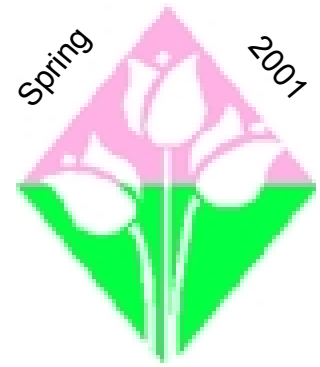


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B-AVP E-Group

by Joshua Wachs

The Boston Area Volleyball Players (B-AVP) email list was formed in order to discuss the Boston Area Volleyball scene, including but not limited to: places to play, area tournaments, local happenings, team formation, questions about reffing, as well as any other questions about local volleyball organizations. Recently it was move to Yahoo Groups to better facilitate management and customization.

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Championship & Qualifier Schedule

as reported by Judy Corwin

Mens AA - NERVA Regionals

April 21, 2001

Pine Manor College

Mainstream	Mosher Matthew
Shot Block/	
Supply Guys	Flynn David

Mens A- Championship

May 12, 2001

Kennedy Jr High School

ASC George	Williams George
Juice Guys	Bowman David
Juice Guys II	Bullock Darryl
Mainstream	Mosher Matthew
Old Guys	Rose Alan
Set Me 2	Robarts Mark
Set Me Boston	Capes Raymond

Mens B+ Championship

April 29, 2001

Pine Manor College

ASC George	Williams George
Eminent	McGoff Steve
Juice Guys	Bowman David
Juice Guys II	Bullock Darryl
Mainstream	Mosher Matthew
North Shore	Caten Evan
Shot Block/	
Supply Guys	Flynn David

Mens B Championship

April 14, 2001

West Newton Armory

ASC	Williams George
ASC Make	
Them Pay	Wright Ted
Bangers	McEntire Steve
Duende	Rose David
Eminent	McGoff Steve
Hit Me	Fai Dennis
Juice Guys	Bowman David
Kung Pow	Civitillo Jay
Mainstream	Mosher Matthew

North Shore

NVC

SDVC Dan

Shot Block/

Supply Guys

Caten Evan

Palmer Arthur

Nicholson Dan

Flynn David

Mens B- Championship

May 20, 2001

Straight Down Volleyball Club

Mens B- Qualifier

April 29, 2001

Endicott College

ASC Don	Cohen Don
ASC Make	
Them Pay	Wright Ted
Bangers	McEntire Steve
Big Johnsons	Bullock Darryl
DVC	McMorrow Sean
Hit Me Ben	Malenfant Linda
Juice Guys	Stone Ken
Kung Pow Chicken	Civitillo Jay
Mainstream	Mosher Matthew
North Shore	Nauman Stephen
SDVC Chuck	Mariolis Chuck
Sixpack	Santos Paul
Sixpack 2	Santos Paul
Spicy Tuna	Kim Chris
What are you doing???	Rose David

Mens B- Qualifier

May 13, 2001

Straight Down Volleyball Club

ASC Bill	Schustek Bill
Avengers	Oberhelman Chet
Clash	Jones Mark
Hit Me	Fai Dennis
Kobra Kai	Mitchell Stephen
Kung Pow Beef	Civitillo Jay
NVC 1	Palmer Arthur
NVC 2	Palmer Arthur
SDVC Dogs	Dean Jeff
Upper Cape	Gerlach William

Mens C+ Championship

May 6, 2001

Northmeadow Health Club

Mens C+ Qualifier

April 22, 2001

Lincoln-Sudbury High School

Above the Net	Jellis Jay
ASC Don 1	Cohen Don
ASC Make	
Them Pay	Wright Ted
Clash	Jones Mark
DVC	McMorrow Sean
High Point	Caley Jonathan
Loonie Toons	Bradford Paul
North Shore	Nauman Stephen
NVC 2	Palmer Arthur
SDVC AI	Morel AI
Sixpack	Santos Paul
Sixpack 2	Santos Paul
Sneaker Pimps	Rose David
Spicy Tuna	Kim Chris

Mens C+ Qualifier

April 28, 2001

West Newton Armory

5 Guys and a Girl	Tartarini Kimberly
ASC Bob	Benson Bob
ASC Don 2	Cohen Don
Avengers	Oberhelman Chet
Brew Crew	Brewer Stephen
Funky Bunch	Leach Mark
Kung Pow	Civitillo Jay
Minutemen 18s	Curty Jane
NVC 1	Palmer Arthur
NVC 3	Palmer Arthur
SDVC Dogs	Nereng Timm R
Shotblock	Willett Daniel
TOG	Price John
Upper Cape	Gerlach William

Mens C Championship

May 13, 2001

Lincoln-Sudbury High School

Mens C Qualifier

March 24, 2001

West Newton Armory

ASC Don 2	Cohen Don
ASC-Bob	Benson Bob
Avengers	Oberhelman Chet

Bulletproof	Belleville Don
DVC Beta	McHugh Tom
Funky Bunch	Leach Mark
Islanders	Garcia Ramon
Little Green	
Men	Ellsworth Matthew
Mad Dawgs Howl	Sweeney Tom
Mad Dawgs Woof	Sweeney Tom
Mental Block	Taylor Helen
NVC 1	Palmer Arthur
NVC 3	Palmer Arthur
SDVC	Gold Peck Steve
Team Socket	Houle Chris

Mens C Qualifier
April 29, 2001

University of New Hampshire

5 Guys and	
a Girl	Tartarini Kimberly
Above The Net	Jellis Jay
All for One	Gerstein Philip
ASC Don 1	Cohen Don
ASC-Pierre	Levasseur Pierre
DVC	McMorrow Sean
Loonie Toons	Bradford Paul
Mad Dawgs Bark	Sweeney Tom
NVC 2	Palmer Arthur
Safe Sets	Hopley Tamara
SDVC Black	Her Pe
Six Short Guys	Her Pe
Sixpack	Santos Paul
Spicy Tuna	Le Paul
Woo Hoo	Wu Eric

Mens C- Championship
April 21, 2001

West Newton Armory

ASC	Benson Bob
Bates Motel	Boyd Paul
DVC Beta	McHugh Tom
Framingham	
Outdoor	Cummings Kevin
Funky Bunch	Leach Mark
Loonie Toons	Bradford Paul
Loose Cannon	Hofeldt Robert
Mad Dawgs Howl	Sweeney Tom
Mad Dawgs Snarl	Sweeney Tom
Mad Dawgs Woof	Sweeney Tom
New SDVC	Ferlazzo Peter
NVC 1	Palmer Arthur
NVC 2	Palmer Arthur

NVC 3	Palmer Arthur
Woo Hoo	Wu Eric

Womens AA - NERVA Regionals
April 22, 2001

Pine Manor College

Metropolis	Goodwin Kim
Set Me	Delamater Beth
Set Me	
Shirley	Van Allen Shirley
Tool Time	Spencer Shannon

