

Suffolk Board of Volleyball Officials Inc

Minutes from the March 1, 2011 Meeting: Spring /Business Meeting

1) *Call to order*

2) *Attendance*

3) *Secretary Report:*

- a. Please send any changes in address, phone number, or email to Karen in addition to Nancy.
- b. REMINDER: SBVO is going green. Starting in the 2011-2012 season all correspondence will be thru email where possible. It is **your** responsibility to make alternate arrangements with the secretary to receive correspondence if you do not have access to email.

4) *Treasurer's Report*

- a. Financial Statement Sheet was reviewed. If you have questions, please contact Joann Magri
- b. There are outstanding dues and fines by members. Please contact Joann and pay fees owed to avoid additional fines.

5) *Vice President's Report (Girls):*

- a. Welcome New People: G. Bosak, J.Berbinick, P.Catania, S.Comer, D.Contopoulos, B.Kaiser, N. Montalto, P.Silvestri, E.Spatavella, J.Vignona, R.Harragan
- b. Awards: ***Congratulations! Thank you for all your hard work and years of service!***
 - i. 10 Years of Service: A.Nord, G.Schumacher, D.Sanicola, L.Lawrence, N.Hall, J.Mahoney, J.Suarez, E.Melius
 - ii. 15 Years of Service: B.Costanzo, G.Scanlon- Received a shirt
 - iii. 40 Years of Service: Tami DeRose-Received flowers and a trophy

6) *Vice President's Report(Boys):*

- a. Welcome New People: J.Berbinick, P.Catania, S.Comer, D.Cont, R.Harragan, E.Spatavella
- b. Awards: ***Congratulations! Thank you for all your hard work and years of service!***
 - i. 10 Years of Service: D.Brandman, T.Glover, L.Swidorski
 - ii. 15 Years of Service: D.Perras, G.Scanlon-Received a shirt

7) *President's Report:*

- a. Test Results:
 - i. Overall the grades were good. There were no failures or Test B administered. Results were distributed by the mid-end of December.
 - ii. As of 3/1/11 there are 23 OUTSTANDING members who have failed to submit their test corrections. Tests need to be given to the state and members must mail their test question corrections to Nancy ASAP! (Due 3/15/11)

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8) *Committee Report:*

a. Maureen: Fall sportsmanship winners:

i. Girls:

1. Varsity: Miller Place
2. JV: Port Jefferson

ii. Boys:

1. Varsity: Commack
2. JV: Hauppauge

9) *Old Business:*

a. SBVO Board Vice President Positions were up for election for two-year terms.

1. Boys Vice President: Unopposed: Kathy Sturges
2. Girls Vice President: Unopposed: Ben So

a. Secretary cast one vote to make the election official!

b. Ethic Committee Appointments:

- i. The following members expressed interest in volunteering to serve on the Ethics Committee to fill the vacancy left by Kathy Sturges: Nash Birnholz, Greg Scanlon, Lynda Swiderski
- ii. Nash Birnholz was appointed by the Board to the Ethics Committee. Congratulations to Nash and thank you to all who volunteered.

10) *New Business:*

a. Proposed Changes to the By-Laws Document:

- i. By-Laws Committee Members: J.Wontrobski, K.Sturges, B.Smith, M.Bordner, B.So.
Thank you for your endless hours of work and commitment to this project!
- ii. Proposed changes to the SBVO By-Laws: The Executive Board and the By-Laws Committee are at an impasse on the Trustee Issue.
 1. J.Wontrobski spoke on behalf of the By-Laws Committee:
 - a. Other Boards have trustees
 - b. New officials are often afraid to approach Executive Board & a Trustee has the insight of the members.
 - c. An Executive Board Member has a conflict of interest when dealing with issues with members: do they defend organization or represent the membership? A trustee could be the membership representative.

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2. N.Stoeffler spoke on behalf of the Executive Board:
 - a. The duties given to the Trustees in the proposal can be attained by forming committees to complete the tasks needed.
 - b. More members means more difficulty setting up meetings.

iii. Discussion:

1. L.Swidorski:
 - a. On the trustees-too many cooks! Committees are better.
 - b. On probation procedures: disagree with receiving below a 4.0 a member to be put on probation. Probation holds too many restrictions.
2. B.Grandin:
 - a. Clarification: Member-At-Large & Uniform Committee Disbanded
3. N.Morrow:
 - a. Add term limits to positions-Get everyone involved! No motion made.
4. J.Wontrobski:
 - a. New officials afraid to talk to Executive Board, trustees are needed.
5. N.Stoeffler: Executive Board has nothing to do with new officials' ratings, so if members have issues, then should always email/call her with those issues. No need to be afraid.
6. Motion made by J.Wontrobski to amend IV-D: 2nd Bullet: strike: *"the official will be put on probation."* Re-insert: *"The official may also be monitored throughout the season."* Motion was seconded by B.Kaiser

iv. Motion to Close Discussion on By-Laws: L.Swidorski -2nd: D.Kindberg

v. Vote: (Tellers of Election were Nash Birnholz and Paul Bolliger)

