

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2010 MEETING OF THE
COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dated: February 8, 2010

The meeting convened at approximately 6:30 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 and Roy Catibayan. Absent were directors Brian Chapman and Mike King. Also present were Commissioner Tifani Wendt, Program Director Sarah Haner and CEVA referees Paula Martin and Lisa Walter.

Commissioner's Report: Unfinished Business [agenda item taken out of order]:

1. At-Large Position Applicants: Three individuals, Harmik Issakhanian, Corey Barton and Dave Kellar appeared before the Board individually to express interest in serving as an At-Large member of the Board. After discussion, Director Matthews moved to elect Dave Kellar to an at-large position on the Board. Director Mozzochi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. After discussion, Director Catibayan moved to elect Corey Barton to an at-large position on the Board. Director Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. It was noted that two current Board members will be moving off of the board this spring, creating more vacancies on the Board if Mr. Issakhanian wanted to apply again or run for election.

Item 1: Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2009 Meeting

After reviewing the Minutes from the November 9, 2009 meeting and making a few typographical corrections, Director Catibayan moved to approve the minutes as amended; Director Mozzochi seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2: Financials: October, November and December 2009

Commissioner Wendt reviewed the Month-to-Date Profit and Loss Statement and the Year to Date Profit and Loss Statement for October, November and December 2009. Commissioner Wendt also reviewed the September Smith Barney account statements. Commissioner Wendt answered all Board questions relating to the documents.

Item 3: Standing Committee Reports

Adult Committee (Matthews): Director Matthews noted that the focus of the December Adult Committee Meeting was largely related to improving the quality of reffing in adult play and developing a way for teams to have players get certified after there are no further clinics. After discussion, Director Matthews moved that the following additional method for becoming a certified adult referee and/or scorekeeper be adopted:

- a. For reffing: Review the video example of the new net rule, the PowerPoint presentation on the new rules and then complete the online reffing exam.
- b. For scorekeeping: Review the how to keep score PowerPoint presentation and then complete the scorekeeping exam.

A link to both of these items is on the CEVA website.

Director Costley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. It was noted that all of this information [and a link to the current rules] would be posted on the adult page of the CEVA website promptly.

Director Matthews noted that the Adult Committee also felt that the Head Official at a tournament should be more focused on education, rather than reffing. After further discussion with the Board, the message that will be conveyed to officials is that rather than up-refing during pool play, officials should be circulating the courts observing the officiating and scorekeeping and offering contemporaneous constructive criticism. The Board emphasized that the goal here is increasing education and the quality of our player officials and scorekeepers. [The Board also suggested to the referees present that this same approach be employed at Juniors' tournaments during the month of January.]

Nominating/Election Committee (Nelson): No report.

Officials Committee (Costley): Director Costley noted that Jim Mozzocho was a retired junior national official but is paid as a regional official. There was an inquiry as to whether he could be paid at the junior national official rate. The Board response was that officials are to be paid at their current qualification level; as he is presently not certified as a junior national official, he should not be paid at that rate.

There was a discussion regarding the miles for which clinicians who were leading CEVA hosted clinics should be reimbursed. The Board agreed that the same reimbursement practice that has been employed for the past two seasons should be employed this season. The Board asked the Commissioner to locate and outline all of the current mileage reimbursement policies so that they can be reviewed for consistency.

Finance Committee (Costley): No report.

Policy/Appeals Committee (Nelson): No report.

Junior Committee (Hartner): Director Hartner noted that the seeding meeting for Juniors lasted four hours and, while there were some exceptions noted after the first Power League (teams that played higher or lower than expected), overall the committee did a good job.

Outdoor Programs (Chapman): No report.

Capital Equipment (Catibayan): Director Catibayan reported back on the finalization of the Indoor Court Rental Agreement between Columbia Empire Volleyball Association [CEVA] and entities renting courts. It has been reviewed/ revised by an attorney. After discussion, Director Catibayan moved to approve the Indoor Court Rental Agreement; Director Nelson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

It was noted that 12 of the courts will be rented during the upcoming weekend [January 16, 2010] for a tournament that will take place at the University of Oregon.

Item 6: Commissioner's Report

Unfinished Business [see above]

New Business

1. Membership Numbers: Commissioner Wendt reported that the membership numbers have reached almost 5,000. The 12, 16, 18 age groups have all grown (14s have stayed steady).
2. Regionals Update: Commissioner Wendt noted that we have 18 referee stands for regionals. She also shared the proposed layout for Truax for both the courts and the player "camp" area.
3. Prizes: Program Director Sarah Haner reported that she is on budget for prizes for the season and showed the Board several of the prizes [including a water bottle and a blanket].
4. Scorekeeping certifications: The Board had an extended discussion on the various issues that arise with scorekeeping and the issuing of scorekeeping certifications. Among items discussed was the requirement that a team have a certified scorekeeper by December 31st, while a club director cannot confirm a players completion of the process until CEVA posts it (usually in late January, early February). Also discussed was the need to keep the tests available online for new teams and for teams out of compliance to get back into compliance. Ultimately, there were no motions made by the Board. It was noted that the head officials have to be somewhat flexible in January while information from the region was limited but that Club Directors likewise had an obligation to make sure certified players kept score.
5. Blackout week: Commissioner Wendt reported on the "Blackout" week. She noted that the phone was not answered but messages were promptly returned, roster changes were made and Impact information was added. She noted that the computer

system is designed not to permit a coach to be added unless all of the requirements met (Impact, fingerprints, and background check). There was a general discussion of the desirability of getting more people qualified to give Impact training.

6. Referee Stand Rule (2.6): Commissioner Wendt reported that USAV has implemented a new rule that every court on which a match is going to be played must have a referee stand. While CEVA strives to meet that goal, we have facilities that do not and, if we were to cancel with them, we would not be able to accommodate all teams. After further discussion, Director Matthews moved that the following rule exemption request be submitted to USAV:

CEVA requests that USA volleyball permit a rule modification exempting CEVA from USAV rule 2.6.d dictating that tournaments can only be played a facility that has a referee platform on every court on which matches are played during the 2010 season on the grounds that without such an exemption, CEVA will have insufficient facilities in the region at which to run already scheduled programs and tournaments. CEVA will strongly encourage the use of facilities that have the appropriate equipment, will advise all facilities and tournament hosts that they need to work towards coming into compliance with the rule and will make every attempt to minimize the use of courts without the proper referee platform.

Director Mozzochi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. Warm-up rule (7.2.2(b)): For junior competition this year, USAV has implemented a new rule that the team that does not have the court during warm-up must stay on its bench. Before trying to develop an exemption for this rule, the region is going to see how teams deal with it and whether it is something about which teams in the region are adamantly opposed.

8. CEVA Court Rental Application: Commissioner Wendt shared a court rental application for the Emerald City tournament. It was noted that the application indicated that the tournament was sanctioned by the Puget Sound region but that had not occurred yet. There will be continued follow-up in the processing of this application.

9. Nominations for Service Awards: Commissioner Wendt noted that CEVA is currently considering possible nominations for service awards within the region. Any suggestions should be forwarded to her.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be on February 8, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at CEVA Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Kendra M. Matthews, Secretary
Columbia Empire Volleyball Association