

**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2010 MEETING OF THE
COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dated: April 5, 2010

Following an executive session, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors convened at 7:34 p.m. in banquet room at CEVA Headquarters office. Present during the meeting were Directors Jim Hartner, Cathy Nelson, Marty Mozzochi, Marcia Costley, Kendra Matthews, Roy Catibayan, Brian Chapman, Mike King, Dave Kellar and Corey Barton. Also present were Commissioner Tifani Nogash, Program Director Sarah Haner and CEVA official, Paula Martin.

Item 1: Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2010

After reviewing the Minutes from the February 8, 2010, Director Costley moved to approve the minutes; Director Mozzochi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2: Financials: January and February 2010

Commissioner Nogash reviewed the Month-to-Date Profit and Loss Statement and the Year to Date Profit and Loss Statement for January and February 2010. Commissioner Nogash also reviewed the September Smith Barney account statements. Commissioner Nogash answered all Board questions relating to the documents.

Item 3: Standing Committee Reports

Adult Committee (Matthews): No report.

Nominating/Election Committee (Nelson): No report.

Officials Committee (Costley): Director Costley reported that the Officials Committee discussed a new approach for score-keeping given how confusing USAV Exam C is; the committee created a form and a new test (with an answer key). For people with at least 3-years experience, the proposal would be for them to complete the test, have it graded within their club and the club would maintain the record of completion. Clubs could then coordinate training scorekeepers internally.

Director Costley reported that the “arbiter” system, which is a communication tool used to tell officials where they are assigned to officiate, has been well-received and will be used again.

Director Costley reported that the Officials Committee suggested that the fee for running a clinic be increased from \$100 to \$125 next season. There was a fairly extensive discussion of the Officials Committee’s perspective on how the process should work next season. Members of the Juniors Committee noted that they were planning on

proposing significant changes to the process. Further discussion was tabled for a joint meeting of the two committees to attempt to come to an agreement on a recommended proposal.

Finance Committee (Costley): No report.

Policy/Appeals Committee (Nelson): No report.

Junior Committee (Hartner): Director Hartner reported:

- There are 300 teams registered for Regionals; 75 teams are “area league.”
- Following discussion, Director Mozzochi moved that the Junior Handbook be amended to read: “Roster changes made during the regular season must be made by Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. before the tournament or event in which they are intended to take effect.” The motion was seconded by Director Matthews, which passed unanimously.
- Following discussion, Director Mozzochi moved that the third sentence of paragraph 3 of the Sanction and Appeal procedure section of the Junior Handbook (page 30), be amended to add: “Within seven (7) business days,” so that it reads, “*Within seven (7) business days*, the commissioner shall notify sanctioned parties determination and action by certified mail to the parties’ address on file with the CEVA.” Director Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- There was an extended discussion of the purpose and scope of Age Waivers. The discussion was tabled for further exploration of ways to make sure the system is not abused.
- It was clarified that rather than having all coaches listed on every roster for a club, a coach can sit on a bench if he or she has on hand a copy of an official roster that verifies that he or she is Impact Certified. Officials and coaches will be sent notice of this clarification.
- There was an extended discussion of official and scorekeeping policies. Further discussion was tabled for a joint meeting of the Officials and Juniors Committees to attempt to come to an agreement on a recommended proposal.

Outdoor Programs (Chapman): No report.

Capital Equipment (Catibayan):

Item 6: Commissioner's Report

Unfinished Business

1. Net Proceeds / Going Forward: Commissioner Nogash confirmed that the Board's decision to have net profits from equipment rental returned to the "construction" account was to be implemented going forward. Commissioner Nogash is going to look for the current policy regarding the amount that should be kept in the general checking account to determine whether it needs to be revised and ensure we are in compliance with it.

2. Mileage: Following a discussion, Director Matthews moved that Board Members and CEVA staff members engaged CEVA- related travel be reimbursed mile for mile at the current IRS reimbursement rate. Director Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The discussion of clinicians' reimbursement rates was tabled until the status of clinics is clarified.

New Business

1. CEVA Showcase: Commissioner Nogash reported that details are being finalized for the 2010 CEVA Showcase. The Junior Committee will set the fee at the April 5, 2010, meeting. The office will begin publicizing the event.

2. Head Officials at Regionals: Commissioner Nogash reported that OSU does not have dorms available for head officials at regionals. CEVA had budgeted 26 total nights in the dorms at \$27/night. We will now have to secure hotel rooms for those nights, so CEVA will be well-over budget on this item. [Currently looking at \$57.99/night at the Motel 6.]

3. Area League Regionals: Commissioner Nogash confirmed that the area leagues will be mixed-up for area league regionals based on skill-levels and court-availability.

4. Prize Budget-Regionals: Commissioner Nogash pointed out that the budget under-estimated the number of prizes that need to be purchased for regionals by several hundred prizes. Every effort will be made to keep expenditures down but the prizes have to be purchased.

5. Technology Committee: Director Barton led a discussion on the value of having a Technology Committee to explore ways that technology can be used in training, communicating and publicizing CEVA. Director Mozzochi moved for the formation of

such a committee; Director Catibayan seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Director Barton was named as the chair of the committee.

6. At-Large Member of the Board: Commissioner Nogash reported that John Downey had expressed an interest in securing an At Large position on the Board and would be appearing at next month's meeting.

7. Officials The Board discussed officiating at Juniors' tournaments and the increased attention to protocol and fines at tournaments. There was a discussion about the best ways to have officials ensuring that rules are followed without becoming too nitpicky. It was acknowledged to be a difficult balance.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be on April 5, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at CEVA Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Kendra M. Matthews, Secretary
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