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**CBVA Board Meeting  
September 20, 2009  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Amigos School  
100 Putnam Avenue  
Cambridge, MA 02139**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The following members were in attendance:

- Ryan Brady
- Adrian Defante
- Joe Diehl
- Al Forbes
- David Gillum
- Mike Gonyeau
- Robert Martinez
- Paul Ralifo
- Elizabeth Ross
- Chris Thomas

The following member was unable to attend the meeting:

- Dan McCabe
- Luis Mejias

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

Committee Member Gonyeau made a motion to adopt the minutes from the August 24, 2009 meeting. Committee Member Defante seconded the motion. Deputy Commissioner Ross had two minor corrections for the minutes. There was no other discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

### ***Votes from Last Meeting***

1. Approved funds for beginning of the year pizza party.
2. Approved appointment of Adrian Defante as Intermediate Board Member (replacing David Doan).
3. Approved appointment of David Gillum as Information Officer.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Treasurer Diehl provided an update regarding the BBC Tournament held on September 12-13, 2009:

- The financial report for the BBC is being developed and will be provided to the Board by Treasurer Diehl by the end of September.
- The BBC Committee chairs will make a proposal for the amount of donation to the Cambridge Ridge and Latin School scholarship fund and recommend how much will go to the seed fund for next tournament.

Treasurer Diehl also provided a financial report for the league:

- Verified with IRS that we can submit as tax-exempt entity. Treasurer Diehl will submit taxes by October 15.
- Informed the Board that we need to get new EIN (old one is no longer valid). Treasurer Diehl said that he would begin the process of closing the Citizens Bank Account and open a new one with the new EIN. Information Officer Gillum said that the PayPal account needs to be associated with the new bank accounts.
- Treasurer Diehl informed the Board that he would distribute the revised CBVA budget by e-mail.

Committee Member Forbes had a concern that the Social Committee budget was significantly impacted in the new CBVA budget. Deputy Commissioner Ross indicated that this had previously been addressed in an e-mail to the membership from the commissioner. Commissioner Brady said that the Board should look at ways to maintain the Social Committee but may need more creative finance.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Information Officer Gillum provided the following updates:

- The Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner have agreed to help with responding to inquiries to [secretary@cbvolleyball.net](mailto:secretary@cbvolleyball.net).
- Will continue to send out the CBVA newsletter, but will have short turn around times for review in general.
- Considering revising the CBVA web site. The Board agreed that this would not require vote of approval.

## **BEANTOWN CLASSIC/TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

Committee Member Martinez provided the following updates:

- Feedback from school coordinator (Donna) was very positive and is pleased with tournament and is open to hosting tournament again next year.
- Indicated that he would write up a summary of lessons learned for next year.
- Invited volunteers to come to a party on September 26<sup>th</sup> at Robert's.

Committee Member Martinez recommended having the following mini-tournaments during the 2010 season:

- Advanced Mini-Tournament: Sunday before New York tournament
- Recreational Mini-Tournament: Sunday of New York tournament
- Will put in a proposal for dates for a second Advanced/Intermediate Mini-Tournament (possibly December).

Committee Member Gonyeau sent out survey to BBCT participants. He told the group that he received a very strong positive response from respondents about the tournament overall, including:

- Communication was good.
- Gym was good.
- Comments were around pool play Saturday – very positive.
- Tournament run smoothly.
- Slightly lower response about Machine and Boat Cruise event.
- Improvement areas: boat cruise was too long. Little disorganized on Sunday.
- Survey will remain open for another week.

Recommendation for BBCT next year that BBC hire a photographer for flat fee and CBVA will retain rights to photographs.

### **VOLLEYBALL LOGISTICS COMMITTEE**

Committee Member Ralifo provided an update for the Volleyball Logistics Committee:

- **Clinics** – First clinic will be November 8 and there will be 3 clinics in the 2010 season. The clinics will be held during the Advanced Division. Announce beginning next week. Discussed possibly having a referee clinic.
- **Equipment** - Current budget for indoor is \$1000, have now spent \$1037. Do not need to buy anything for outdoor next year. Request to use \$500 from outdoor budget for indoor equipment if needed.

### **RATINGS COMMITTEE**

Committee Member Gonyeau provided an update for the Ratings Committee:

- Ratings will be held during the first and second Sunday of October. Committee members will be raters. Will recruit/confirm committee members over next two weeks. Committee Members Ross, Thomas, and Martinez volunteered.
- Committee Member Gonyeau stated that he would review/revise the rating form and will review the rating policy.
- Committee Member Gonyeau said that they would look at training raters beforehand.

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

Committee Member Thomas provided an update for the Social Committee:

- The beginning of the Year party is today.
- Contacted Fritz regarding having the Holiday Party on Thursday, December 10th. No fee for food and venue. The event will be 7-9 pm and will have a cash bar. Committee Member Thomas made a motion to have the Holiday Party as described. Committee Defante seconded the motion. There was no other discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Race for the Tiara was discussed and a date of January 30<sup>th</sup> was recommended. The date was endorsed by Board and recommended the chair follow up with Machine. Committee Member Thomas indicated that he would get a fee schedule from Machine.
- BBCT events: The boat and catering companies were easy to work with. Will look at shorter trip for next year.

## **OUTDOOR PLAY**

- The Outdoor Committee stated that they need to find a place to store equipment for off-season.
- The Outdoor Committee was asked to develop a proposal regarding how to thank those who assisted with setting up the net, transporting equipment, etc. for outdoor play.
- There was discussion of a possible donation to Parks department. The group agreed that it should not be made.
- Recommendation that the Board needs to dedicate at least one meeting to discuss Outdoor Play for next year.

## **DECISION-MAKING PROCESS**

- The Board agreed that we should use an electronic voting tool if possible.
- There were question regarding what is needed for the board's attention and what doesn't:

Agreements:

- Each event/activity needs to come to board with associated budget. Once budget approved, board member or committee is authorized to act.
- Contracts – in policy needs to come back Commissioner Brady for signature (no one can authorize contracts except Commission per policy).
- Each committee chair will send proposal to Deputy Commissioner Ross by next week with goals for year.

Committee Member Forbes provided the board with a summary of good practices for committees.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The Board meets every third Sunday of the month during the season.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Committee Member Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committee Member Gillum seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 P.M.

*These minutes were written by Elizabeth Ross, Deputy Commissioner  
and reviewed by David Gillum, CBVA Information Officer.*