



Yankee Board Meeting

08/18/2022, 7:00 PM

Conrad's, Sudbury

Board Attendees: Jeffry Powell, Judy Katalina, Mark Archibald, Amy Grigg, Geoff Tasca, Lauren Bennett, Miriam Moodley, Nick Mone, John Kubilis

Board Absences: None

Guests: Dave Peixoto, Samantha Commeau, Erica Chapman, Lyndee Whitten

1. Approval of Prior Minutes

- a. Minutes were distributed to be voted on.

2. NERVA/Yankee relationship

- i. Important to understand that Yankee is under the NERVA umbrella.
- ii. NERVA monies are what is used to fund Yankee.
- iii. Judy Katalina serves as our liaison as the appointed Adult Commissioner and answers to the NERVA commissions group.
- iv. NERVA Juniors has 80 clubs and over 7,000 members that generate a lot of income and Yankee is able to benefit from that.
- v. Lots of organizations trying to get on Juniors because of the profit involved there but NERVA feels it is important to put money back into the game and will do as long as able to.

3. Reports

- a. Registrar's Report (Jeffry)
 - i. Last year saw about 2,300 full memberships with ratings
 - ii. Numbers were about 60% Male and 40% Female, historically has been closer to 50/50 split.
 - iii. Lots of attrition in the membership was seen with nearly two years away. 45% of members last year were new. Of members with ratings in 2019-2020 about 800 did not join in 2021-2022.
 - iv. Amy will look at a possible survey to lapsed members.
 - v. It is easier to accurately account for membership by players, coaches, etc. than in the past
- b. NERVA Report (Dave)
 - i. Insurance costs are a crisis. Costs have doubled.
 - ii. Every region has gone up \$5 on membership but NERVA is not this year.
 - iii. An email was sent to the CEO of USA Volleyball to make them aware that we were not happy about players playing multiple divisions when their rules, that we guided multiple people asking to, clearly says it is not allowed.
 - iv. On track to add a Player's Party at Mohegan Sun at Game On. Can hold 600 people.
 - v. Mohegan will again be an Adults stand alone event, will lose a lot of money. Supervisory Friendship format will be used again to save cost.
 - vi. There is a new officials coordinator, Tim Velozo, with wonderful ideas on officials growth and recruitment. Have spoken to him about supervisory officials making sure we get ones that are up to the task.
- c. Ratings Report (Jeffry)
 - i. Will add new raters as needed.
 - ii. Jeffry will try to hand off some of the decision making later in the year.
- d. Social Media Report (Amy)
 - i. Trying to use Instagram more, have not delved into Tik Tok.
 - ii. Most popular Facebook posts are the uprates and people still love pictures.
- e. Web Editor Report (Amy, Jeffry)
 - i. Meeting with a large company about building a whole new website.

- f. GrassRoots Campaign Report (Jeffry)
 - i. Scrambles scheduled one a month for Fall.
 - ii. Ideally would run even more but they are very expensive to run.
 - g. Tournament Director's Report (Mark)
 - i. Draft starts on Monday.
 - ii. Will attempt to communicate deadlines to sign up by better for higher level tournaments and reach out to other regions if we try to do a showcase tournament at Mohegan and/or Boston.
- 4. New Business**
- a. Separate rating for RCO proposal
 - i. Tabled to work up a plan for implementation and there will be many questions and issues but there was enough momentum behind the idea to work on a plan.
 - ii. Would likely have a separate RCO Committee.
 - b. Nationals mapping discussion
 - i. Tabled as USAV decision on if they are going to allow people to play multiple divisions.
 - c. Budget discussion
 - i. Last years is tough to accurately account for as a lot was paid for in 2020.
 - ii. Similar to 3 years ago but will likely lose more money.
 - iii. Fate is tied to NERVA so we would have been hurting if COVID had shut them down another year.
 - d. Draft
 - i. Running supported friendship format again?
 - 1. Yes, effort to get stronger supervisory officials covered in NERVA report.
 - e. Appointments.
 - i. Same as last year but may transition some later in the year.
- 5. Old Business**
- a. Publicizing removal of gender touch rule.
 - i. Update our rules document to reflect.
 - b. Possible by-law proposals for board election changes
 - i. Tabled till later in the year.
 - c. College showcase idea proposal or discussion
 - i. Team memberships not an option.
 - ii. Idea for a lower entrance fee to try to get teams to play.
 - iii. Possible outreach to local college teams
- 6. Executive Session**
- a. Executive session was held.
- 7. New Business (after coming out of executive session)**
- a. Proposal made by Geoff and seconded by Miriam to add to tournament guidelines that payment must be made to referees within 21 days or the tournament director will be subject to disciplinary action. Proposal passed unanimously.

Key Future Dates

- Mohegan Sun Tourney December 16-18, 2022
- BCC February 24-26
- Yankee Picnic, June 11, 2023
- Yankee Board Meetings: Wednesday, October 19th; Tuesday, December 6th; Thursday, February 9th; Monday, April 10th