



## Yankee Board Meeting

05/13/2024, 7:00 PM

Embassy Suites, Marlborough

Board Members Attending: Jeffry, Judy, Geoffrey, Mark, Miriam,  
Nick, Amy, John

Board Member Absences: Lauren

Guests: Dave Peixoto, Brendan Lounsbury, Pedro Vendramini,  
Maria Silva, Dana Grandoni, Eric Bozoian

### **1. Pedro Vendramini will speak to the board**

- a. Pedro spoke to the board about several situations he has faced in Yankee where he has felt targeted or treated with a double standard.
- b. Since names were mentioned most of this statement was moved to executive session.

### **2. Reports**

- a. Registrar's Report (Jeffry)
  - i. 20% growth over last year.
  - ii. 36% of membership with ratings was new this year.
  - iii. There was more growth in the female membership than the male membership.
- b. NERVA Report (Dave)
  - i. Juniors will have at least 14 events next season.
  - ii. Aces Wild resulted in over a \$50,000 loss for NERVA with a lot of the cost being the requirement to use union to set up the courts. Should make an effort to lower this loss where we can.
  - iii. Adults will not be at the Boston Festival (BCEC) but rather the Liberty Challenge in April next season.
  - iv. NERVA has 3 weekends reserved at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center through 2040.
  - v. There will be no set up for RI Rampage but tear down will be needed.
- c. Ratings Report (Jeffry)
  - i. Well covered at all Champs tournaments. Not many new players in Champs this year.
- d. Social Media Report (Amy)
  - i. As of 5/13/24 Facebook followers is 4087 and Instagram followers at 1911.
  - ii. Since November Facebook followers +412, Instagram followers +269
  - iii. Most popular posts on Facebook were NBA Legend Tim Duncan watching the RCO C+ at BCEC and the post BCEC uprate list.
  - iv. Most popular posts on Instagram were Marcela Bolanos as a line judge at BCEC and the stories are most successful for sharing and interaction.
  - v. BCEC sign-up and entrance process was well broadcasted and people listened so that was a success.
  - vi. Amy will not be at Nationals so looking for photos/video from players that are going.
  - vii. Will be putting out some PSAs regarding refereeing responsibilities.
  - viii. Will be sending an email with instructions regarding voting in the board election.
  - ix. Yankee picnic save the date has been posted, will post a reminder for sign-ups.
- e. Web Editor Report (Jeffry)
  - i. Using Election Buddy for the election, auto-generates a custom code for everyone.
  - ii. Web site has been updated to Expression Engine 7.5
  - iii. Still need to import manually from Sports Engine as of now.
  - iv. Will have to run incremental updates.
  - v. Brendan will find time to huddle with Amy and figure pictures and get her an account on the back end.
- f. GrassRoots Campaign Report (Jeffry)
  - i. There were 11 scrambles at 5 locations this season.
  - ii. 188 (6.3% of membership) joined in scrambles this year.
- g. Tournament Director's Report (Mark)
  - i. Champs is filling well for the most part.
  - ii. BCEC lottery went well, brief talk of possible requirements for playing in Champs tournaments.

### **3. New Business**

- a. Elections
  - i. Election buddy is being used and emails will be sent out.
  - ii. Steve Simmons is running for an at large position.
- b. Yankee Picnic
  - i. Miriam, Nick, Lauren and John will not be at the picnic.
  - ii. John has 28 nets in good condition and Nick has 7 if needed.
  - iii. Geoff is in charge of acquiring raffle prizes (\$1300 budget) and Geoff & Crystal will handle check in and raffle prize set-up.
  - iv. Elks will not let us supply soda or juices. We can supply water and Gatorade.
  - v. Judy will have buckets and raffle tickets.
  - vi. Parking will be at the school, Judy will supply a list of those who can drive up to and park at the concourse.
- c. Lack of referees, possibility of more player training
  - i. Player behavior tends to degrade throughout the year without officials.
  - ii. Rulebooks are no longer at tournaments.
  - iii. May need to discuss requiring some sort of training at some point since friendship tournaments are likely to remain the norm except at Champs and convention center tournaments.
  - iv. Tournament directors need to do a better job serving as “head official” and monitoring player behavior.
- d. Discussion of female players in men’s tournaments at B- and higher levels
  - i. A motion is made and seconded that Female players will count at their rating for all men’s tournaments going forward. Motion passes 7 (Jeffrey, Judy, Nick, Miriam, Amy, Mark, Geoff) to 2 (John, Lauren)
- e. Nationals discussion/planning
  - i. 36 teams registered as of meeting from New England.

### **4. Executive Session will be held**

- a. Meeting was closed and executive session was held.

### **Key Future Dates**

**USAV Open Nationals May 24-29 Columbus, OH**

**2024 Picnic June 16th**