**Yankee Board Meeting**

10/23/2017

Time: 7 PM

Lincoln Sudbury High School, Lincoln, MA

**Board Member Attendees:** Judy Katalina, Casey Burnham, Jeffry Powell, John Kubilis, Bri Saunders, Geoff Tasca, Jordan Geddis, Amy Grigg and Mark Archibald

**Board Member Absences:** (none)

**Guests:** Dave Peixoto

**Start Time:** 7:17 PM

**End Time:** 8:58 PM

1. **Approval of Prior Minutes**
   * 1. Prior meeting minutes were previously approved by the board via email
2. **Reports**
   1. Treasurer’s Report (Mark)
   2. Registrar’s Report (Judy)
      1. Current registration is +75 members YoY from last year
   3. NERVA Report (Dave)
      1. No major changes, Dave again asked if we could not have champs tournaments the weekend before Nationals
   4. Rating’s Report - Men’s (Jeff), Women’s (Jordan)
      1. New raters are being added as appropriate to ensure raters at every tournament
   5. Social Media Report
      1. Posts with pictures are generating the best responses
      2. Jordan was added as a Co-Social Media Chair, specifically for Instagram and Twitter
   6. Web Editor Report (Sam)
      1. The next round of website updates are on their way and the team is incorporating outside feedback
   7. GRC Report (Jeff)
      1. Jeff is actively managing the scrambles to get a balance of new and experienced players
   8. Tournament Director’s Report (Mark)
      1. The first Yankee sanctioned tournaments have run and more are scheduled to happen
3. **Online Business (discussed via email)**
   1. Rules Suggestions – From John’s Email Chain
      1. Per Judy;s motion and John’s second, the board unanimously voted to maintain the prior Yankee rules in accordance with ghost players and not adopting the new USAV rules
      2. The board discussed but did not take any action on rule changes around: limiting negative points on players (such as a -1 cap on individual players), guys landing behind the 10 foot line in RCOs and limits on the number of points tht can be put to guys in RCOs
4. **Old Business**
   1. Stipend Review
   2. New Facilities
5. **New Business**
   1. BCC Planning
      1. Dave mentioned there could be a possibility of a player’s party after the BCC tournament at Hard Rock in Faneuil Hall. He will follow-up with more information.
      2. The board discussed, but was generally not in favor of adding an RCO 4s tournament to Friday night of BCC weekend.
   2. Rating Clarifications
      1. The board discussed the ratings sheet in particular and Jeff Powell was left in charge of devising a new ratings sheet to the board to review
   3. Sanctions Update
      1. Executive Session
   4. Tournament Director Responsibilities
      1. The board discussed the quality of our current facilities and stressed that the tournament director will make decisions on the playability of the facility during the day. It was noted that sometimes friendship tournaments have slippery floors when player prioritize the clock ahead of wiping up sweat.
   5. Facility Quality & Recommendations
   6. Nationals Mapping
      1. The board decided to maintain all nationals mappings for 2018 Nationals with the exception that for Men’s B team are allowed to bring 5 Bs if they do not bring a B+. They are allowed 5 Bs and all B- or lower or 1 B+, 3 Bs, and all B- or lower.
6. **Executive Session**

**Key Future Dates**

* Future Meetings: January 3rd (Conrad’s), April 26th (LSHS)
* Boston Volleyball Festival: March 3 and 4
* Nationals: May 25th to May 30th (Dallas, TX)
* Yankee Picnic: June 9th