Womens B+ Championship
May 12, 2001

Straight Down Volleyball Club

Gargoyles	Wong Li Catherine
Metropolis Black	Kinsherb Karen
Metropolis Green	Goodwin Kim
Set Me	Delamater Beth
Set Me	
Shirley	Van Allen Shirley
Tool Time	Spencer Shannon
Whomp	Rose Pamela

Womens B Championship
April 28, 2001

Lincoln-Sudbury High School

Alize	McClung Bunny
Challengers	Williams Tammy
Gargoyles	Wong Li Catherine
I YAMS	Power Wendy
Janet's Team	Chin Janet
Mass	
Express	DesMaisons Patty
Metropolis	Fox Michelle
Primetime	Ashe Lynne
Set Me	Delamater Beth
Supplyguys	Smeltz Sabrina
Tool Time	Spencer Shannon

Womens B- Championship
April 14, 2001

Kennedy Jr. High School

Womens B- Qualifier
March 25, 2001

Endicott College

Challengers	Williams Tammy
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Dig These	Fain Barbara
Dig This	Rondeau Denise
I YAMS	Power Wendy
Not Too Short	Roemer Katie
Safe Sets	Woodman Jennifer
Supplyguys	Smeltz Sabrina
Team Kitty	Heroux Lise
Tool Time 2	Spencer Shannon

Womens B- Qualifier
April 7, 2001

Kennedy Jr. High School

Get Real	Maloney Kristine
Janet's Team	Chin Janet
Mass	
Express	DesMaisons Patty
MIT	Duke J Darcy
NVC	Palmer Arthur
Spiked Punch	Mamuska Beth
Tool Time 1	Spencer Shannon
Twizzlers	Golden Gina

Womens C+ Championship
May 20, 2001

Johnson & Wales University

Women's C+ Qualifier
March 31, 2001

West Newton Armory

Avengers	Oberhelman Debbie
Big Diggers	Finnigan Deborah
Challengers	
Suzette	Williams Tammy
Devils	Robert Donna
Dig This	Rondeau Denise
Hit Me	Malenfant Linda
Maura's Girls	Maher Maura
MIT	Duke J Darcy
NVC	Palmer Arthur
Safe Sets	Woodman Jennifer
Stray Cats	Riedl Ann
Team Kitty	Petit Lynne
Tool Time 2	Spencer Shannon
Twizzlers	Golden Gina

Women's C+ Qualifier
May 6, 2001

Straight Down Volleyball Club

Challengers	Williams Tammy
Dig These	Fain Barbara
Get Real	Maloney Kristine
Janet's Team	Chin Janet

Championships (cont)

Mass
Express DesMaisons Patty
Not Too Short Roemer Katie
Random Chicks Garland Kristin
Spiked Punch Mamuska Beth
Supplyguys Smeltz Sabrina
Tool Time 1 Spencer Shannon

Womens C Championship

April 29, 2001

Straight Down Volleyball Club

Womens C Qualifier

March 24, 2001

Kennedy Jr. High School

Avenger Oberhelman Debbie
Challengers Williams Tammy
Devils Robert Donna
Grunt McSherry Eileen
Hit Me Malenfant Linda
NVC Palmer Arthur
Spiked Punch Mamuska Beth
Stray Cats Meow Riedl Ann
Twizzlers Golden Gina
Upper Cape Gerlach William

Womens C Qualifier

April 8, 2001

Straight Down Volleyball Club

Big Diggers Finnigan Deborah
Brenda's Team Colton Brenda
Challengers
Suzette Williams Tammy
Dig This Rondeau Denise
Island Hoppers Egan Linda
PSS Gauthier Maryann
Stray Cats Bite Riedl Ann
Stray Cats Strut Riedl Ann
Team Quick Rhodes Caroline
Variety Pack Corwin Judy

Womens C- Championship

April 22, 2001

Straight Down Volleyball Club

Clueless Senerchia Dori
Hit Me Hairballs Malenfant Linda
Hit Me

Hairballs 2 Malenfant Linda
NVC Palmer Arthur
Safe Sets Hopley Tamara
Stray Cats 1 Riedl Ann
Stray Cats Meow Riedl Ann
Stray Cats Scratch Riedl Ann
Stray Cats Strut Riedl Ann
Variety Pak Corwin Judy

Coed B Championship

May 5, 2001

Lincoln-Sudbury High School

Advanced
Systems Hyde Jonathan
AI's Team Avestruz Al
ASC Don Cohen Don
Beths team Delamater Beth
Clash Jones Mark
D's Team Dales Natalie
Hit Me Fai Dennis
Mixed Nutz Curtis Chuck
Set Me Crandall Brett
UGH! Labbé Raymond
Xena & Friends Rose David

Coed B- Championship

April 8, 2001

Lincoln-Sudbury High School

AI's Team Avestruz Al
ASC Don Cohen Don
Avengers Oberhelman Chet
Clash Jones Mark
Devils Robert Donna
Granite Crew Burke Dawn
Hit Me Fai Dennis
Hotel Coral Essex Rose David
Kung Pow Kelsey Rebeca
NVC Palmer Arthur
NVC 2 Palmer Arthur
Sixpack Santos Paul
Toad-L Chaos Chapin Dawna
Upper Cape Gerlach William

Coed C+ Championship

May 12, 2001

Lincoln-Sudbury High School

Coed C+ Qualifier

April 1, 2001

Straight Down Volleyball Club

Avengers 2 Oberhelman Debbie
Bulletproof Belleville Don
Clash Jones Mark
Devils Robert Donna
Newports
Choice Ratcliff Catherine
NVC Palmer Arthur
RVC Reynolds Michael
Stray Cats 1 Riedl Ann
Toad-L Chaos Chapin Dawna
UGH! Labbé Raymond

Coed C+ Qualifier

April 21, 2001

Endicott College

Avengers Oberhelman Chet
Bowtie Rose David
Dig These Fain Barbara
Double Hits Walter Jennifer
Fractal Chaos Loyall Joseph
Granite Crew Burke Dawn
High Point Caley Jonathan
Hit Me Lien Diana
Hot Diggers DesMaisons Patty
Kung Pow Simon Scott
Six Underground Santee Ned
Sixpack Santos Paul
Stray Cats 2 Riedl Ann
Volleyholics Jones Lynn
Warriors Hastings Jack

Coed C Championship

May 5, 2001

Kennedy Jr. High School

Coed C Qualifier

April 14, 2001

Lincoln-Sudbury High School

All for One Gerstein Philip
Bazonkers Macrina Paul
Fractal Chaos Loyall Joseph
Grunt McSherry Eileen
High Spirits Burke Dawn
NVC 1 Palmer Arthur
Strat Cats 5 Riedl Ann
Stray Cats 2 Riedl Ann
Stray Cats 4 Riedl Ann
UGH! Labbé Raymond

