

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2006 MEETING OF THE
COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Dated: September 26, 2006

The meeting convened at 6:45 pm in the Main Conference Room at the CEVA Headquarters office. Present during the meeting were Directors Steven Kershaw, Doug Sparks, Kendra Matthews, Paula Martin, Malcolm Doi and Marty Mozzochi. Absent were Directors Cathy Nelson, Ed Kawasaki and Marta Molloy. Also present were Commissioner John Downey and Program Coordinator Tiffany Elioiff.

Item 1: Approval of Minutes from August 31, 2006 Meeting

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from the August 31, 2006, meeting by Director Martin which was seconded by Director Sparks. Motion to accept the Minutes passed unanimously.

Item 2: Financials: August, 2006

Commissioner Downey reviewed the Month-to-Date Profit and Loss Statement, the Year-to-Date Profit and Loss Statement and the Smith Barney account statements. Significant variances of actual results compared to budget were discussed. No further action was taken.

Item 3: Standing Committee Reports

Adult Committee (Matthews): No report.

Nominating/Election Committee (Kershaw): No report.

Officials Committee (Martin): No report.

Finance Committee (Kawasaki): No report.

Policy/Appeals Committee (Matthews): No report.

Junior Committee (Nelson): Director Mozzochi gave an overview of the September 17, 2006, Junior Committee meeting. A discussion ensued regarding the proposed changes to Junior polices. The following proposed changes required Board approval to implement:

- a. Using the dates presented by the Commissioner for tournaments, including a recommendation that the U18 and U12 age groups be combined at tournaments during the March and April Power Leagues.

- b. Changing the Power League Qualifier to a crossover system which will result in challenge matches for the top two finishers and bottom two finishers in pool play.
- c. Implementing a progressive point sanction for violation of the Food and Drink Policies established by Facilities during CEVA Hosted events. Teams will be given a warning for a first violation. A Second Violation will result in a 5 Point Sanction on first set of the next match. For each subsequent violation the sanction will be increased by 5 points (i.e., a third violation will yield a 10 point sanction; the fourth a 15 point Sanction).
- d. Having U12 and U14 One Day Regionals played on a Saturday and the U16 and U18 One Day Regionals played on a Sunday. Depending on Registration numbers, the Commissioner would retain authority to make adjustments based on court space.
- e. For the play of two day Regionals, adjusting the Playoff Bracket to maximize likelihood that teams will not play teams within their Saturday Pool during the knockout round and the First Playoff Round.
- f. For the play of two day Regionals, adjusting the number of rounds played on the first day of the two day tournament to help create a staggered finish so the finals for each age group could be played consecutively on the main court in Gill Coliseum.
- g. For the play of two day Regionals for the U14's, adding a Consolation Bracket to allow teams defeated on Sunday morning to have an additional match that day.
- h. Registrations for Power League are due December 8, 2006. Adding a staggered Team Fees for teams that register late (Power League Participants Only):
 - i. December 16-22 – Team Fee of \$60
 - ii. December 23-29 – Team Fee of \$75
 - iii. On or After December 30 – Team Fee of \$100

Late Registrations are applied only to registrations which have not been turned in and does not include those returned for correction.

After reviewing those items that needed Board approval, Director Mozzochi moved to approve all suggested changes, which was seconded by Director Sparks. Motion to approve all changes passed unanimously.

Boys Committee (Molloy): No report.

High Performance Committee (Sparks): No report.

Item 5.: Commissioner's Report

Unfinished Business

1. Juniors Regionals 2007. Commissioner Downey met with OSU staff to review the contract with OSU for Juniors Regionals. Issues such as the cost of maintenance crews, use of OSU radios, the concessions company used by OSU, the proportional cost of the transportation of courts, staffing issues, etc. were reviewed with OSU. OSU indicated that Asics is a major sponsor of OSU. Asics will contact Mikasa to determine whether there are sponsorship opportunities remaining at Regionals. OSU indicated that it will not allow coolers in its gyms, but will set up an outdoor area at which coolers can be kept and another area for teams to set up tents, etc. Commissioner Downey anticipates that OSU's parking lots will be free the weekend of Regionals, though he needs to confirm a few remaining lots. Commissioner Downey outlined possible options if the courts being shipped in for Regionals have any missing parts. Commissioner Downey indicated that everything is moving smoothly in terms of planning Juniors Regionals. OSU has two staff persons who are taking a primary lead in coordinating with CEVA, which has been helpful.
2. Board Roster. The Board reviewed the updated Board of Directors Roster. No changes were made.

New Business

1. Mikasa Contract – Commissioner Downey presented the proposed three year sponsorship contract from Mikasa. The primary changes from prior sponsorship contracts was that Mikasa asks to be identified as the official sponsor of Regionals and Power League (i.e., CEVA Mikasa Regional, CEVA Mikasa Power League). Because of the joint Junior Regionals event, the Board asked Commissioner Downey to request that Mikasa provide a greater number of volleyballs each year of the contract and a greater number of ball carts than in the previous contract. In exchange, CEVA will agree to display a greater number of Mikasa banners at various events. Commissioner Downey will contact Mikasa and report back to the Board in October.
3. Hilton Hotel Contracts – Juniors Regionals 2007. Commissioner Downey reviewed the contracts CEVA entered with the Hilton Hotels located in Corvallis (the Hilton Garden Inn and the Holiday Inn Express). 100 rooms total are blocked at the designated CEVA rate per night. There are 10 complementary rooms total per night.

The Juniors Committee and the Commissioner will determine to whom the complementary rooms will be given. Club directors will be encouraged to block rooms for their Clubs as early as possible to secure the best rate possible.

Next Regular Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will be October 23, 2006 at 6:30pm at CEVA Headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

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