

## GEVA Adult Competition Committee Meeting

### Minutes

August 3, 2011

Marriott Courtyard, Tarrytown

Present: Rony Gilot, Lauren Schmidt, Marina Ciotti, George Fetz, Phil Wagenblast, Tim Countryman. Brett Killman was represented by proxy by Rony Gilot. Joanne Stoy and Anthony Rosania were represented by proxy by Tim Countryman.

Meeting began at 6:11pm, George Fetz chaired the meeting.

- George reviewed meeting attendance requirements: 3 meetings must be held annually. One prior to season, one prior to regionals, one following regionals. Meetings cannot be done by e-mail. Meetings may be done by phone, and voting maybe done by e-mail.
- GEVA Executive board decided that the individual membership fee would be raised by \$10. In order to defer that cost team registration fees would be dropped.

**Review of survey results:** The survey designed for adult players only, received 160 responses which represents about a 10% overall membership response. Phil confirmed the membership at approximately 1600 people. Tim determined the 10% response to be good. Marina felt the survey was well done.

Question 1 Requests name

Question 2 What team did you play for? 160 answered

Question 3 Team Representative Response 24.5% Players 75.5 %

Question 4 Team Level Men A/AA 10.7% Women A/AA 5.7% Men BB 23.3%  
Women BB 19.5% Men B 18.9% Women B 22.0%

Question 5 On Line Payment Yes 79.5% No 9.3% N/A 11.3%

- In process of setting up payment on line for tournament entries.

Question 6 Borrowing Rule Yes 55.9% No 4.9% N/A 41.1%

- Recommend unlimited borrowing of players who must be registered on a team. Team representative must show borrowed players membership card and list name and number on roster.
  - There was much discussion regarding the borrowing rule. Last year borrowing up to three players were allowed.
- George recommended not worrying about the number of players borrowed – too difficult to police. Many registered as singles.
  - Rony: the registration process was too difficult. He said in New England players are rated and dumped into a pool. Every weekend you would play with different players.
- George recommended that you must be on a team.
  - Rony disagreed, said it takes too long. It's easier to register as a player than as an official.
  - Tim comments that USA system is not fully developed.
  - Lauren: in A-AA it doesn't matter.
  - Marina questioned the integrity of a team with 3 players constantly changing.
- George: the biggest problem was BB who should be A or higher. He would like everyone to use the forum so teams can pick up players.
  - Rony questioned whether the technical resources were available now.
- George: the recourses are there.
  - Marina added to scroll down on the page.
  - The question was raised "How do you get a team to register at their appropriate level?"
- George proposed, and the committee agreed, to separating the Divisions by A, AA and the strongest BB making up Division I.
  - Rony asked "How valid is the ranking if you can borrow players from A?"
  - He also said that Jersey teams won't travel to Queens (or outside of Jersey) unless it's at the regional level.
  - Lauren confirmed that unlimited borrowing was OK'd for A-AA.

- George said he overscheduled last year. This year he will base the schedule on last year's actual number of played games.
  - Everyone agreed that the region is highly placed nationally – as high as three to five i.e. the caliber of play is very good.

Question 7 Drop money prize instead of higher fees Yes 71,5% no @8.5%

- GEVA members' majority vote to drop prize instead of higher entry fee
- Recommend: Last year's fee of \$160.00 with a \$180.00 fee for late entry Due date to be determined. Recommend the Sunday prior to the tournament. Late fee applied from Monday on.
- George recommended that the entry fee increase to \$180 the Monday of the tournament week. Paying on line will correct collection issues.
  - The committee agreed to this.
  - The timing of registration was questioned: what if an 11<sup>th</sup> team registers at the same point as the 10<sup>th</sup> team? Who will be accepted? Can an 11<sup>th</sup> team be accepted? The answer was no, it's a facilities issue. Should there be a waiting list for the overflow?
- George said he would get back to the committee because he will know by September if the online registration system works.