Coed C Qualifier**April 7, 2001****Lincoln-Sudbury High School**

Avengers	Oberhelman Chet
Bulletproof	Belleville Don
Hit Me	Lien Diana
Hitting Bricks	Miller Jeannette
Mixed Nuts	Stieff Pauline
NVC 2	Palmer Arthur
Safe Sets	Hopley Tamara
Spiked Punch	Mamuska Beth
Stray Cats 1	Riedl Ann
Stray Cats 3	Riedl Ann
Stray Cats 6	Riedl Ann
Stray Cats 7	Riedl Ann
Volleyholics	Jones Lynn
Volleypalooza	Malenfant Linda

Coed C- Championship**May 19, 2001****Lincoln-Sudbury High School****Coed C- Qualifier****March 31, 2001****Straight Down Volleyball Club**

Avengers	Oberhelman Debbie
Bulletproof	Belleville Don
Framingham Outdoor 2	Cummings Kevin
NVC	Palmer Arthur
Stray Cats 1	Riedl Ann
Stray Cats 3	Riedl Ann
Stray Cats 5	Riedl Ann
Stray Cats 7	Riedl Ann
Woo Hoo	Wu Eric

Coed C- Qualifier**April 28, 2001****Straight Down Volleyball Club**

All for One	Gerstein Philip
Big Diggers	Miller Jeannette
Framingham Outdoor	Cummings Kevin
Mixed Nuts	Stieff Pauline
Orchard Beachers	Hofeldt Robert
Stray Cats 2	Riedl Ann
Stray Cats 4	Riedl Ann
Stray Cats 6	Riedl Ann
The Emersoms	Boyd Paul

Yankee Elections*by Paul Bradford*

The 2001 Yankee Elections have begun. Each member will receive a copy of the ballot in the newsletter, Volleyball New England. Ballots will also be distributed at Yankee qualifiers and championship tournaments. Members may also vote on the web at the site:

<http://www.ultranet.com/~yankee/vote01.html>

This web site will be available by the day of the first qualifier, March 24.

Members will vote for nine elected positions, and six proposed changes to the Yankee By-Laws.

There are ten candidates running for the five At-Large positions. The positions of President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary have only one candidate. Elected positions are for two years.

Voting ends May 20.

Yankee Board Meeting

The next Yankee Board meeting is at 6:30pm on Monday, April 23, 2001 at Jenn Nicoletti's house. Directions are posted on the Yankee Web site at <http://www.ultranet.com/~yankee/nextbord.html>. All Yankee members are welcome and encouraged to attend.



Election Ballot Questions

Bylaws Vote # 1:

Verbiage changes for Appointed Positions. This just tightens up the wording to make it clear that with the approval of the Executive Board, the President assigns people to positions created by the board rather than the President making the positions and also appointing people to them. It also clears up some ambiguity as to where the list of positions actually exists. One could be led to believe that the positions are defined in the "Schedule of Fees Addendum" rather than in the bylaws as they should be.

Change: "The appointed positions list below shall be assigned by the President."

To: "With the approval of the Executive Board, the President shall assign individuals to the appointed positions listed below and to any further appointed positions created by the Executive Board as it deems necessary."

Change: "The Executive Board may establish minimal compensation levels for each appointed position that is listed in the Schedule of Fees Addendum to this document."

To: "For each appointed position, the Executive Board may establish minimal compensation levels as listed in the Schedule of Fees Addendum to this document."

(Pertinent section with changes layered in.)

Article V: Executive Board

Section 3: Appointed Positions.

With the approval of the Executive Board, the President shall assign individuals to the appointed positions listed below and to any further appointed positions created by the Executive Board as it deems necessary. These positions in themselves do not carry voting privileges at Executive Board meetings, but they may be filled by elected board members. Individuals may hold more than one appointed position. Persons holding appointed positions shall report to the President and submit periodic reports at meetings of the Executive Board as directed by the President.

For each appointed position, the Executive Board may

establish minimal compensation levels as listed in the Schedule of Fees Addendum to this document.

Bylaws Vote # 2:

Term Start and End Dates for the Executive Board: Changing to note start/end dates of 7/1 through 6/30. Second sentence of this section contains the only change.

Change: "The term of all elected positions is two years."

To: "The term of all elected positions is two years commencing on July 1st and terminating on June 30th."

(Pertinent section with changes layered in.)

Article V: Executive Board

Section 2: Elected Positions

Elected positions are filled by vote of the membership. The term of all elected positions is two years commencing on July 1st and terminating on June 30th. Each elected position carries with it voting privileges (one vote) at meetings of the Executive Board. No individual shall be elected to more than one elected position. If an individual is temporarily appointed to hold a second elected position, in an "acting" capacity, that person shall not have a second vote on the Executive Board.

Bylaws Vote # 3:

How to handle a tie in vote for an Elected Position:

Adding new verbiage in order to handle an election tie. Basically adding a new point between current points 4 and 5. The new point 5 follows a similar procedure as is currently used when a spot is vacated in midterm.

It then goes on to specify how to handle a deadlock on the Executive Boards vote to break the election tie. Despite having an odd number of elected positions on the board, if there is a tie in the elections, a vote to decide that tie could end up deadlocked. As of today there is no codified way to handle this deadlock and this verbiage defines the procedure.

Change: See below. Point 5 below is completely new. The original point 5 has become point 6.

(Pertinent section with changes layered in.)

Article VI: Executive Board Elections

Section 2: Voting

The voting for Elected Positions shall be conducted as soon after the Annual Meeting as practical following these procedures:

1) The Executive Board shall appoint an Election Committee of three persons, none of whom are running for office, to supervise the distribution, collection and counting of ballots;

2) Ballots shall be distributed to all members by mail, which may be done by inclusion in or with the newsletter. Ballots may be returned via mail, FAX, e-mail, or through the Web Page. Each member may send in only one ballot per election. The Election Committee will validate each ballot via anonymous and unique identifiers.

3) Candidates for positions, which are contested, shall be entitled to include a brief statement with the ballots.

4) Only candidates nominated under the procedures of Section 1 will appear on the ballot and be eligible for election.

5) In the event of a tie in voting for an elected position, the tie will be broken by a majority vote of the newly elected Executive Board members. If this majority vote is also tied, the newly elected President of the Executive Board shall cast a tie-breaking vote. In the event that the President is unable to cast the tie-breaking vote, that authority will be given to the next available newly elected member of the Executive Board in this order of precedence: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the At-Large Representatives by the order of seniority of service in the At-Large Representative positions. If determination of the most senior At-Large Representative is deemed impossible, a random drawing will be employed to award the tie-breaking vote.

