORADO SENIOR VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES – ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS / TEAM REP MEETING**

Thursday March 17, 2016 1:30 pm  
Commerce City Recreation Center 6060 East Parkway Dr., Commerce City, CO  
Date sent: March 23, 2016

President Carrie Fehringer called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

**Seven Board members attended:** Carrie Fehringer, Art Smoot, Kathleen Danna, Dave Damouth, Fran Zelinkoff, P. J. Ricker and Geri Durbin (Norvin Morrow was absent). **Fifteen others were present:** Jim Barnett, Katie Beasley, Glenda Blosser, Larry Blosser, Charlie "Czar" Czarniecki, Darlene Kasenberg, Tri Ma, Mary Murray, Martha Mustard, Jayne Owston, Lowell Pierce, Phil Powers, John Saxe, Bill Vallina, and Dave Whitney.

**MINUTES** from the February 4, 2016 meeting were approved and filed. Jim Barnett moved to approve. Lowell Pierce seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Dave Damouth presented the report dated 3/17/2016. It was accepted and filed and is available on the CSVA web site. Current assets in CSVA's accounts are as follows:

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| General      | \$23,183.07        |
| Restricted   | 8,640.73           |
| Designated   | 00.00              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>\$31,823.80</b> |

Discussion centered on the intended uses of the net funds. One possible need in the future would be hiring a web master if volunteers cannot continue to maintain the web site. Input from CSVA members is welcome (send email to Carrie Fehringer).

**WINTER 2016 LEAGUE & TOURNAMENT REPORTS:** Fran Zelinkoff distributed the Winter 2016 League Final Standings and the Winter 2016 Bob Reinman Memorial Tournament Results (see attached) and thanked all of the rec centers, site directors, and referees for their help. All in all, the caliber of play continues to improve each year. A pair of shoes and a towel were left at the Westminster Rec Center after the morning tournament on Wednesday. PJ Ricker has the items. At the Commerce City Rec Center, only water and sports drinks (e.g. Gatorade) are officially allowed in the gym.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Rocky Mt. Sr. Games** – Carrie Fehringer provided flyers (see attached) about the RMSG volleyball tournaments to be held in the fall. The women's tournament will be at the Westminster City Park Rec Center on September 16 and 17. The men's tournament will be on September 24 in Colorado Springs at the UCCS Wellness Center. There was some discussion about possibly having additional tournaments in May as a tune-up for the US Open, but few in attendance expressed interest.

**The Island Party** – Carrie Fehringer announced that CSVA will have a party at The Island on Friday, April 15, 2016 from 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. (see attached flyer). Pre-registration is required, with the cost per person (CSVA member as well as a sr. guest) is \$10. CSVA is providing the additional \$12 per person cost. Players can participate in sand volleyball and enjoy refreshments, which are included. There will also be a cash bar for alcoholic beverages. Team reps are encouraged to let their team members know about the party.

**NEW BUSINESS – DISCUSSION OF AND VOTING ON MOTIONS**

**MOTION 1.** Made by Fran Zelinkoff. 2<sup>nd</sup> John Saxe. Move to include Div 4 in the CSVA League Rules for Div 1,2 & 3. The Rules Sheet would then read: "Rules for Divisions 1 thru 4."

**Rationale:** Most of the Div 4 teams have played in Div 3 and were moved down as young new teams have been added to the top three divisions. Div 4 teams are very evenly matched, their players are very competitive in nature, and they already have the required female as a regular player. (If matching uniform shirts with permanently attached numbers from 1-99 on front and back are a problem, see Fran Zelinkoff. She can probably outfit you, or put numbers on existing shirts for you).

**Discussion:** Two representatives of division 4 and 5 teams were polled for their opinions. One said the only concern was uniforms, but Fran allayed this concern with her offer of providing numbered shirts or of putting numbers on shirts. Another said there was no problem.

**Results of the vote on Motion 1:** The motion **PASSED**. FOR – 23 AGAINST – 6 ABSTENTIONS – 2

**MOTION 2.** Made by Bill Vallina. 2<sup>nd</sup> Czar Czarniecki. Move that teams in all divisions be able to use the sub list.

