

Colorado Senior Volleyball Association
Agenda -- Annual Board of Directors / Team Rep Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2013 – 1:30 PM
Commerce City Recreation Center
6060 E. Parkway Dr., Commerce City, CO
Date sent: March 4, 2013

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 7, 2013 Minutes

TREASURER'S REPORT – Dave Damouth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FINAL 2013 WINTER LEAGUE & TOURNAMENT REPORTS – Fran Zelinkoff.

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

Motion 1. Made by Nancy Holm, 2nd by _____. I would like to move that we have a pre-season tournament that would allow teams who are new or wish to move up an opportunity to show their stuff! All teams would not need to participate, but hopefully we could encourage at least one team from each division to participate in order to give a true representation of the levels of play. The final decision as to where to place teams would be determined from the results as well as observers who evaluate teams' strength.

Motion 2. Made by Dave Strawn, 2nd by _____. I move that we add a Men's Sub List for Divisions 1, 2 and 3 which is similar to the Women's sub list. This list would be maintained by Adele Strawn. "The Men subs cannot be shown on any team's roster, must sign a CSVA waiver prior to playing, must be requested from and assigned by Adele Strawn, and cannot play more than three (3) matches for the same team during the current season."

Rationale: A men's sub list would eliminate the need to search for additional players to add to a team's roster in order to field a team with six players. It would eliminate the possibility of forfeits and allow a team to be competitive in a match with 5 men/1 woman without the need to play with a ghost.

Motion 3. Made by Rick Powers, 2nd by _____. I move to change a rule specific to Divisions 1, 2, and 3. **LEAGUE PLAY:** Allow 15 minutes each before 2nd and 3rd sets are defaulted due to insufficient players rather than 10 minutes each.

Rationale: A set would normally last at least 15 minutes, so allowing that much time for the "late" player to arrive will not hamper completing the match in 1 hour.

Motion 4. Made by Rick Powers, 2nd by _____. I move to change a rule specific to Divisions 1, 2, and 3. **GHOST RULE:** Change to always allow 3 players in front row.

Rationale: It is penalty enough to play with only 5 players and also lose the serve and point whenever the ghost position rotates to serve. It would be one less thing for the referee to monitor. Many other Colorado city leagues operate this proposed way.

New wording would be: Rotation order as determined by the starting lineup must be maintained throughout the set (Rule 7.4) and the Captain must inform the Referee where the ghost player will be positioned. The team using the ghost player loses the serve and a point for the open ghost position. **However, 3 front-row players are always allowed, with the player(s) following the ghost position rotating forward to fill the front row ghost position.** (During a set, if the 6th player arrives, he/she may enter in the ghost position when the ball is dead).

Motion 5. Made by Chris Freeman, 2nd by _____. I move to change the senior volleyball league competition rules to state that **all** teams in **all** divisions must have *one position in the rotation designated as a “female position,” and there must be a female in the position at all times.*

This rule currently applies only to Divisions 1, 2, and 3.

Rationale: This is an issue of gender fairness of opportunity in the CSVA competitions.

- It is my understanding that CSVA originated to provide opportunities for seniors (50+) to experience the joys of competitive league play in the Denver area. It was developed to be open to both genders to participate
- There are more women ages 50 to 80 that have been volleyball trained in their youth than men and so there must be many women players in the Denver area who would like to participate IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY.
- In senior National volleyball tournaments, there are almost as many women’s teams participating as men’s. For example, at the 2012 Huntsman Games there were **180** women’s teams and **148** men’s volleyball teams So, nationally, there are a lot of women participating WHEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY.
- There are always the discussions of which players are most valuable on the volleyball teams and the availability of female players. But, should these arguments/excuses or the biased opinions of other players be brought into this rule consideration, when this proposed rule change is really about FAIRNESS OF OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE FOR BOTH GENDERS?
- Lastly, this proposed change would make the rule concerning women players consistent throughout all divisions.

Additional Comments: The days of men controlling the participation opportunities of women in sports should be long in the past. Many reasons can be given as to why this continues in the CSVA, but the bottom line is that this type of limitation could continue for the following reason: The voting genders CSVA are 19 women and 38 men. This means that the males control 66% of the voting power.

So I am respectfully asking the voting males of CSVA to put themselves “in the shoes of the females” and **acknowledge the inequality of voting power and the inequality of the females’ playing opportunities and consider taking a small step to rectifying this unfairness.**

PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY IN CSVA!

The next CSVA Board / Team Rep Meeting will be **Thursday, August 1, 2013** at the Commerce City Recreation Center at **1:30 PM.**

Motion to Adjourn

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