6) Any other procedures necessary shall be determined by the Election Committee.

Bylaws Vote # 4:

Changes to clarify that a person may indeed run for one or more elected positions: There is currently no bylaw that explicitly allows a candidate to run for more than one elected position at a time. Nor are there any stated procedures on how to determine the winners of an election if a candidate wins two or more races. This proposed bylaw would allow a candidate to run for more

than one position and would clarify how to determine the winner for each elected position.

Change: See below. This will become the next to last point in Article VI, Section 2, the specific number to be determined upon the result of the previous bylaw vote.

(Pertinent section with changes layered in.)

Add: *(Assuming Vote # 3 passes)* point 6 to Article VI, Section 2.

“6) If a candidate runs for multiple elected positions on the Executive Board, they will be allowed to fill only one position. The winner of each contested race will be decided in the following precedence: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and At-Large Representative. Once a candidate is declared a winner for an elected position, they will be removed from consideration for any other elected position.”

Bylaws Vote # 5:

Changes to allow members of the Executive Board to cast their vote on a particular issue after a meeting:

Currently there is no provision to allow a board member to cast their vote if they are unable to attend a board meeting. Nor can their vote be abstained to allow study of a particular issue for a few days before voting. This bylaw will ensure that all members of the board will be able to cast their vote on all issues brought before the board.

Change: See below. This will be appended to Article VII, Section 1.

“If members of the board are absent from a vote or otherwise abstain, any vote by the board will not be finalized for five business days if the uncast votes might cause the original vote to be overturned. Abstaining or absent members of the board shall present their vote to all other members of the board using a form of communication as agreed to by the board. After five days any uncast votes will be considered abstentions.”

(Pertinent section with changes layered in.)

Article VII: Executive Board Meetings

Section 1: The Executive Board shall meet as necessary to handle the business of the Association, but not less than four times per year. For voting purposes, a quorum

Ballot Questions (cont.)

shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Executive Board. If members of the board are absent from a vote or otherwise abstain, any vote by the board will not be finalized for five business days if the uncast votes might cause the original vote to be overturned. Abstaining or absent members of the board shall present their vote to all other members of the board using a form of communication as agreed to by the board. After five days any uncast votes will be considered abstentions.

Bylaws Vote # 6:

Change to clarify that a person may run for more than one elected position but can hold only one position: The board has interpreted an ambiguity in the bylaws in regards to allowing a member to run for multiple positions. This change will remove that ambiguity.

Change: “No individual shall be elected to more than one elected position. If an individual is temporarily appointed to hold a second elected position, in an “acting” capacity, that person shall not have a second vote on the Executive Board.”

To: “No individual shall hold more than one elected position with the exception of an individual being temporarily appointed to hold a second elected position in an “acting” capacity; that person shall not have a second vote on the Executive Board.”

(Pertinent section with changes layered in.)

Article V: Executive Board

Section 2: Elected Positions

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(Follows are the pertinent sections of the bylaws as they are today without any changes to them.)

Article V: Executive Board

Section 1: The governing and administrative body of the Yankee Volleyball Association shall be the Executive Board, consisting of the Elected Positions and Appointed Positions listed below. The Executive Board shall be responsible for conducting the business of the Association including but not limited to:

- 1) Voting on changes in the Rules and Policies of the Association;
- 2) Approving the annual budget and proposed expenditures;
- 3) Making decisions regarding any disciplinary problems that are brought up because of actions at a Yankee tournament or in the conduct of Association-related business;
- 4) Creating appointed positions and standing committees as necessary.

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Elected members of the Executive Board may be removed only by a 2/3 majority vote of the other elected members. Reason for removal could include consistent nonattendance at meetings, dereliction of duty or gross misconduct.

Any open position on the Executive Board shall be filled for the remainder of the term by a majority vote of the remaining members of the board.

(Remainder of Article V not included as it is strictly a list of all of the Elected & Appointed Positions and duties.)

Article VI: Executive Board Elections

Section 1: Nominations

Nominations for the Elected Positions on the Executive Board shall be made by one of the following procedures:

- 1) A Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Board to attempt to nominate at least one person for each Elected Position;

2) By written petition of at least ten members of the Association;

3) By open nomination from the floor at the Annual Meeting of the General Membership;

Nominations will be closed one week after the Annual Meeting.

Section 2: Voting

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3) Candidates for positions, which are contested, shall be entitled to include a brief statement with the ballots;

4) Only candidates nominated under the procedures of Section 1 will appear on the ballot and be eligible for election.

5) Any other procedures necessary shall be determined by the Election Committee.

Article VII: Executive Board Meetings

Section 1: The Executive Board shall meet as necessary to handle the business of the Association, but not less than four times per year. For voting purposes, a quorum shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the Executive Board.

Section 2: Regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be publicized and shall be open to all members of the Association to raise issues for the Board to consider, present reports, or to observe. Special meetings of the Board, to handle specific issues, may be held without written notice to the membership, if demanded by a majority of the voting members of the board.

Candidate Position Statements

from Ed Hiney

Candidate for At-Large Representative

Hello, I have been a *NERVA* member for a number of years now. I compete indoors as a member of the Bangers volleyball team as a middle hitter. I also compete outdoors doubles and fours, I have directed a number of volleyball tournaments and leagues for over 12 years. My primary role as an elected "at large" official will be to be escalate your concerns, suggestions and praises to the Yankee board and promptly report back to you as a paying member of this organization. What has prompted me to get involved is a number of reasons.

1) I believe any board appreciates constructive and possible proactive input from it's members.

2) Geographically speaking, I believe there is a need to establish a dialog, a voice per se, that accounts for the vast amount of members from Maine and Southern NH areas. I am confident most of you have played against the men's and the women's teams such as the Farm Animals, Team One or the Bangers for example.

3) I have some of my own ideas that can hopefully increase participation in membership and teams, the number of available referees, down refs and scorekeepers and the possible beginnings of the integration of all *Maine volleyball players* to become part of the Yankee organization.

4) and lastly we all have gripes and ideas, none of which is productive or justified unless we are willing to get involved or at the very least the correct avenues of escalation.

And I promise when I leave from office I won't pardon anyone questionable & I'll leave all the furniture there. :) See you on the court,

Ed Hiney

NE Region Classifieds

Clinic

On Saturday and Sunday, June 9-10, Olympic Gold Medalist and USC Head Men's Volleyball Coach, Pat Powers will conduct a volleyball clinic at Bridgewater State College in Bridgewater, MA. The coed clinic is for junior and adult players. This event is hosted by the Bridgewater State College Women's Volleyball program.