Question 8 Start friendship season Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. 47.0% Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> 30, 5% Nov 1<sup>st</sup> ` 22.5%

- Friendship Co Ed tournaments to start as early as September after a survey as to how many players would play. Survey to start tournaments in September-October-November Sanctioned tournaments to start December 1<sup>st</sup>. What type play Co-Ed— Reverse Co ED-Recreation Possible Regional Championship with special rules
- George will put out another survey for co-ed. May start them as early as September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Question 9 Sanctioned season length Dec.1st to middle of April Yes 88.7% No 11.3

- Recommend same season

Question 10 Successful A/BB Tournaments Yes 37.1% No 8.6% N/A 54.3%

- A new system for tournament levels calling them open-B/BB or Division 1-Divison 2

Question 11 Approve A/BB next year Yes 48.3% no 8.6% N/A 43%

- Depending what is decided in Question 10

Question 12 Successful B/BB Tournaments Yes 46.4% No 17.9% N/A 35.8%

- Depending what is decided in Question 10

Question 13 Approve B/BB next year Yes 56.3% no 15.2% N/A 28,5%

- Depending what is decided in Question 10
- George commented that questions 10-13 might run on two levels.

Question 14 Play other leagues weekends outside GEVA Yes 48.7% No 51.3%

Question 15 Where you played

Question 16 Should GEVA to run Co Ed Tournaments during GEVA season Yes 50% No 24% N/A 26%

- GEVA will run Co Ed tournaments based on the survey
- George: questions 14-16 running leagues during the week outside of GEVA – not this year.

Question 17 Should GEVA pursue recreation type leagues weeknights Yes 52.7% NO 25.3% N/A 22.0%

- Need to look into the possibility

Question 18 What type of leagues Men's league 57.3% Women's league 55.1% Co-Ed league 69.7%

- Need to look into the possibility

### **Agenda Item 1**

1. 3.4.1 All Board members shall be a regular member in good standing of the Region for a period of one year and a USAV member for three years prior to their election. They must maintain their membership during their term of office.

- Discussion opened on Anthony Rosania, committee member has not responded to emails, registered on April 1, 2011 when he should have registered on September 1, 2010, and did not meet requirements of eligibility by missing meetings. Should this person be replaced? The committee

referenced the bylaws and Tim confirmed that this person could be removed for missing two consecutive meetings. The committee agreed to have a conversation with him to let him know that there is someone else interested in taking over his position and being active with the committee. The hope is that he would realize he has not participated and therefore agree to give up his post willingly.

## **Agenda Item 2**

### 2. Complaint from Rambod Jamshidian

- Committee members had been given copies of letters regarding the complaint from Rambod Jamshidian. After much discussion it was decided that Rambod had previously received an apology and nothing more could be done at this time.

## **Agenda Item 4**

College Club Teams playing in GEVA Tournaments. Possible GEVA College Club Championship.

- Phil: our registrar, is working on this.

## **Agenda Item 5**

All players must provide a picture Driver License when requested.

- If they do not drive then they can provide a GEVA approved picture ID

## **Agenda Item 6**

2012 Adult Player Handbook revisions

- Committee members to work on this at a later date.

## **Agenda Item 7**

Procedure needed for players listing their name on the website that they are available when their team is not playing.

- Not addressed at meeting

### **Agenda Item 8**

Player Recreation fees- Co Ed-fees

- Not addressed at meeting.
- George had a suggestion for teams who win Nationals: The Region would pay their entry fee for the next year. (No carry over if they do not participate the next year). This is to recognize their accomplishments and encourage them to play next year.

Discussion:

- Marina agreed they should be recognized.
- Rony: "What about the money? Can we afford it?"
- George: Executive committee will have to look at the cost.
  - Rony: "How many teams are we talking about?"
  - Phil: will research the number of teams.
  - Rony: "What if they change their classification the next year?"
- George: they would have to keep the same classification.
  - Marina: "No reward in the year they win?" She would like to see them get something.
  - No final decision was made.

Meeting adjourned 7:24pm

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne LePore

