

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2009 MEETING OF THE  
COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Dated March 12, 2009**

The meeting convened at 6:36 pm, in the Main Conference Room at CEVA Headquarters office. Present during the meeting were Directors Roy Catibayan, Marcia Costley, Jim Hartner, Mike King, Kendra Matthews and Marty Mozzochi. Absent were directors Cathy Nelson, Brian Chapman and Marta Molloy. Also present were Program Director Tifani Wendt, Commissioner Doug Croze and visitor Richard Cleavenger from SmithBarney.

**Item 1: Approval of Minutes from January 19, 2008 Meeting**

(Correction to the minutes on page 1, Strike comment about officials fees going up.) The corrected minutes from Nov 18 were approved with a motion from Director Hartner and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Matthews. The motion was passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Rich Cleavenger spoke to the board about the 4 accounts that we presently have with Smith Barney. The money is invested conservatively, with less than 20% invested in the stock market. We have about \$46,000 invested in stocks, using an Enhanced index account, no personal touch, only computer generated decisions. The variety of types of stocks in our portfolio represent a good balance. His recommendation is to keep the balance where it is now and ride it out. Historically, he feels that this will start to recover in the next 6-9 months.

**Item 2: Financials**

Commissioner Croze presented and reviewed the financials for January. USAV Registration fees are getting close to being complete with most teams registered already. Expenses that were higher were some of the one time use facilities. Janitorial fees are much higher. All capital expenditures are now in 550 misc. line item. We will rename it to a separate account for that money. The bookkeeper will help get that corrected.

Program Director Wendt discussed the website usage. The website is being used more, but with less time needed to navigate the site each time.

**Item 3: Standing Committee Reports**

<b>Adult Committee (Matthews):</b>	No Report
<b>Nominating/Election Committee (Hartner):</b>	No Report
<b>Officials Committee (Costley):</b>	

Director Costley reported that the officials met on Feb. 7. Doug joined them for the meeting. She felt it was very productive. The following items were discussed:

Tournament situation: Club sponsored tournaments entry dates need to be honored by two weeks before the tournament. She needs that time to schedule. Discussion followed about smaller clubs, trying to host tournaments sometimes needing that extra time to finalize their schedules. Then teams drop out at the last minute. It is hard to schedule officials if they don't know how many teams will be there or if it is cancelled.

The recommendation from the board to the junior committee is that if a club cancels a tournament within 48 hours of the scheduled tournament, CEVA will keep the sanction fee and pass on 50% of that to scheduled officials. The junior committee will discuss this in their next meeting.

Clinics: Want to move forward with the idea that CEVA hosts all officials clinics, no more club hosted ones. CEVA would host 6-10 clinics held throughout the state. They would be geared toward first and second year coaches/officials. For the scorekeepers, the officials committee would try to create a Power Point Study guide.

Discussion about the entire officiating clinic item was long. (time was extended, and then stopped as the discussion went too long. More discussion will follow at the next meeting. We extended time to discuss the last 4 items on the committee meeting minutes.

The rest of the items will be tabled for the next meeting

She reviewed the last 4 items listed. (See the attached minutes from the Officials meeting). One item was discussing the cost of head officials for the next year, should we pay more money.

<b>Finance Committee (Costley):</b>	No Report
<b>Policy/Appeals Committee (Mozzochi):</b>	No Report
<b>Junior Committee (Hartner):</b>	

Director Hartner talked about the items that the junior committee discussed in their meeting on Feb. 22.

Item 1 talked about the black out week still being a problem for the office. It is recommended that the phone will have a message that the office will be checking messages often and to please leave messages or email. We will also be adding a fine to clubs that are still turning in paper work during the last week.

The new wording was read aloud as:

“Although working, the regional office will not be answering the phone during the black out week. The out-going message will emphasize that messages will be checked numerous times a day and responded to. Callers will be encouraged to email their question or call their club director.” (needs to be added to the Junior Handbook)

Motion made by Director Matthews to add this emphasis to the black out week, Director King seconded, passed unanimously.

Program Director Wendt said that she would try to come up with a FAQ that would be posted on the website during registration times to aid our users more.

Item 2: Need to add to Qualifier Rules: Any match that will start after 6:30 pm will be played as one set to 25 Points.

For both the qualifier and Power League tournaments, there will be an added 10 minute break from the time of the last team playing until the start of the crossover rounds. The 10 minute break can be waived with the agreement of both coaches. Motion made by Director Matthews, Director Costley seconded, passed unanimously.

Discussion followed about the cost of parking RV's at OSU for Regionals. Doug will look into the details of how this came about from OSU, and get the information about the parking. The region has to pay \$500.00 for allowing RV's to park at OSU.

Also discussed Item #5. Delinquent club fees at the beginning of a new year.

We want to add to the junior handbook, in the registration area, under a subtitle: Delinquent Club Fees. The wording would be the same that has been on the website for the past 6 months. "Members who have not paid their club fees from (previous year) may not be eligible to participate in the (upcoming year). Contact your club director if you have questions."

Motion made by Director Matthews, Director Costley seconded, passed unanimously.

Regional Showcase discussion – tried to look at other possible dates for Regional Showcase, possibly in June.

**Outdoor Programs (Chapman):**

No Report

#### **Item 4: Commissioners Report**

##### **Unfinished Business**

a. Additional Equipment Purchase: Commissioner Croze reported that the region has purchased 18 systems, giving us 2 additional courts for parts. He went down to North Eugene high school and saw the prototype for the sleeves to hold the standards. They were correct and will work, but there was concern for the timing of getting these done in time for Regionals. We will have to have the plates to hold the divider nets made in Corvallis. We may have to have another company help make these, in addition to the high school. Still working on the containers for the storage of the tiles and the poles. We need to have it done, so we can ship the tiles and courts up to Seattle for ECC.

b. Club Fines: Commissioner Croze reported that he has been fining clubs for uncertified scorekeepers or officials. All clubs have been sent an invoice with the fine on it.

##### **New Business**

a. Smith Barney Presentation: See above

b. Board Apparel: Discussion about what items were available for the board to order.

c. Additional Court Purchase: Commissioner Croze updated the board with the recommendation to purchase more floor tiles to cove the area in Truax for Regionals and WVC. Costs and amounts of tiles were discussed. The board requested that the commissioner look into purchasing used sport court tiles, or tarps or wood to cover the area.

d, National Meeting in Minneapolis: Meeting takes place the week before Nationals. Meetings start May 19-22. Doug would like to play at Nationals also. Concern was expressed over Doug being out of the office for that many days with the budgeting process being started. Doug will talk to John about the timing of those meetings.

e. Board Approval to Move PL Play Dates: Due to the lack of available facilities, the Junior Committee agreed that we need to move some of the age groups from a Saturday to a Sunday for the month of March. Motion was made by Director Matthews that for the balance of the 2009 season, the Commissioner will have the discretion to move power divisions as needed from a Saturday to a Sunday (or vise versa) due to facility shortage. Seconded by Director Costley. Passed unanimously.

f. Increase Budget for Prizes: Need to increase the number of prizes from 450 to 500 for next years budget.

h. New Item: Discussed election process for this year. Director Hartner will review dates of each board members term and let the board know which positions will be up for re-election this year.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

### **Next Regular Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Board will be on Monday, March 16, 2009 at 6:30 pm at CEVA headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Mozzochi, Secretary  
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