Included in the players clinic will be:

1. How and why to topspin a volleyball when passing
2. How to get more power when hitting.
3. How to time a set top the hitter's approach.
4. How to develop your peripheral vision when hitting.
5. How to make your float serve dance.
6. How to get into position on defense.
7. How to communicate on the court.
8. A three page handout outlining the secrets of the game.
9. Competition suited for each individual player.
10. Learn why you should broad jump into the set.
11. How to snap a ball instead of hitting it.
12. How to play the game three seconds into the future.

Unlike other clinics, this clinic is very technique oriented. Coach Powers has spent twenty years playing at the highest level and the last few years coaching. He has developed a program that enables both the junior and advanced player to learn in a comfortable non-intimidating environment.

Coach Powers' accomplishments:

- USC MEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACH
- ONLY ONE OF THREE PLAYERS IN WORLD WHO HAS WON AN INDOOR AND BEACH CHAMPIONSHIP!
- 1988 VOTED BEST BLOCKER AND SPIKER AVP TOUR
- 1986 CO-MVP WITH KARCH KIRALY
- 1986 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GOLD MEDALIST
- 1985 WORLD CUP GOLD MEDALIST
- 1984 OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALIST
- 1980 NCAA MEN'S VOLLEYBALL CHAMPION
- 1979 PAN-AMERICAN TEAM
- 1978 JUNIOR NATIONAL TEAM

Coach Powers assumed the Head Coaching position of the University of Southern California's Mens Volleyball program five years ago. Last season USC posted it's best record since 1991; finishing 14-0 at home USC's first unblemished home season since 1991 and its most home wins ever, 22-5 on the season, and ranked 3rd in national standings. USC captured a share of the Pacific

Division crown in the difficult Mountain Pacific Sports Federation by going 16-3 (its first league title since 1991). For two weeks near the end of the season, the Trojans were ranked No. 1 in the coaches poll (another first since 1991). Along the way USC twice beat a No. 1-ranked squad in 2000. The Trojans posted a dramatic five-game win at UCLA (which not only broke a 13-match losing streak to their crosstown rival, but was USC's first regulation-match win over the Bruins since 1991, its first victory in Pauley Pavilion since 1990 and its first win in the Kilgour Cup after seven losses). Then, USC ended its regular season with a four-game home victory over Long Beach State.

On Saturday evening after the player's clinic, Coach Powers will hold a special hour and a half coach's only bull session to talk about the following:

1. How to handle the difficult player
2. How to peak a team.
3. How to recruit.
4. How to coordinate your defense.
5. How to develop your offense.

For more information and sign-up, please visit the Pat Powers web site at:

<<http://www-rcf.usc.edu/~ppowers/>> click on the Clinics icon.

E-mail Coach Powers for preregistration at:
uscmvb@usc.edu <<mailto:uscmvb@usc.edu>>

For directions to the Kelly Gymnasium at Bridgewater State College, visit the BSC website at:

<<http://www.bridgew.edu/>> click on "WELCOME" then click on "Directions"

TEAMS ARE WELCOME!!!!!!!!!!

Coaching Position

Head Women's Volleyball Coach
 Simmons College
 part-time

responsibilities include all practice and game aspects of conducting a collegiate Division III program.

Contact: Ali Kantor, Athletic Director

fax resume to: 617-521-1038 or e-mail
Kantor@simmons.edu

Tournament Results

as compiled by Tom Sweeney

February 24-25

Mens USAV A/AA, Kennedy Jr. High School

Semis:
Wandas def Eminent
Set Me def PWD/RI

Finals:
Wandas def Set Me

Womens USAV A/AA, Pine Manor College

Semis:
Metropolis-Black def Set Me Shirley
Whomp def Metropolis-Green

Finals:
Metropolis-Black def Whomp

Womens B-, West Newton Armory

Semis:
Challengers def Safe Sets
Team Kitty def Twizzlers

Finals:
Challengers def Team Kitty

Womens C+, West Newton Armory

Semis:
BIG Diggers def Dig This

Finals:
BIG Diggers def Stray Cats Meow

February 17-18

Mens C+, Northmeadow Health Club

Semis:
Spicy Tuna def DVC

Finals:
Spicy Tuna def Upper Cape

Mens C, Saint Johns Gym

Semis:
Six Short Guys def SDVC
Pioneer Valley def Mad Dawgs

Finals:
Six Short Guys def Pioneer Valley

Womens C+, Northmeadow Health Club

Semis:
Twizzlers def Team Maura
Free Masons def Team Kitty

Finals:
Twizzlers def Free Masons

February 10-11

Mens USAV A/AA, West Newton Armory

Semis:
Wanda's Big Arm def Old Guys
Set Me 2 def Set Me 1

Finals:
Wanda's Big Arm def Set Me 2

Mens USAV BB, West Newton Armory

Semis:
Shorty's VBC def Bangers

Finals:
Shorty's VBC def Kung Pow

Mens C+, Lincoln-Sudbury High School

Semis:
DVC def Clash

Finals:
Too Short def DVC

Mens C, Orchard Hills Athletic Club

Semis:
Pioneer Valley def Mental Blocks

Finals:
Mad Dawgs def Pioneer Valley

Coed B, Waltham Athletic
Semis:
Kim Goodwin's team def Ugh

Finals:
Kim Goodwin's team def Arsenal

Street Chiropractic

Coed C, Lincoln-Sudbury High School
Semis:

Avengers def Volleyholics
Bulletproof def Grunt

Finals:
Avengers def Bulletproof

February 3-4

Mens USAV A/AA, Kennedy Jr. High School

Semis:
Set Me def PWD
RI def Wandas

Finals:
Set Me def RI

Mens C+, Lincoln-Sudbury High School

Semis:
Above the Net def Spicy Tuna
Brew Crew def DVC

Finals:
Above the Net def Brew Crew

Womens C+, BU

Semis:
Junkies def Dig These
Boston Freemasons def Twizzlers

Finals:
Junkies def Boston Freemasons

Womens C, Lincoln-Sudbury High School

Semis:
Big Sister def Dig This

Finals:
Big Sister def Variety Pak

Coed B-, Waltham Athletic

Semis:
Tooltime/Scooby Snax def Arsenal
Street Chiropractic - Buttman

Finals:
Hit Me def Tooltime/Scooby Snax

Results (cont.)

