

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

Thursday March 21, 2019 12:30 pm
Eagle Pointe Recreation Center 6060 East Parkway Dr., Commerce City, CO
Date sent: March 24, 2019

President Art Smoot called the meeting to order at 12:36 pm, and introductions ensued.

Nine Board members attended: Art Smoot, Bruce Emo, Kathleen Danna, Fran Zelinkoff, Geri Durbin, P. J. Ricker, Kim Chrisman, Martha Mustard, and Sheryl Menger (Alma Grandpré was absent). **Twenty-two others were present:** Jim Barnett, Larry Blosser, Lou Bluestein, Kathy Budd, Bill Cavanaugh, Ray Cordeiro, Diana Haney, Jacki Higaki, Karen Hinkle, Nanci Lee, Ron Lingle, Cathy Mitchell, Mary Murray, Lowell Pierce, Phil Powers, Suzanne Rivera, Carla Shover, Paul Simon, Diane Taggart, Linda Toldness, Rich Urbanowski, Dave Whitney, Dave Youngblood. Those present also had 11 written/signed proxies from other team reps.

MINUTES from the February 7, 2019 meeting were approved and filed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report dated 2-28-19 is available on the CSVA web site. Current assets in CSVA's accounts are as follows:

General	\$27,996.07
Restricted	9,493.60
TOTAL	\$37,489.67

WINTER 2019 LEAGUE & TOURNAMENT REPORTS: Fran Zelinkoff distributed the Winter 2019 League Final Standings and Bob Reinman Memorial Tournament Results (see attached). The four tournaments scheduled for Wed. March 13 were cancelled because of the blizzard and could not be rescheduled. Bruce Emo mentioned that the standings shown on the web site for Div. 4 and Div. 5 were sometimes wrong because the software didn't handle three-way ties efficiently.

IN MEMORIAM: Art Smoot announced that he has set up a new page, "In Memoriam," on the CSVA web site. The link is under "About CSVA / Miscellaneous" and shows the names and year when players have died. Please let us know if others should be added.

SKILLS CLINICS: P. J. Ricker reminded everyone that Bruce Emo will provide free skills clinics for our players. Players should contact P.J. to let her know possible times and the site so that she can arrange for the clinic. Besides CSVA League teams, groups preparing for Huntsman or other tournaments are welcome to take advantage of Bruce's considerable expertise.

CSVA SUB LIST: P.J. Ricker announced that any player who wishes to be on the CSVA Sub List should contact her directly (not through a team rep).

MOTIONS: The following motions were submitted for consideration, with a simple majority needed to pass.

- **MOTION 1.** Made by Jacki Higaki, Rich Urbanowski, and Bruce Emo. 2nd by Lou Bluestein. Move that line judges not be used in the CSVA league and that reference to them be eliminated from the CSVA Rules and Policies. In CSVA Rules, Dec 2018, Team Rep Duties, delete "two line judges" from Rule 12a, which is currently "Home Team should supply a Referee who has attended the annual CSVA Officials Clinic, two lines judges, and a scoring device."

Rationale: Numerous CSVA sites, including large site Commerce City, do not or cannot provide line judges, and there is no penalty. Therefore there should be no obligation to line judge for the remainder of CSVA teams.

Bruce Emo amended the wording in the first line of the motion to say "be required" rather than "be used."

Discussion: Some asked whether Div 1 and 2 should be different though if only one team is scheduled at a center, no one can call lines Bill Cavanaugh presented a referee's point of view that it is helpful to have lines judges but sometimes (e.g. a Div 7 lines judge for a Div 1 match) it is not desirable.

Results of the vote on Motion 1: The motion **PASSED**. For – 34 Against – 0 Abstentions -- 0

- **MOTION 2.** Made by Bill Cavanaugh. 2nd by Fran Zelinkoff. Starting with the CSVA 2019 Fall League, move that all 3 sets in CSVA league matches be played to 21 points with a cap at 23 points.

Rationale: Teams are all so competitive and so evenly matched within every division that this would help keep the matches close to one hour and eliminate the necessity of shortening 3rd sets to 15 points with a cap at 17 points.

