



Yankee Board Meeting

08/14/2024, 7:00 PM

Embassy Suites, Marlborough

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

Board Member Absences: John

Guests: Dave Peixoto

1. Approval of Prior Minutes

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

2. Reports

- a. Registrar's Report (Jeffry)
 - i. Registration is open, growth last year was huge with members with ratings up 20% from the previous year.
- b. NERVA Report (Dave)
 - i. Dave is on the board running the search committee for a new CEO of USAV. They have narrowed the search from 150 to 9 with a goal to have the new hire in place by October 1st.
 - ii. 40 regions will be meeting in Boston in October with about 10 Regional Commissioners staying for a second weekend. NERVA's first time hosting.
 - iii. Region is seen as a role model for other regions and will have questions about how we run adults in this region.
 - iv. Paralympics is starting up with the women's team featuring a lot of the women who have played at BCEC in the past. Amy will make a post to promote this.
 - v. For Boston this year adults will be at the Liberty Challenge but we will not have Friday available.
 - vi. For Rhode Island Rampage there will be no set-up needed, just tear down for the adult event. Players party will be held at Dave & Buster's. There will be a hotel block for Yankee players for the event in Providence, 50 rooms each at two locations.
 - vii. Goal is to move the December event back to Mohegan in 2026 and forward.
 - viii. There is a meeting on Friday to determine the fate of Providence tournaments in the future for Juniors.
- c. Ratings Report (Jeffry)
 - i. Will likely add and drop some raters from the committees once season starts and we can see who is playing what.
- d. Social Media Report (Amy)
 - i. The end of season updates list had high interaction.
 - ii. Social media inquiries still coming in steadily during off-season.
 - iii. Will post a video to celebrate the season kicking off
 - iv. Steve volunteered to assist Amy as needed with social media this season.
- e. Web Editor Report (Jeffry)
 - i. New website moving forward, able to upgrade to the new version of Expression Engine.
 - ii. Need back up file from Peluche.
 - iii. When the site is fully transferred it will look almost exactly the same to start.
 - iv. Yankee should start compiling new photos for the site.
 - v. How far we want to keep stored Yankee tournament results needs to be determined as that takes a lot of storage.
- f. GrassRoots Campaign Report (Jeffry)
 - i. Scrambles will run once a month from October through January for the fall schedule.
 - ii. CT and Maine both may potentially add a scramble.
 - iii. Dave and Judy will discuss possible incentives for non-Massachusetts scrambles.

- g. Tournament Coordinator's Report (Mark)
 - i. Fall draft starts Monday, August 19th.
 - ii. Yankee has 7 returning tournament directors (TDs), 2 new TDs and 1 who may be joining as a TD.
 - iii. Zachary Dalton is running Kittery, Maine so will participate in the draft for that location given proximity to Haverhill. Further out Maine and CT tournaments do not participate due to their different player base.
 - iv. Rhode Island Rampage will not be open for sign-ups upon posting the schedule but will open likely early October. Plan is to do the lottery system we used for BCEC last year with the same rules.
 - v. Possible that we will be able to use Sportwrench for schedule and scoring for convention center tournaments.

3. New Business

- a. NERVA/Yankee relationship (typically explained with a new board)
 - i. Judy explained the relationship to Steve at the start of meeting while we were waiting for others to arrive since rest of board are returning members.
- b. Status of draft/tournaments for fall session
 - i. Covered in Tournament Coordinator (TC) report.
- c. Providence tournament planning/summary
 - i. Covered in NERVA/TC reports.
- d. BCEC schedule for this year
 - i. Adults at Liberty Challenge in April.

4. Old Business

- a. Lack of referees, improving player ref training
 - i. Hoping to have certified referees for RI Rampage and Liberty Challenge, should have referees for Champs.
 - ii. Lots of new referees in the system but most will not want to ref adults.
 - iii. TDs should be serving more as a supervising official at friendship tournaments and be available to handle situations that may come up.
 - iv. Captains meetings should still happen at friendship tournaments.
- b. Nationals mappings/discussion
 - i. Denver will still be two sessions after discussion of possibly going to one long weekend session.
 - ii. Our region will continue with no mapping restrictions at this time.

5. Executive Session will be held

Key Future Dates

Yankee Scrambles – October 12th, November 10th, December 1st, January 12th

RI Rampage – December 27th-29th

Liberty Challenge (Boston event that will have adult tournaments this year) – April 12th & 13th

USAV Open Nationals Denver, CO – May 23rd-28th

2025 Picnic – Saturday, June 14th

Board Meetings – October 15th, December 9th, February 12th, March 27th