	Semis: Twizzlers def Dig These Junkies def Safe Sets	Club Semis: Twizzlers def Devils
January 27-28	Finals: Twizzlers def Junkies	Finals: Dig This def Twizzlers
Mens B+, Waltham Athletic Semis: Wanda's big Juice Guys def Newport ASC def Frozen Juice Guys	Womens C-, Saint Johns Gym Finals: Stray Cats Meow def Stray Cats Strut	January 13-14 Mens B+, SportsZone Indoor Sports Complex Finals: Juice Guys def Nantucket Nectar
Finals: Wanda's big Juice guys def ASC	January 20-21	
Mens B-, Kennedy Jr. High School Semis: Maine Stream def Too short Granite Guys def NVC/Bomb Squad	Mens B+, Kennedy Jr. High School Semis: Old Guys def Yazi PWD def Northshore	Mens C+, Johnson & Wales University Semis: Avengers def Providence Six Underground def Clash
Finals: Maine Stream def Granite Guys	Finals: Old Guys def PWD	Finals: Six Underground def Avengers
Mens C, Lincoln-Sudbury High School Quarters: Spicy Tuna def Islanders TOG def Mad Dawgs	Mens C-, Orchard Hills Athletic Club Semis: ASC def Mad Dawgs Woof	Womens B-, Johnson & Wales University Semis: IAMS def Newport's Choice
Semis: Team Won def TOG Spicy Tuna def Mental Block	Finals: ASC def Final Answer	Finals: IAMS def Tool Time
Finals: Spicy Tuna def Team Won	Womens B-, West Newton Armory Semis: Challengers def NOT Too Short Tool Time def Down to Earth	Coed C-, Saint Johns Gym Semis: Final Answer def Dawgs & Cats Bulletproof def Safe Sets
Womens USAV A/AA, West Newton Armory Semis: Whomp def Set Me Shirley	Finals: Challengers def Tool Time	Finals: Bulletproof def Final Answer
Finals: Whomp def Farm Animals	Womens C, West Newton Armory Semis: Challengers def BIG Diggers	Womens B+, Waltham Athletic Semis: SetMe def Prime Time
Womens USAV BB, West Newton Armory Semis: Yams def Mass Express	Finals: Variety Pak def Challengers	Finals: Farm Animals def SetMe
Finals: Yams def SAMO	Mens B-, Northmeadow Health Club Semis: Avengers def Sixpack Bangers def Big Johnsons	January 6-7 Mens USAV A/AA, MIT Quarter Finals Wanda's def Maine Stream Creole def Juice Guys
Womens C+, Northmeadow Health Club	Finals: Avengers def Bangers	
	Womens C+, Northmeadow Health	

Semis: PWD def Wanda's Big Arm Rhode Island def Creole	Worcester?	Tool Time def Barringers Dig These def Dig This 1
Finals: Rhode Island def PWD	Finals: Tool Time def Black Man in the Middle	Finals: Tool Time def Dig These
Mens USAV BB, MIT Quarter Finals Shorty's def Newport Shot Block #2 def SDVC	December 30-31 Coed C+, Lincoln-Sudbury High School Quarterfinals: Spike it def DMC Avengers def One Shot	December 9-10 Mens USAV A/AA, MIT Quarters Peligro def ASC PWD def Set Me I
Semis: Shot Block #1 def Shorty's Buff's Pub def Shot Block #2	Semis: Bowtie def Spike It Six Underground def Avengers	Semis Peligro def Atlanta Prolink Wanda's Big Arm def PWD
Finals: Buff's Pub def Shot Block #1	Finals: Canceled due to snow	Finals: Peligro def Wanda's Big Arm
Mens C, Holy Cross Semis: Team Socket def UTN	December 16-17 Coed B, West Newton Armory Semis: IWYS def Hit Me	Mens USAV BB, MIT Quarters: Juice Guys def Shot Block ASC def SDVC
Finals: Team Socket def SDVC	Finals: IWYS def ASC	Semis: Juice Guys def Nantucket Nectars NorthShore def ASC (aka Dangling Chads)
Womens USAV A/AA, MIT Semis: Whomp def Set Me Farm Animals def Metropolis	Coed C+, West Newton Armory Semis: Kung Pow def Newport No Clue def Hot Diggers	Finals: Juice Guys def Northshore
Finals: Whomp def Farm Animals	Finals: Kung Pow def No Clue	Womens USAV A/AA, MIT Quarters: Creole I def Whomp TBD def Set Me Shirley
Coed C, Holy Cross Semis: Volleyholics def Avengers NVC 1 def NVC 2	Coed C-, SportsZone Indoor Sports Complex Finals: Safe Sets def Mad Cats	Semis: Creole II def TBD Metropolis def Creole I
Finals: Volleyholics def NVC 1	Finals: Safe Sets def Mad Cats	
Womens C+, Holy Cross Semis: Not Too Short def Avengers Team Kitty def Safe Sets	Mens C, Lincoln-Sudbury High School Semis: Pioneer Valley def Spicy Tuna	Finals: Creole II def Metropolis
Finals: Team Kitty def Not Too Short	Finals: Above the Net def Pioneer Valley	Mens C, Lincoln-Sudbury High School Semis: Looney Toons def Mental Block
Coed B-, Holy Cross Semis: Black Man in the Middle def Where's	Womens C+, Lincoln-Sudbury High School Semis:	Finals: Mad Dawgs Woof def Looney Toons
		Womens B-, Assumption College Semis: Challengers def Dig These Tool Time def Team Kitty
		Finals: Challengers def Tool Time

Yankee Abridged Board Meeting Minutes

By Mike Broderick
Yankee Secretary



January 10, 2001, Arlington, MA

Board Attendees: Judy Corwin, Art Palmer, Deb Finnigan, Shirl Van Allen, Ray Labbé, Mike Broderick, Jenn Nicoletti, Ann Reidl

Other Attendees: Ned Santee, Dave Blickstein, Don Cohen, Rebecca Ramos-Kelsey, Denise Rondeau, Steve Webster

Meeting started at 7:11pm

Secretary Report (Mike)

- Accepted minutes from 11/14

Treasurer Report (Judy)

- Should we have a \$\$ limit for expense requiring board approval? All agree it is a good idea. Shirl/Mike will review expenses and talk with the bookkeeper.

Registrar Report (Judy)

- Currently have 1127 members. (Had 1250 by 1/31 last year.) We still appear to be on track for same membership numbers as last year.

- New member packet. What can we provide new Yankee members as an introductory packet of information as well as confirmation of their membership? Judy claims that although membership numbers remain the same there is a big turnover with upwards of 400 new members each year. Confirming every would be a lot of extra work. About 20 newbies mail in things. (Those people even more so need some sort of confirmation that their membership has been processed.) It was suggested to ask for and require an email address on the membership form to get an [electronic] confirmation and welcome "packet" (email). Judy will look into modifying the member form.

- The registrar's computer was having problems but is behaving okay for now after some minor tuning. Judy will look into a zip drive for regular backups.

Tournament Directors Report (Art)

- What kind of standards if any do we want to require TDs to follow beyond what we have currently (basically just regulation equipment and USAV rules games using

certified refs)? New TDs tend to be the only problem. A discussion ensued about how to manage new TDs better. Should we limit the number of tourneys drafted for new TDs. Should we require a mentor for new TDs for their first couple tourneys.

