



Yankee Board Meeting

3/21/24, 7:30 PM

Embassy Suites, Marlborough

1. Approval of Prior Minutes

- a. Prior minutes were distributed to be voted on.

2. Reports

- a. Registrar's Report (Jeffry)
 - i. Membership is 12% ahead of where we finished last year already.
 - ii. 34% of current membership is new this year. Close to 1,000 new members.
 - iii.
- b. NERVA Report (Dave)
 - i. Aces Wild lost around \$42,000. Court set-up cost \$26,000 due to Mohegan requirement to use union labor.
 - ii. Next year Aces Wild will be replaced by Rhode Island Rampage in Providence on the weekend between Christmas and New Years.
 - iii. Players party in Providence will likely be at Dave and Busters.
 - iv. QR codes worked well for BCEC. Would be less work on our end if we can integrate with Sportwrench more effectively.
 - v. Next year adults will be in Boston for the Liberty Challenge and hopefully will have close to 20 courts available.
 - vi. CEO of USA Volleyball will be changing, there is a chance Dave is on the search committee.
 - vii. New England is far and away the top adult region in the country.
 - viii. As of this meeting 28 New England teams have registered for USAV Nationals. Deadline is end of April.
- c. Ratings Report (Jeffry)
 - i. Will likely need to add a few raters based in Connecticut with the tournaments running there.
- d. Social Media Report (Amy)
 - i. Amy sent via email before the meeting.
- e. Web Editor Report (Jeffry)
 - i. Working with the developer of previous website and have copied data over to the new location. Working on building out functionality.
 - ii. On the list of must haves for the new website: API connection with Sports Engine, mobile optimization, improved security, better viability and filtering of player list, batch updates of player list and ability to run election through the website.
 - iii. May try to get election run through new website but that may be optimistic.
- f. GrassRoots Campaign Report (Jeffry)
 - i. 10 scrambles have been run so far at 5 different locations. New players at scrambles have accounted for 184 full memberships.
 - ii. April scramble is 75% full with at least 10 new players.
- g. Tournament Director's Report (Mark)
 - i. BCEC ran smoothly. Tuesday deadline for rosters was a big help.
 - ii. One more Yankee sanctioned tournament and one more scramble are on the schedule and then Champs begins April 27th.
 - iii. Will need to make a post urging sign-ups for the CRC and Men's and Women's B/BB/A or changes will need to be made to those tournament offerings.

3. New Business

- a. Allowing the #0 as a legal jersey number
 - i. Based on a community member proposal discussion was had about potentially allowing the number zero in Yankee tournaments.
 - ii. Nick made a proposal that the number zero would be a legal number in Yankee tournaments going forward. Geoff made the second. After completing the voting

online the motion did not pass by a vote of 5-4. (Voting in favor: Nick, Geoff, John, Lauren; Voting against: Jeffry, Mark, Judy, Amy, Miriam)

- b. Yankee picnic planning
 - i. Sunday, June 16th at Hudson Elks is confirmed.
 - ii. Costs have gone up so looking at new options for future years.
 - iii. Getting sign ups ready is a priority. Geoff is in charge of acquiring the raffle prizes.
 - c. Elections planning
 - i. Nominating committee needs to be formed and will consist of three people. Nick was put in charge of finding members of the nominating committee.
 - ii. Voting will begin in May.
 - iii. How we are going to run the elections this year needs to be looked into since we do not have Constant Contact for unique voter IDs anymore.
- 4. Old Business**
- a. Term lengths for board members, qualifications to run for President or Vice President and potentially staggering elections
 - i. Wording will be worked on and vote will be held online to potentially get on the ballot this year.
- 5. Executive Session will be held**

Key Future Dates

USAV Open Nationals May 24-29 Columbus, OH

2024 Picnic June 16th