1. Motion to close the Vote: D.Trevithick-2nd A.Maresca
2. By-Laws with Trustees: 21
3. By-Laws without Trustees: 40
4. Rejections: 14
5. Abstentions: 5

b. Proposed Changes to the Ethics Document:

- i. Discussion: NO discussion followed
- ii. Motion to Close Discussion on Ethics : M.Puterio- 2nd:A.Fisher

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- iii. Vote: (Tellers of Election were Nash Birnholz and Paul Bolliger)
 - 1. Motion to close the Vote: D.Trevithick-2nd A.Maresca
 - 2. Accept: 59
 - 3. Rejections: 11
 - 4. Abstentions: 11
- c. New Format for Meetings:
 - i. Starting in September 2011, **ONE** mandatory meeting will be added for a total of **3 MANDATORY** meetings for all members:
 - 1. Rules Interpretation Meeting
 - 2. Clinic Meeting
 - 3. Spring/Business Meeting
 - ii. New York State wants to go to Federation Rules:
 - 1. This would mean MANY changes to the rules
 - 2. Need coaches to protest
 - iii. Dates for 2011:
 - 1. Thursday, September 1, 2011: Rules Interpretation 5-7PM @ Bayport HS
 - a. Can attend Coaches meeting in lieu on 8/23/11 with prior written notification to Nancy or Karen.
 - b. Can attend Nassau Board meeting in lieu with written notification to Nancy or Karen AND written note from Nassau confirming your attendance.
 - 2. Clinic- TBA: Ben and Bruce are currently making arrangements
 - a. IF unable to attend, an alternate make-up date will be offered at a public library/meeting place (Date and time TBA)
 - b. If clinic and make-up session are both missed: a member will NOT be eligible to officiate under the 5-Point Program.
 - 3. Due Date for the Written Examination: TBA
- d. Establishing SBVO as a Recognized IRS Affiliate:
 - i. Extensive amount of research was done on this proposal.
 - ii. SBVO NOT tax exempt because we do NOT have a tax exempt number.

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- iii. The understanding is that SBVO is in the category of organizations that do NOT have to file because SBVO grosses approximately \$18,000/year. Organizations are required to file who gross over \$50,000.
- iv. Nancy Morrow discussed 1099 Misc Income
 - 1. Board stated that it is the responsibility of each member to report all income earned to the IRS regardless of whether a Form 1099-Misc has been received.
 - 2. Discussed Form 1099-Misc reporting requirements for income over \$600.
- e. Ratings to be Online:
 - i. There are 6 different sheets that are generated from ratings.
 - ii. Going to be posted on-line for all members to see.
 - iii. It will be password protected, same as the examination.
 - iv. Those officials who receive zeros should contact the respective Vice-President if they wish to discuss their ratings and/or a Vice-President may contact an official for receiving a zero or excess zeros.
- f. Section guidelines regarding availabilities. ***Requested by Section to be discussed!***
 - i. Starting in the 2011-2012 season, ALL officials MUST tell Section XI on their availability sheet or a separate attachment what schools/coaches they have any affiliation with.
 - ii. It is our responsibility to provide full disclosure as to any *potential* conflicts of interest. Section XI will have the **final** decision as to whether or not an official is assigned to schools that they have an affiliation with!
- g. Update on PAVO-Presentation by Bruce Grandin
 - i. Nassau and Suffolk merged and is now Long Island PAVO
 - 1. Can offer greater opportunity for education and training.
 - ii. State Tournament was at Glens Falls
 - 1. Tom Choi was the representative-*Congratulations and great job!*
 - iii. Pictures were shown from throughout the year.
 - iv. An example of the PAVO clinic was given on Double Contact.
 - v. Any questions or if you would like to join Long Island PAVO, please contact Bruce Grandin, the local chair representative.

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Post Meeting Information

1. The position of Treasurer was also up for election this year and it was mistakenly left off of the agenda. *The Executive Board apologizes for this mistake!*
 - a. If anyone wishes to run for this position, please contact any board member by April 15, 2011.
 - b. If there is more than one candidate, we will have a vote and ballots will be mailed out.
2. Thursday, September 1, 2011: Rules Interpretation 5-7PM @ Bayport HS
 - a. New York State will be down to present the Rules Interpretation and go over the 2011-2012: Point of Emphasis for the upcoming season.