



## Yankee Board Meeting

4/25/2019, 7 PM

Lincoln Sudbury High School, Sudbury, MA

Board Attendees: Judy Katalnia, Casey Burnham, Jeffry Powell, Amy Grigg, John Kubilis, Geoff Tasca, Brianna Han, Mark Archibald, Sarah Dufault

Board Absences: None

Guests: Steve Simmons and Shelley Grambley

### **1. Approval of Prior Minutes**

- a. Prior minutes were approved on-line

### **2. Reports**

- a. Treasurer's Report (Mark) – Status quo
- b. Registrar's Report (Judy) - +100 members YoY, roughly 3,200 members total
- c. NERVA Report (Judy) – 39 teams schedule to go to Nationals this year. Turnout is slightly lower than previous year's due to the location (Columbus) and the frequency of B being on the weekdays.
- d. Rating's Report (Jeffry) – No major news on ratings. Judy shared feedback with Jeffry that having one head of both committees is going very smoothly.
- e. Social Media Report (Jeffry) – People like pictures.
- f. Web Editor Report (Jeffry) – Website updates are in progress and Olivia should have time over the summer to continue on these as needed. Google forms will be used for the upcoming election.
- g. GrassRoots Campaign Report (Jeffry) – Overall the scrambles have been good this year. The April scramble had 15 of 60 new players. The board discussed making sure being aware of what tournaments are competing with scrambles to make sure they fill.
- h. Tournament Director's Report (Mark) – Champs starts this weekend. Men's and Women's B are currently not full, but the Men's and Women's A/AAs are doing well (6 and 4 teams).

### **3. Online Business (discussed via email)**

- a. None

### **4. Old Business**

- a. Ratings Sheet Makeover – This has been delegated to Geoff Tasca and Crystal
- b. BCC Results / Success – Positive overall feedback from the BCC tournament. One area of possible growth will be on team selection process for next year. It was discussed on selecting captains for the non-USAV tournaments based on number of tournaments captained in the past year.
- c. Board Elections Update – Sarah, Krissy and Crystal are currently gathering nominations for the board
- d. Yankee Picnic Planning – Geoff Tasca is in charge of prizes for the Yankee picnic. The board will not need to borrow nets from BSSC this year as John has 16 nets and Yankee has purchased 10 nets as well. Board members are expected to help set-up nets. Currently, 90 teams are signed up of a possibly 140 teams. We estimate 350 people at the picnic. No prizes for the winners, consistent with last year.

- e. Transgender Policy – A transgender player played in a Yankee tournament earlier this month with no issues.
- 5. New Business**
- a. Steve Simmons
    - i. Men's and Women's Ratings for RCO
      - 1. The board discussed with Steve the pros/cons of having separate ratings for Mens and RCO tournaments. The current position of the board is that the amount of work to have 3,000 additional ratings isn't worth it for the limited number of people this would influence. The ratings committee encourages people to use the write up sheets at tournaments if they feel someone is mis-rated.
    - ii. Yankee and Beach/Grass Volleyball during the Summer months
      - 1. Steve asked if Yankee was currently planning on running any beach/grass tournaments in the summer months to which we are not. Steve was possibly interested in partnering with NERVA/Yankee to run a summer series. As a next step, Steve will reach out to Dave/Judy with a possible proposal.
  - b. Yankee Sponsored Tournaments (John)
    - i. There was discussion are possibly limiting Yankee Sponsored tournaments to only run C-, RCO B, and AA events. This was not motioned on as discussion was brought up that these tournaments are often used to teach new TDs how to run tournaments and is in progression to the NERVA system where TDs are not responsible for getting their own gym.
  - c. Yankee vs. USAV Tournaments
    - i. All Yankee run tournaments (barring regionals) should use Yankee rules. It doesn't matter if we use 'USAV ratings'. We already use Yankee uniform rules for everything, we should just use ALL the rules that make playing easier. For example, at a USAV Mens B, you could play with a ghost or with a female (the ghost rule is the most important here).
    - ii. John will make a rule change proposal for online discussion.
  - d. RCO B+ Tournaments
    - i. It was discussed that the feedback at this tournament for BCC was very positive and there seems to be an appetite for more of these, possibly 3-4 per year (Fall, BCC, Champs, 1 more?)
- 6. Executive Session**
- a. Executive session was held

### Key Future Dates

- Nationals: May 24<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup> (Columbus, OH)
  - A/AA: Fri/Sat/Sun
  - B/BB: Mon/Tue/Wed
- Yankee Picnic: Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>