

**Colorado Senior Volleyball Association**  
**Agenda -- Annual Board of Directors / Team Rep Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 20, 2014 – 1:30 PM**  
**Commerce City Recreation Center**  
**6060 E. Parkway Dr., Commerce City, CO**  
*Date sent: February 25, 2014*

**REMINDER:** If you are a Team Rep or Board Member and cannot attend this meeting, please send someone with a signed written proxy naming that person to vote for you on the motions presented below. A sample proxy is on the web site under "Documents and Forms."

**CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTION OF EVERYONE** -- President Fran Zelinkoff

**APPROVAL** of February 6, 2014 Minutes

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Dave Damouth

**FINAL 2014 WINTER LEAGUE & TOURNAMENT REPORTS** – Fran Zelinkoff.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Online Requirement for Financial Assistance to national events** – Dave Damouth

**Sonoma Wine Country Age 50+ Games, Santa Rosa, CA – June 7 & 8, 2014** – Fran Zelinkoff (See flyer on CSVA web site – [www.CSVA.org](http://www.CSVA.org))

**Scheduling Issues** – Art Smoot

**Scheduling Challenge** – Art Smoot

**The Island CSVA Party – Friday, April 4, 2014** – Adele Strawn

**NEW BUSINESS** – Five Motions to be voted on are below. Each requires a simple majority to pass.

**MOTION 1.** Made by Fran Zelinkoff. 2nd by: \_\_\_\_\_. Move that female participation on all CSVA league teams continue to be strongly recommended, but that the mandatory female position be in effect for Divisions 1,2 & 3 only, as it had been prior to March 2013.

Rationale: This year teams in Divisions 4 thru 8 have found it very difficult to find a female player who can commit to being there every single week, and as a result more Division 4 thru 8 teams have forfeited matches. There are not enough female subs available for those divisions, especially for a last-minute emergency or injury situation. Two teams in Division 6 have actually had to drop out of the league or disband because they were not able to find a female player.

**MOTION 2.** Made by Bill Law. 2nd by: \_\_\_\_\_. Move that the requirement for a woman to be on the court at all times be rescinded for divisions 7 and 8.

Rationale:

1. For teams with only one woman, this rule presents a hardship in finding a substitute if said woman happens to be unable to play at the last minute.
2. In these divisions, it has been my observation that the women play as well as the men--and in many instances better than some, if not all, the men. Since there is not a lot of spiking in these divisions, the advantage of being male is somewhat mitigated.
3. It is very difficult to recruit women at these levels, especially from the team's local area.
4. This rule is discriminatory.
  - (a) In these divisions, since there is no significant difference in the level of play, the women should sub in just as the men do.
  - (b) The man next to the woman in the lineup must sit out for two rotations before subbing back in.

**MOTION 3.** Made by Stacy Heikes. 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_. Move to change the rules to state that the mandatory female position be in effect for only Divisions 1 and 2.

Rationale:

- It is difficult in our small community to find enough women who can commit to a team every week, especially at the higher levels of ability. Having only one woman on a team puts a lot of pressure on that person.
- The "female position" rule makes fair substitution impossible. We like to have all players sit out an equal amount of time. This is not possible with the woman rule

- Often a female is forced by the current rule to play at a level where she is not comfortable. This can be a negative experience for the female and for the team as a whole.
- There is nothing discriminatory about having a pure setter or defensive specialist, which allows people to play where they can best contribute. The female rule makes that not possible.
- Most teams do not wish to discriminate against women, and many voluntarily have several female players. Elimination of the mandatory female position rule will have little effect on the number of women playing, but it will simplify fair play and substitution.

**MOTION 4.** Made by Fran Zelinkoff. 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_. Move to amend the CSVA Rules Sheet to delete the bolded sentence in RULES SPECIFIC TO DIVISIONS 1, 2 & 3 ONLY under GHOST RULE that for the past year has been stated: “When the ghost position is in the front row, the player in position 5 may act as a front-row player.” All other wording under the GHOST RULE would remain the same as it has been for many years.

Rationale: CSVA for the most part uses current USAV rules, with a few modifications. USAV rules do not allow a team to play with fewer than 6 players. In the top three divisions, CSVA has always given teams quite a bit of leeway to allow 5 players and a Ghost to avoid forfeiting. To also allow the player in position 5 to act as a front-row player is seen as giving that team the added advantage of its strong hitters being on the front row a greater percentage of the time (~60% rather than 50%). After one full year, some teams have elected to use their five best players (as long as one of those players is a female) and a ghost instead of a sixth (possibly weaker) player. It is viewed as almost handicapping the team that always tries to have six players present.

**MOTION 5.** Made by Kathleen Danna. 2nd by \_\_\_\_\_. Move to delete Rule 8b (“Center Back Row Substitution”), which currently applies to divisions 4 through 8. Teams will no longer have the option of using center-back substitution but can still use regular substitution, as described in Rule 8a, whenever more than six players are present for a match.

Rationale: Having only “regular substitution” for all divisions in the league conforms to USAV guidelines and simplifies CSVA rules, making it easier for the referees. Moreover, regular substitutions afford teams more flexibility in determining line-ups.

The next CSVA Board / Team Rep Meeting will be **Thursday, July 31, 2014** at the Commerce City Recreation Center at **1:30 PM**.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

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