

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 21, 2007 MEETING OF THE
COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dated June 25, 2007

The meeting convened at 6:30 pm at the CEVA Headquarters office. Present were Directors Cathy Nelson, Marty Mozzochi, Malcolm Doi, Steven Kershaw, and Marta Molloy. Also present were Commissioner John Downey, Program Director Tiffany Elioff and guest Brian Chapman.

Item No. 1: Approval of Minutes from April 24, 2007.

The minutes were not available and the approval was tabled till the July meeting of the Board of Directors.

Item No. 2: Financials.

Commissioner Downey reviewed the financial statements for April and May of 2007 and the Smith Barney Accounts with comparisons for the same time period in 2006.

Item No. 3: Introduction of Guests/Prospective Board Members:

Commissioner Downey introduced guest Brian Chapman. Brian had indicated his willingness to serve on the board as an at-large member. Brian was interested in promoting outdoor and beach programs. These programs have been limited over the past few years and the goal is to improve participation of both Junior Girls and Junior Boys. The Board discussed the programs and he was elected unanimously.

Item No. 4: Standing Committee Reports.

Adult Committee (Matthews): Tiffany Elioff presented items on behalf of the Adult Committee Chair. The list serve for adult programs was instituted in June with an e-mail sent to all adults registered with the CEVA inviting them to participate and register under Yahoo Groups – CEVAadults. Once adults register under the group they can post all volleyball related information which can be accessed by everyone in the Group. All registrations and posting are approved before being listed on-line by either Tiffany Elioff or Kendra Matthews. If a member other than those already invited to join, wants to register with the group, they must contact Tiffany Elioff for approval.

The Adult Committee also discussed ideas to expand participation for seniors in volleyball tournaments, such as Geezerball Tournaments which have been held in the Puget Sound Region. The discussions will continue on how to promote the tournaments between regions.

The limiting of Tournaments for adults to only one Tournament per weekend day per gender was discussed again, but it was decided the limitation was not necessary.

Official's Committee (Martin): No report.

Policy/Appeals Committee (Matthews): No report.

Nomination/Election Committee (Kershaw): Director Nelson and Director Kershaw led the discussion on the upcoming Membership Elected Positions which will be vacant on July 1, 2007. Since there were no nominations during the April/May election period, the Region advertised for possible candidates. The list of interested candidates was reviewed and the process was discussed.

The Board elected to fill the vacancies by Board Appointments. The By-Laws allow for appointments to Board Elected Positions, however, those appointments must go on the ballot during the next membership election. (April/May 2008)

The candidates were discussed and the following Board Appointments were made:

Junior Representative - John Welty

16's & 18' Representative- Roy Catibayan

Officials Representative - Marcia Costley

Finance Committee (Kawasaki): No report.

Junior Committee (Nelson): Director Nelson reported the discussions of the Junior Committee. The Junior Committee made the following recommendations to the Board of Directors;

1) The format for the Regional Tournament be changed so the 14's and 16's Championships be played at the same time at Gill Coliseum. The championships will be played on Courts #1 and #2. The 18's Championship will be played on Court #1 after the conclusion of both the 14's and 16's. This will reduce the waiting time between championships.

2) The format for the Regional Tournament be changed so the One Day Championships will include a group of 16 Teams instead of 8. The top two teams in each pool will advance to the higher division play-offs and the bottom two teams in each pool will play in the lower division championships.

3) The schedule for the 2007/2008 Season was approved.

4) Teams playing in the 2007/08 Power League will be required to provide a printed roster from the On-Line Registration System at every tournament, including the Qualifier. This means that each coach will have to obtain a printed roster from their Club Administrator prior to each tournament to turn into the Tournament Director. As in the past, any name not on the roster will not be allowed to participate.

The Board considered each proposal and approved all four for implementation.

Boy's Committee (Molloy): No report.

High Performance Committee (Sparks): Commissioner Downey reported on behalf of the High Performance Committee. The Committee had selected three teams. Two Select Teams which will be participating in the High Performance Championships in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and one Youth Team which will participate in the Global Challenge in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Coaches for the Teams are Mike Lee, Marty Limbird and Nolan Hee. The assistant coach for all teams had not been finalized, but was expected to be completed within the next two weeks.

Item No. 5 Commissioner's Report

Old Business

(a) Budget for 2007/2008: The Commissioner presented the proposed Budget for 2007/2008. The board discussed the budget, made corrections in calculations and made amendments concerning the High Performance income and expenditures and a more accurate reflection on the transfer of funds for grants.

The Board voted to approve the Budget for 2007/2008 with the agreed amendments being included. Commissioner Downey will make the adjustments to the budget to include the amendments before final submission.

(b) Incidents: Commissioner Downey reported the incidents which have been investigated over the past two months. Most have been resolved with sanctions or corrective action and most will be resolved prior to the end of the indoor season.

New Business:

(a) World League: Commissioner Downey reported on the World League competition held at the University of Portland on May 26 & 27, 2007, in which the USA Men's National Team played the French Men's National Team. Considering it was a Holiday weekend in which most Junior Teams were out of region in other tournaments, attendance was good. Director Mozzochi reported that the USA Event Staff and Teams liked the site, how it was presented and hope to return to Portland in the future.

(b) USAV Meeting Updates: Commissioner Downey reported on behalf of Program Director Elioff, who attended the National Meeting in Austin, Texas in May. Most of the discussion involved the Reorganization of USA Volleyball's Board of Directors.

(c) Commissioner Renewal for 2007/2008 Season: Commissioner Downey submitted his intent to resign as Commissioner of the Columbia Empire VB Association effective June 30, 2008. The purpose in announcing his resignation so far in advance was to allow the board sufficient time to select and transition a new commissioner. The Board will take up the selection process during the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors.

Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be July 16, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at CEVA Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

John E. Downey, Commissioner
Columbia Empire Volleyball Association