

## GEVA Executive Council Meeting – 9/15/11

Phil Wagenblast, Commissioner  
Joel Stanford, Junior Competition Director  
George Fetz, Adult Competition Director  
Tim Countryman, Officials Chair  
Stefanie Carrington, Registrar  
Start Time: 9:35am  
End Time: 1:40pm

### 1. Border Lines

South Jersey VBC unwilling to register in GEVA. Marlton is the same situation. USAV stance is that if they have a legitimate address in Keystone, they may register there. This contradicts the decision regarding CT Impact and their membership in GEVA/NERVA.

-Phil will talk to Susan Barkley to get a definitive decision from USAV. Whatever the decision is, we will follow that decision on a consistent basis (all borders).

### 2. Attorney

Potential of contacting an attorney to have someone available to answer legal questions on a per case basis.

-Joel going to contact someone

### 3. Stipends & Minutes

Stipends are currently up to date except for Education Director and Webmaster. Potential of a raise for webmaster; would like to see his responsibilities expand.

-Stefanie Carrington will do minutes for meetings from here forward.

### 4. Adult Tournaments

Website is pretty much ready to start posting adult tournament dates. We are going to move to online payments on [geva.org](http://geva.org). Still need to use [reg.geva.org](http://reg.geva.org) for tracking of results.

-George needs to provide Joel with the list of fields he wants to require for tournament entry. Also send dates/locations for next couple tournaments.

### 5. Adult Rosters

Will we have adult rosters this year? A/AA & Mens B– any 6 players can play. Womens B/BB, Mens BB – same rule as last year (borrow 3 players, 1 up and 2 at the same level).

-George needs to come up with a written policy regarding rosters/borrowing rules and run it by adult committee.

### 6. Registration Fees

\$55 Registration Fee for adults (\$15 increase from last year). No team fees this year. Previous meeting minutes showed a discrepancy between the fee for Adult Coach and Adult Player.

#### 7. Junior Scorekeeper Pins

We are attempting to come up with a gift for juniors who are certified as scorekeepers.

-Tim will look into other ideas.

#### 8. GEVA Pin

Would we get them? Who would be responsible? Would we sell, exchange, trade, etc?

-Tim is going to look into it.

Along the same lines, there is some interest in other GEVA gear (shirts, fleeces, etc).

May be a source of some money but would need someone to take charge of ordering, fulfillment, etc.

#### 9. Logo

Joel proposes that we put something on the website to encourage individuals to submit a new GEVA logo. Potentially run it as a contest and offer something to the individual who designs the submission we choose.

-Reasonable prizes? Possibilities: Winner gets \$200 + a fleece, 3 Runners Up get a Fleece.

#### 10. Quickbooks

Joel proposes that Quickbooks be moved to an online system. As it stands now, Quickbooks is a one-time cost and can only be run on one computer. The online version is subscription based (~\$30 a month) and we can control who has access to it (can be multiple people).

-Approved; Joel will handle the logistics to make the switch and we will discuss access at the next meeting.

-Along those same lines, Joel would like to have checks to handle some of the juniors payments.

-Need to order new checks and deposit slips.

Do we want to include a \$2,500 limit on checks with one signature? This would help the appearance of oversight on the books.

-Decided that it is better to leave as is because the appearance of oversight does not outweigh the trouble signers would have to go to.

#### 11. Division of Expenses

How are shared expenses (eg. Officials Chair stipend) delineated?

-Joel and Phil will look at it when they meet to go over Quickbooks

#### 12. Referee Pay

With the elimination of team fees, individual registrations went up. This affects officials as well. Tim proposes that we increase tournament payments for fully certified officials.

-Approved; Going to raise certified officials fees \$5.

#### 13. Secretary/Treasurer

Within the next year, look into hiring someone to fill this position. Would need to look into where the stipend would come from, finding someone to fill the position.

#### 14. Availability of Commissioner

Suggestions: set office hours of availability, set aside hours to return calls, emails, etc. Do we want to hire someone to have office hours to answer calls? Due to hours, this position would become an employee.

-Joel going to look into establishing an employee and bring it up again next month. Looking at 15-20 hrs, ~\$10 an hour.

#### 15. Powerzone

Requesting pre-payment or deposit of court fees because he was unhappy about the lack of response.

-GEVA is not going to pre-pay court fees.

#### 16. Online Tournament Entries

Once tournaments are full online, any additional entries go to a waiting list. Teams on the waiting list have not paid but TD will be able to see those additional interested teams.

-Would like to add the option that teams can see who is registered.

#### 17. Regional Championship

2012: Easter is 4/8. Would like to do adult regionals on 4/21-4/22.

#### 18. National Articles

Not all adults have been paid yet. Next year, articles should go to Adult and Junior Directors, respectively (not to Commissioner).

Date needs to be changed to August 1 for next year.

#### 19. Junior Girls National Entry Fees

National Entry Fees ONLY go to the team that wins the Regional Championship (or, if they decline, it goes to the next highest finishing team that accepts the bid).

#### 20. Coed and Reverse Coed Rules

Rules need to be posted on the website. Allow men to hit out of the back row with no restrictions.

#### 21. Rules (Pursuit and Libero)

Current GEVA rules prohibit pursuit. Would like to change wording to indicate that our rules are what the USA Volleyball Handbook specifies unless we specifically decide something different.

-Approved that we will follow the rulebook. Point out specifically that pursuit is acceptable if the environment allows it.

-USAV still prohibits a libero serving; Joel will bring it up at the club director's meetings this weekend before making a decision on the rule for this season.

#### 22. Rulebooks

They should be available now but need to be ordered. How many do we want to order?

### 23. Arbiter for Outside Assignments

Is Arbiter getting cluttered due to outside assignments being added? From a fiscal standpoint, we should not do something that costs us money and doesn't relate to our organization. From an appearances standpoint, we shouldn't do something that not everyone can do. Helps Tim & George get their jobs done and helps officials.

-Something to think more on

### 24. Anthony Rosania

Currently on the board but has not attended the last 2 meetings and does not respond to messages.

-Should be taken off the board if we have someone to replace him.

### 25. Comprehensive Schedules

Make sure Junior Director and Assigner communicate on dates and locations for all tournaments.

### 26. Operating Code

Code hasn't been updated since ~2007. Should we post it to the website as a 'work in progress' looking for feedback?

-Could start looking it over and make sure it doesn't have any pieces that are completely incorrect or old. Then, post to website for feedback.