

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

Thursday, March 24, 2022 1:30pm
Eagle Pointe Recreation Center 6060 East Parkway Dr., Commerce City, CO
Sent April 5, 2022

President Kathleen Danna called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm and introductions of all present were made.

Eight Board Members were present: Kathleen Danna, Bruce Emo, Martha Mustard, Fran Zelinkoff, Kim Chrisman, Carla Shover, Sheryl Menger. and Alma Grandpré. **Eighteen others were present:** Scott Ache, Bill Aldridge, Dave Blanchard, Mark Burns, Charlie Czarniecki, Marcia Geilenkirchen, Annette Gillcrist, Jacki Higaki, Karen Hinkle, Nancy Powers, Phil Powers, Rich Rivera, Suzanne Rivera, Paul Simon, Renee Steinwand, Diane Taggart, Linda Toldness, and Cliff Wink. Five proxies were sent: Mike Hearn, Nancy Holm, Nanci Lee, Jay Jordan, Carl Roedel.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Alma Grandpre reported that from November 1, 2021 through March 15, 2022 our largest expenses were for financial support and website server and domain. A detailed report will be posted on the web site.

Income: \$ 3,325.00

Expenses: \$ 5,145.06

Balance: \$ 36,672.89 (3/15/2022)

Alma then asked attendees for a show of hands for how many Team Reps would use Venmo if available to pay for team registrations. Nine indicated they would. There was some discussion of the expense to CSVA if implemented. Those who did not use it did not want to bear that expense. Alma indicated there would be no cost to CSVA; individuals using it would pay 3% but only if linked to a credit card. Alma will try to get it in place in time for the fall registration.

MINUTES: Rich Rivera moved to approve the November 14, 2019 minutes, Suzanne Rivera seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

FINAL STANDINGS FOR WINTER AND BOB REINMAN LEAGUE TOURNAMENT: Fran Zelinkoff handed out Final standings from the 2022 winter league and the results from the Reinman League Tournament. Team Reps were warned that placement for next fall would be impacted by the expected return of teams that have been absent this session and last due to the pandemic, including several Greeley teams. Fran thanked all the refs and site directors for their service in the tournament.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Kathleen announced that a motion was passed by e-mail vote in August 2021. The motion required that for a given league session a sub from the CSVA Sub List may not play in more than two matches for any one team AND a sub may not play for more than one team on a given Wednesday.

NEW BUSINESS – VOTE ON SIX MOTIONS (See March 24, 2022 Agenda for Rationale of each) :

Motion # 1 FAILED (13 for, 16 against) Made by Fran Zelinkoff; 2nd by Charlie Czarniecki
Subject: CSVA Sub List. Move to delete the following sentence in the Purpose section of the CSVA Sub List (1st paragraph, last sentence): "A team that has 5-1/2 players (e.g., one player who cannot play front row) may now use the CSVA Sub List."

Motion # 2 PASSED (25 for, 2 against, 2 abstentions) Made by Jacki Higaki; 2nd by Diane Taggart
Subject: CSVA Sub List. Move to add the following to the CSVA Substitution Rules: A team may not use more than 2 substitutes from the general sub list in any match.

Motion # 3 PASSED (16 for, 8 against, 6 abstentions) Made by Jacki Higaki; 2nd by Paul Simon
Subject: CSVA Sub List. Move to add the following to the CSVA Substitution Rules: A team may not use a substitute from the CSVA Sub List if they have 6 uninjured players capable of playing both front and back row from their own team in attendance at a match.

Points of Discussion: Team Reps are sometimes surprised by a team player unexpectedly showing up when the Team Rep had already invited a sub. Bruce Emo pointed out that the only thing that would change with this motion is the addition of the word "uninjured".

Motion # 4 FAILED (7 for, 20 against, 3 abstentions) Made by Jacki Higaki; 2nd by Paul Simon
Subject: CSVA League Rules & Policies. Move to add: The division(s) specifically impacted by a motion will be the only division(s) allowed to vote along with each Board member having a vote for a specific change in a CSVA rule.

Points of Discussion: This motion would make CSVA like two separate organizations. The fluidity of teams in different divisions was mentioned; teams just moving up to division 4 don't always understand the ghost rule or substitution rule. Games are "thrown" in divisions other than division 2 when teams want to avoid moving to a higher level.

Motion # 5 PASSED (12 for, 10 against, 6 abstentions) Made by Jacki Higaki; 2nd by Rich Rivera
Subject: Seeding Teams. Move to add to the CSVA League Rules & Policies the following: No team is required to play D1. It is a "choice" by the top D2 team to move up to D1 or stay in D2. In addition, a bottom D1 team may stay in D1 if they desire to do so if there is an open slot available in D1.

Points of Discussion: All teams should play by the rules. Traveling to Colorado Springs for a match takes all day. Perhaps a neutral site in Castle Rock could be used. The motion could affect other divisions, eventually by skewing distribution of teams if Div 1 has only five teams. CSVA has previously allowed top division 2 teams to remain in division 2 without changing the rule. In divisions with only one Colorado Springs team, that team travels all the time and puts up with it. This motion discriminates against Colorado Springs teams. Someone said that CSVA teams sign up with the expectation that this is a lunch league. Others said it is definitely not. There are subs available to visiting teams playing in Colorado Springs. More subs are available to Colorado Springs teams playing in the Denver metro area than to teams visiting Colorado Springs. An amendment to the motion was proposed that the top division 2 team may stay in division 2 if the last place division 1 team is amenable to staying in division 1. The amendment was seconded by Diane Taggart and then later withdrawn. It is a burden on rec centers and refs to schedule double headers, which is commonly done for divisions with five teams. A question arose about whether there is a limit to how many times a team can forfeit, and the answer was no.

Motion # 6 Amended Motion PASSED (26 for, 4 against) Made by Paul Simon; 2nd by Rich Rivera
Subject: Weather Delays. Move to add: Team reps must attempt in good faith to reschedule a match cancelled by either team when a Winter Storm Watch or Winter Storm Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service for travel affecting either team. A make-up match must take place no later than the final regularly scheduled day of the CSVA session. In the event the cancelled match cannot be made up, no forfeit will be recorded. At the end of the season, final standings for seeding into the subsequent CSVA league session will be determined by the percentage of wins, not by total wins and losses.

Points of Discussion: Some teams could take advantage of this by not doing a make-up match for the sake of their standings. There was a suggestion of adding a week between the regular season and the Bob Reinman Tournament for make-up matches. Perhaps CDOT criteria should be added to the motion but there was no definitive measure from CDOT since it continually changes. Paul Simon amended the motion to remove the words "Winter Storm Watch or " and the amendment was seconded by Rich. A vote was taken on the amended motion.

The next CSVA Annual Board/Team Rep Meeting will be Thursday, March 23, 2023 at the Eagle Pointe Recreation Center at 1:30 PM.

Scott Ache moved to adjourn, Rich Rivera seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Mustard, CSVA Secretary

Two Enclosures/Documents sent with Minutes:

2022 Winter League Final Standings
2022 Winter Reinman Tournament Results