Discussion: Some points in favor of the motion were that keeping matches to one hour (when necessary) is difficult with 25-pt matches even when a 15-pt limit on the 3rd set is implemented. There were several opposing arguments. At gyms with no restriction on time, why limit the matches? It is up to the referees to enforce time limits at facilities that need it.

Results of the vote on Motion 2: The motion **FAILED** For – 5 Against – 29 Abstentions -- 0

- **MOTION 3.** Made by Phil Powers. 2nd by Lowell Pierce. Move that a field for emergency contact for each player be added to the registration sheet. Self-explanatory (all divisions).

Discussion: The information is not intended to be freely available on the web site. Team reps would have the information on their rosters but they would have to have a copy handy in order to use it. The most important action during an emergency is to call 911 and administer first aid or CPR. Police or hospital employees would contact family members later. Team reps can now collect emergency contact information on their own without adding it to the registration form.

Results of the vote on Motion 3: The motion **PASSED**. For – 19 Against – 13 Abstentions -- 3

- **MOTION 4.** Made by Phil Powers. 2nd by P. J. Ricker. Move that a cap of 14 be placed on the number of players on a team roster.

Rationale: A reasonable limit on a team roster will release players to join the CSVA sub list or another team, thereby getting more play and boosting the level of play in the lower divisions (rule applies to all divisions).

Discussion: Because several teams have recently updated their rosters, only two teams have more than 14 players. One of these teams, Park People, has a core of 10 players, 3 injured players, and 4 who play occasionally. It's hard for Div 1 and 2 teams to have enough players because many work. Some teams like to have more on the roster in case they are needed. Other teams could use "inactive" players who are otherwise locked onto team rosters.

Results of the vote on Motion 4: The motion **FAILED**. For – 8 Against – 24 Abstentions -- 2

- **MOTION 5.** Made by Phil Powers and Jacki Higaki. 2nd by Geri Durbin. Move that the official CSVA league ball be changed from Molten Super Touch to the Tachikara SV-5W-Gold for all divisions.

Discussion: The Tachikara ball is more forgiving and easier to pass and is the most popular ball for drop-in sessions. The official game ball for the Huntsman World Sr. Games is the Tachikara SV5W-Gold. Many CSVA League players have complained about the Molten, though a greater percentage of Tachikara balls leak air. Current Molten game balls should be in good condition, as we are not due to buy new balls until fall, 2020. Since we have excess funds now, fall 2019 is an option for the switch (to be decided by the Board).

Results of the vote on Motion 5: The motion **PASSED**. For -- ~30 Against – 0 Abstentions -- 5

- **MOTION 6.** Made by Phil Powers. 2nd by Lou Bluestein. Move that a team in Div 1-4 may use subs from the CSVA sub list, even when the team has 5 or 6 regular players at a match.

Rationale: Current protocol does not allow using someone from the CSVA Sub List as a libero. Current protocol won't allow a player to play only back row with a sub for front row. If a player is injured, this motion would allow an extra player to be available so that a ghost doesn't need to be used.

Discussion: Though a sub might be used simply to strengthen a team, sometimes a real need arises (e.g. after shoulder surgery, a player cannot raise an arm and therefore cannot play front row). Some flexibility in use of a sub is needed, so long as conditions are discussed with the sub in advance. On the other hand, if a CSVA sub is used as a seventh player on a team, the sub is unavailable to other teams that might need the sub to avoid a forfeit. Some teams are using CSVA subs when they don't actually need them. Teams can add their own subs to their rosters.

Results of the vote on Motion 6: The motion **FAILED**. For – 13 Against – 16 Abstentions -- 7

- **MOTION 7.** Made by Bruce Emo. 2nd by Lowell Pierce. Move that the following changes be made to the CSVA Sub List page.

NOTE: Motion 7a was considered only because Motion 6 did not pass.

7a) Existing: **Purpose:** The CSVA Sub List was created for use in an emergency to help a team that would otherwise have to forfeit or to play a match with fewer than 6 players.

Add: A team that has 5 ½ players (one player who can't play the front row) may use a sub.