Motion (Judy, seconded by Jenn): All new tournament directors must have a Tournament Coordinator approved mentor assigned to co-run their first 2 tournaments. This mentor must be named at least one month in advance of the tournament. *Vote: 8 for, 0 against, Motion passes*

- TDs need to be warned in advance of the new equipment standards for next year (e.g., required padding).

Ratings Report (Shirl)

- For Yankee teams playing at nationals, our commissioner has requested we update our recommendations on mapping from Yankee ratings to USAV team levels. This process is under way. The result will be recommendations that our commissioner can use to accept teams

- Should the Yankee->USAV ratings used as recommendations for nationals be hard limits for local tournaments?

Motion (Shirl, seconded by Judy): The Yankee-USAV ratings limits recommendations for nationals will be applied as hard limits for all local USAV tournaments. *Vote: 8 for, 0 against. Motion passes*

New Business

- Sports Grants Foundation: Several women's teams/clubs have banded together to apply for a women sports grant. They are asking Yankee to match any funds they receive, and act as an agent for receiving the money. Our accountant (BillB) has advised against being an agent as Yankee would have to dictate how it was spent per Yankee/NERVAs charter. So it was agreed that Yankee cannot be the agent. After some discussion, all agreed that we'd need a more specific proposal of how the matching money would be spent, as well as a plan as to how men might benefit from any money Yankee contributes.

- In general will Yankee give grants for things that support our mission? All agreed that it might be possible, but not right now. This would take a lot more thought. Tabled.

- Dave Blickstein has presented to NERVA an opportunity to bring in a couple volleyball pros for a weekend clinic. He has been talking with Albert Hannemann and Eric

Fonoimoana (but others might be possible if desired). Plans were kicked off for an early March event. Shirl will lead up the organization with DaveB.

Motion (Judy, seconded by Jenn): Yankee will contribute up to 1/3 of the costs for the proposed pro-weekend up to \$2000 (with the understanding that more money might be approved later if need be). *Vote: 8 for, 0 against.*

Motion passes

Tournament Coordinator Report (Deb)

- A member received a falsified uprate letter. What should we do about it? All agreed that we should not act on this isolated incident unless we have more information on who might have done it.

- The recommended draft changes were all tabled due to the next draft being a long ways off.

Newsletter Report (Ray)

- Ray Labbe will be stepping down as newsletter editor after the spring issue. An effort is underway to find a replacement. Things are generally more organized than when Ray arrived so the transition should go even smoother.

At-Large Report (Jenn, Shirl)

- Summary the rants/raves received since the creation of these email addresses that need addressing. (Full summary of all was emailed to board earlier thus not included here.)

1) Can we run friendship tournaments all year. No, USAV prohibits them after 1/1.

2) Problems with last year's championship schedule. Already addressed. Championship coordinator will share schedule with board for review before posting it.

3) Would like to see a BB regional championships. How do we prevent sandbagging since we only offer one other level (Open/AA)?

4) Would like to see Yankee financials posted. All agreed that posting detailed reports would open up a can of worms. It's always available on request. We can add a note to the web site indicating that.

5) The necessity of the newsletter was questioned (with the ubiquitous web and email. All agreed the newsletter was still important.

6) Seniors (over 60) should get automatic downrates. All agreed this should not be uniformly done, but treated on a case by case basis as we do all downrate requests.

Referee Report (Steve)

- Clinics are underway. There are some new candidates. Some past refs have not returned.

- Don Cohen and Steve have been discussing alternative tournament formats to reduce the reffing needs. More to come later on this.

- There are accreditation tests on the web (almost done) for scorekeeper, linejudge, and 2nd ref. Thanks to Keith Schoonover for help developing these. Tom Sweeney is getting them on-line.

- Should we allow the above scorekeeper on-line accreditation to meet the championship team certified scorekeeper requirement? Note: Anyone certified last year is still certified this year. Ned will get Dave Carson's approval (it is assumed he will okay it) to do this.

Motion (Shirl, seconded by Judy): Allow successful completion of the on-line scorekeeper accreditation exam to satisfy the current certified scorekeeper requirement for Yankee championship teams. *Vote: 8 for, 0 against.*

Motion passes

- For coed/reverse tournaments, should each game be treated as a second match to allow different liberos. All agreed that this is a rule interpretation for Steve to decide. It will be interpreted as a single match (no change). Steve will post this to the BAVP.

- Steve is still getting clarification on the length of a tie-breaker game (15/21/25 points?)

- Some TDs starting games at zero now for a 21 point game. For consistency, all agreed that everyone should start at 4, not 0. Art will notify TDs

- Ann distributed a summary of ideas to solve reffing shortage (a replacement for the B-&up fee that was rescinded). Some ideas were a refund of certification costs, give free uniform/whistle/cards, tourney formats to use more player refs, more publicity, more clinics, supply how-to packet, put test on-line, mentoring program, raise ref pay, etc.). She will continue to develop these ideas and make a proposal in the future.

Old Business

- Problems at Assumption B- tourney. There was a roster/rating issue at a recent tourney. The TD deferred to the head ref to resolve it (wrong process). Steve has brought this up with the refs. Not much else can be done about it.

- Should we allow unlimited roster additions (not deletions, no 2nd round cutoff) as long as the tournament ratings limits are not exceeded? It's too late to change things

Board Minutes (cont)

this year. We can discuss it more later for next year.

Next meeting: Annual meeting 2/15. Location TBD (possibly Jenn's house?)

Meeting ends: 10:15pm

Annual Meeting

February 15, 2001 at Lincoln Sudbury High School

Board Attendees: Shirl Van Allen, Mike Broderick, Art Palmer, Deb Finnigan, Ann Reidl, Josh Wachs, Jenn Nicoletti

Other Attendees: Tom Sweeney, Tom Farmer, Ned Santee, Brett Crandall, Pat Werner, Kevin Bronke, Don Cohen, Mike Lippert

Meeting started at 7:03pm

Nominations:

- Paul Bradford (election committee head) not here so all current nominations not announced
- Shirl nominates Joshua Wachs for Treasurer (not accepted)
- Joshua Wachs nominates himself for at-large representative

State of the Organization (Shirl)

- Membership: We are down 30 members from last year at this time

- Financial state: We are good shape; have plenty of money; in the process of getting financial books and taxes under control

- What is board doing for the members? - A skills clinic with two volleyball pros (Eric Fonoimoana and Albert Hannemann) is being planned for March 10th. A kids clinic and adult clinic will be run. A dinner and social afterwards will follow the clinics. Watch the BAVP for more details.

- We are evaluating the current rating system, and a significantly revised system proposed by Don Cohen, a long time member. The committee hopes to take the best parts of Don's plan and work them into the current system.

- The B-&up surcharge is gone so we are now investigating

alternative incentives for players to become referees. Ann Reidl is heading up that effort. Financial incentives (fees reimbursed, free referee kit) for successful candidates are one option. More advertising is another. Pat Werner, suggested an apprentice or step-up program to ease players into it. Using local leagues (e.g., BSSC) to practice where players normally ref is also being utilized.