**Rationale:** It allows teams who have injuries, illnesses, and work conflicts the opportunity to play with a full team. Even though lower-division teams are not penalized with the ghost rule, it is still difficult to cover the court with fewer than six players. It gives people on the sub list more opportunities to play, and they can still refuse to play in lower divisions.

**Discussion:** The Board agreed that the sub list should be available to all divisions with the stipulation that a sub would be listed for either the upper divisions (1-4) or lower divisions (5-8) but not both. These designations would be listed on the web site. The reasoning is that a sub might commit to a lower-division team and would thereby not be available for an upper division team, which would then be penalized by having to forfeit or to play with a ghost. Subs must sign a waiver before their first match during a session but once is enough. Another suggestion is that designations can be even more specific, for example if an "upper level" female would not sub in division 1 or 2, she could indicate availability for only divisions 3 and 4.

Bill Vallina amended his motion to read "Move that teams in all divisions be able to use the sub list. Each sub will be designated for either the upper divisions (1-4) or the lower divisions (5-8) but not both." Czar Czarniecki approved the amendment.

**Results of the vote on the amended Motion 2:** The motion **PASSED**. FOR – 24 AGAINST – 4 ABSTENTIONS – 1

**MOTION 3.** Made by Martha Mustard. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Vallina. Move to eliminate the option of ten teams in the last division

**Rationale:**

- 1) The divisions are set up ideally to be competitive. Groupings of the closest five or six teams are more competitive with each other than a group of ten teams
- 2) Except for the highest and lowest divisions, there is generally a turnover of two teams out of six (i.e., one-third of the division) due to the highest team moving up and the lowest one moving down. With ten teams in the last division there is a turnover of only one in ten teams or ten percent.
- 3) With ten teams in the lowest division, there is an opportunity for only one of those ten teams to rise to the next division in the subsequent season, whereas in other divisions, the chances are one in six.
- 4) Once a team falls into the lowest division, it is hard to keep the better players on that team. The larger the number of teams in the lowest division, the larger the number of teams for which this is an issue.
- 5) The lowest division tends to play more "jungle ball". Sometimes plays executed in jungle ball are harder to anticipate and result in higher scores for teams that practice more jungle ball. Therefore the scores and standings tend to reflect relatively more chance than demonstrated skills of the teams compared to the higher divisions. This in turn makes it chancier to rise to the next higher division

**Discussion:** Art Smoot presented some ideas about scheduling for a division that does not have 6 teams (details available on the web site). In retrospect, having a 10-team division was a mistake. It would have been better to have a 6-team division and a 4-team division or two 5-team divisions. To avoid having excessive restrictions on scheduling, however, he would not like to see this motion become part of the rules. Representatives of teams affected last session said that they would prefer a 4-team division than a 10-team division and that they would not like to have byes (as proposed for a 5-team division).

Martha Mustard amended the motion to read "Move to have a ten-team division be scheduled only as a last resort." Bill Vallina approved the amendment.

**Results of the vote on the amended Motion 3:** The motion **FAILED**. FOR – 9 AGAINST – 15 ABSTENTIONS – 6 This result means that the restriction on scheduling will not become part of the rules. However, the scheduler (and the Executive Committee) will avoid having a ten-team division in the future.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Registration for the Fall 2016 league will open in early June, with the deadline being July 23. The league begins on Wednesday, September 7. Teams that wish to have input about their placement should have their Team Rep attend the next meeting on July 28.

Lowell Pierce moved to adjourn. Martha Mustard seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

***The next CSVA Board / Team Rep meeting will be on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Commerce City Recreation Center.***

Respectfully submitted,  
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***Enclosures/Documents sent with Minutes:***

2016 Winter Bob Reinman Memorial Tournament Results (9 divisions)  
Flyer for April 17, 2016 party at The Island  
Flyer for RMSG Women's Tournament  
Flyer for RMSG Men's Tournament  
Flyer about the Undy Run in June (sponsored by the Colon Cancer Alliance) in support of Issy Minott