7b) Under CSVA Sub List procedures

Existing: If you invite a sub to play with your team and then decide that a sub is not needed, you should NOT send the sub home. You should consider the sub as part of your team for the ENTIRE MATCH that day. The sub should not sit out.

Change to: If you invite a sub from the sub list to play, then that sub must be used (even if other rostered players show up unexpectedly) and the sub must be on the court 100% of the time in all three sets.

Discussion: No new points were made. The question was called.

Results of the vote on Motion 7a and b: The motion **PASSED**. For – 20 Against – 9 Abstentions -- 5

- **MOTION 8.** Made by Geri Durbin. 2nd by Carla Shover. Move that the August 14, 2019 CSVA Draw Tournament be renamed the “Issy Minott Memorial Draw Tournament.”

Rationale: Issy was a very special member of our CSVA community and treated every member -- whether a seasoned player or beginner -- with respect and kindness. Issy loved the draw tournaments and captained a team at each one she participated in. Issy used that as an opportunity to teach her players how to play a 5-1 or 6-2 offense, affording the newer, more beginner player/s an opportunity to play at a higher level. Issy encouraged them so that they could learn, understand and play a 6-2 or 5-1. Players who had the opportunity to be on Issy’s “Draw” team enjoyed the experience and left the tourney more knowledgeable about the game of volleyball.

Discussion: Clarification was made that the motion applies to only one event. Fran Zelinkoff said that she and Adele Strawn had already planned to honor Issy at this event.

Results of the vote on Motion 8: The motion **PASSED**. For – 34 Against – 0 Abstentions -- 1

- **MOTION 9:** Made by Suzanne Rivera. 2nd by Dave Whitney. Move that restrictions on eligibility of players for the league and Bob Reinman end-of-league tournament be modified, as follows.

9a) *Existing:* “Rule 3. A New Player not on any current team roster may be added by emailing Fran all their information by the MONDAY prior to each week’s match, up to two weeks before the Bob Reinman End of League Tournament.”

Proposed: Change “two weeks” to “14 days.”

The motion was amended to state “10 days” rather than “14 days.”

Discussion of 9a: Stating a number of days is clearer to most people than saying “two weeks.”

Results of the vote on Motion 9a: The motion **PASSED**. For – 23 Against – 0 Abstentions -- 12

9b) *Existing:* “Rule 4. BOB REINMAN LEAGUE TOURNAMENT. A player or a CSVA Sub must play in at least one league set with the team during the current session to be eligible to participate in the League [Trickle Down] Tournament, which will consist of five teams in each division except possibly the last division. Only a team’s legally-rostered players may play in the Bob Reinman League Tournament. A team may not ask other players “for the day” and expect to play, even if they agree to forfeit sets. The team will be sent home. (Also see 7e).”

Proposed: Remove the requirement that a player must play in a league set prior to participating in the tournament, provided that the player is on the team roster or on the sub list.

Rationale: There is no benefit for winning the tourney nor consequence for taking last. It is basically a bonus day of volleyball. Why can you have a sub at any time during the league when it does have a consequence but not for the tourney with no consequence

Discussion of 9b: Why should we have more rules for the tournament? It is sometimes hard to field a team for the tournament, especially if a team does not know about the day and time in advance. When a team drops out at the last minute for lack of a player, the tournament is messed up for the other teams too. Several suggested that the tournament is the culmination of the league season and teams should not bring in ringers who haven’t played in the league. Others argued that if teams wanted to use ringers, they would have done so during the league when there are more consequences and that more players should be encouraged to participate

Results of the vote on Motion 9b: The motion **PASSED**. For – 19 Against – 8 Abstentions – 6

MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

One player asked why a CSVA sub can determine his/her own level of play, as some have never played at the levels for which they are listed. P. J. Ricker responded that she does ask several screening questions but because she doesn’t know every player, she must ultimately rely on the information provided by the sub.

Another player asked if there are any defined qualifications for team reps. The answer is no.

Lou Bluestein moved to adjourn. Lowell Pierce seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

The next CSVA Board / Team Rep meeting will be on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center.

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures/Documents sent with Minutes:

CSVA 2019 Winter League Final Standings
2019 Winter Bob Reinman Memorial Tournament Results (9 Divisions)