- The grass roots effort is being rekindled. Deb Finnigan is heading this effort. Talk to her if interested.

Bylaws changes

- Tom Sweeney brought forward four bylaws changes. Each motion was discussed, and a couple modified before a vote:

(1) **Motion** (Tom, seconded Shirl): Add to the Yankee ballot a question to change, in Section 3 (Appointed Positions):

"The appointed positions list below shall be assigned by the President."

to:

"With the approval of the Executive Board, the President shall assign individuals to the appointed positions listed below and to any further appointed positions created by the Executive Board as it deems necessary."

*Vote: unanimous (15) for. **Motion passes***

(2) **Motion** (Tom, seconded Josh): Add to the Yankee ballot a question to change, in Section 3 (Appointed Positions):

"The Executive Board may establish minimal compensation levels for each appointed position that is listed in the Schedule of Fees Addendum to this document."

to:

"For each appointed position, the Executive Board may establish minimal compensation levels as listed in the Schedule of Fees Addendum to this document."

*Vote: unanimous (15) for. **Motion passes***

(3) **Motion** (Tom, seconded Josh): Add to the Yankee ballot a question to change, in Section 2 (Elected Positions):

"The term of all elected positions is two years."

to:

"The term of all elected positions is two years commencing on July 1st and terminating on June 30th."

Vote: unanimous (15) for. Motion passes

(4) This motion to handle election ties (board vote) and possible resulting board ties was discussed then withdrawn for further revision as the consensus is that the board tie breaker should only apply to when the board is voting to break an election tie. Tom will revise the wording for the board approval before the ballot goes out.

- Alternating the new two year board terms. Mike would like to see the new 2 year board terms alternated so half are up for election every year. This onetime change will enact that:

Motion (MikeB, seconded by MikeL): Add this to the ballot: For the term starting in 2001, the president, secretary, and the two of the five at-large members who receive the lowest number of votes will serve a one year term expiring in 2002. Afterwards, all terms will be for two years.

Vote: 3 for, 11 opposed, 1 abstain. Motion fails

- Running for multiple positions. The consensus was that the current bylaws do not disallow running for multiple positions. No motion was put forth to change that. Tom will work on wording to clarify this since it is ambiguous in the bylaws.

Meeting ends: 8:30pm

Board Meeting starts 8:40pm (after Annual Meeting)

Secretary Report (Mike)

- Minutes from 1/10 accepted

Registrar Report (Shirl)

- Membership numbers are down just a few (~30) from last year.

Ratings Report (Shirl)

- Beth Delamater emailed her summary of the raters opinions on the current rating system and Don's proposed new system. It will be discussed next week.

-(Mike) Why are running updates to ratings not making it to the web site, grouped by effective date? Shirl will talk to Judy about making this happen

Referee Report (Ned)

- The region has been ruling incorrectly regarding men who attack the ball on the women's net during reverse coed play. There is ambiguity in the USAV rulebook and in the Yankee Rules&Policies on men attacking the ball from in front of the 3m line when the ball is completely above the height of the net. SteveW proposed two interpretations.

Motion (Shirl/Jenn): Yankee will strictly follow USAV for coed play with the single exception at B- and above men may attack the ball from above the height of the net without upward arc if they are behind the 3m line. *Vote: 5 for, 1 against, 1 abstain. Motion passes*

Therefore, to reiterate, effective immediately, at *all* levels of reverse-coed play, when the ball is being played from completely above the height of the net:

- 1) Back row male players may *never* attack the ball if they are in the attack zone (i.e., in front of the 3m line)
- 2) Front row male players may attack the ball when they are in the attack zone provided it has upward arc
- 3) Any male player may attack the ball from behind the 3m line. But, at C+ and below, the ball must have upward arc.

Scorekeeper Report (Shirl)

- There have been a low number of people taking the on-line accreditation test. It's most likely because all who were certified last year are still certified this year. Mike will send a reminder to the BAVP about this.

- Tom reports that additional on-line accreditation tests (2nd ref, line judge) are being worked on

Tournament Director / Tournament Coordinator Report (Art/Deb)

- Support from Yankee for alternative tournament formats (Mike) — tabled due to lack of information

- Can a player be on a roster for more than one tournament being played in the same facility? Is it different for USAV vs Yankee tournaments? There was disagreement as to the current rule. All agreed that since it was not explicitly forbidden anywhere (given our teamless environment, in contrast to standard USAV), it should be allowed at any tournament. (No Rules&Policies change was needed.)

- There were complaints about a tournament where the TD appeared to not have fulfilled his responsibilities as

he left to participate in/run a second nearby tournament. Should we require a TD remain on site? All felt this was needed to handle any TD issue that may arise (membership, ratings, etc.). Mike will modify the TD guidelines to add this requirement.

At-large report

- From rant/rave, some complained about the required referee format used at all the coed tournaments this spring. All agreed that this format was a good way to ease the reffing burden and possibly encourage certification. It was just chance that no other TDs not using this format drafted any coed tournaments. (FWIW, This format was used for *all* tournaments at WAC, not just coed.)

Newsletter Report

- Tom Farmer has been chosen to replace Ray Labbe as the editor. Ray will work with Tom for the spring issue. Welcome Tom! Thanks Ray!

- Ray is looking into the extra characters after the rating on the address label / member card of the last two issues.

Web Site Report (TomS)

- There have been a lot of requests to get space on the home page, especially from other organizations (Hall of Fame, etc.). Tom would like some board input on any such decisions. He will forward the requests on with his input on what can be squeezed in where.

- We currently maintain the home page at Ultranet (www.yankee.org/~yankee) and www.yankee.org (server at natural.com). All links off the home page link back to Ultranet as the rest of the site only exists there. Since the natural.com site may need to be moved, Josh will look hosting the domain elsewhere, possibly at Ultranet.

Old Business

- What are we doing for nationals gifts? How much will we spend. Last year Yankee/NERVA split the \$6000 bill

50/50, but mostly because Yankee finances were uncertain (a mess) and we weren't sure we had enough to fund it. This year NERVA may contribute nothing. Is it a good way to spend our money? At most, 10% of the members participate.

Motion (Josh/Jenn): Yankee will spend a maximum of \$3000 on nationals gifts and research sponsorship money to subsidize this amount since \$3000 is not enough to get suitable gifts (5 for, 2 against, 0 abstain)

New Business

- Can a man play in a women's tournament. The bylaws only implicitly imply that women can play in men's tournaments but say nothing about men playing in a women's tournament. Therefore, the USAV rules apply (no men allowed).

- The election committee will be: Paul Bradford, BobGrady, BobDeMaison

Meeting ends: 10:05pm

Yankee Membership Card

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