

Lincoln Hills Water Volleyball Steering Committee Minutes

February 12, 2019 | 6:00 PM

Location: Multimedia Room, Orchard Creek Lodge

Steering Committee Board Members Present:

- Chairperson ~ Sidne George
- Communications Coordinator ~ Rosemary Elston
- Competitive Play Coordinator ~ Eric Crisp
- Treasurer/Membership Chairperson ~ Mike Mosca
- Webmaster ~ Ross Underwood
- Secretary ~ Colleen Mosca
- Recreational Play Coordinator ~ Candy Castro
- Social Activities Coordinator ~ Kim Bovee
- Email Coordinator ~ Cindi Underwood
- Equipment Manager ~ David Fogg

- **Absent:** Training Administrator ~ Russ Palchak

The meeting began with a closed session from 6:00 PM to 6:35 PM to discuss a disciplinary matter.

At 6:35 PM, Sidne welcomed the guests to join the Steering Committee Members for the February open meeting **and called the meeting to order.**

Guests: David Vaughan, Linda Swinton, Sandy Manildi, Gary Pfaff, Brenda Fogg, and Cindy Rinde.

Ross Underwood ~ Webmaster demonstrated the new website that he has designed for the Water Volleyball Club. His plan is to have more of the website closed and less open to the public or public facing as it's called in the industry. The use of a password will still be required to access certain parts of the website. Ross has a lot of great ideas to update our website to make it more visually interesting and technologically advanced where people can sign up for specific nights of play on it and/or pay their annual dues. Exciting things are coming, thanks to Ross's expertise. It was moved by Candy and seconded by Colleen and all voted in favor to allow Ross to continue with his plans to update our website.

Candy Castro ~ RPC reported that 2 of 5 new members were here at our Steering committee meeting as guests and placed into the mentor program by Brenda. She recapped the accomplishments of the RPC and how 2 years ago, the L4 program was first created. She also said the Skills Evaluation sheet was updated for both the Rec Levels and the Competitive Levels. **Candy reported that 26 people tried out for the new Red Ball Competitive Team, and the tryouts were rigorous.** There were 17 successful candidates of the 26. Of the 17 who made the cut, 5 of those also made L4, which happened during the same 2 weeks. So, the total is 12 made Level 3 Comp alone (many of these did not try out for L4). One of the 12 is also subbing for L4 per the absence policy rules. Candy listed the members on the Red Ball Subcommittee (RBSC) which includes herself, Cindy Rinde, Brenda Fogg, Sandy Manildi, Nita Satkowski and Jeanne Williams. Candy further explained that due to the strict requirements to make Level 3 Competitive Ball, it was decided that higher level players cannot fall back into the Red Ball 3 Comp group without first trying out and being accepted into that level. The Red Ball Competitive Group is the highest level of recreational players who regularly exhibit the triangle (pass, set, and hit) style of play. It was expressly designed to allow ongoing rallies and enjoyable play for those who do not want to use the harder blue ball but who want to excel at this level of play.

Sidne asked that the RPC complete the required process and determine:

- 1) a process going forward to add new members to this elite group**
- 2) how to manage the quality control of players** if some stop performing at that higher level while playing at the Level 3 Competitive Level.

It was agreed that this “homework” shall be completed within the next 3 months by the RPSC with details revealed 2 months from now (during the April Meeting).

Rose moved that the proposal for Level 3 Competitive be approved with the conditions specified by Sidne as outlined in 1) and 2) above. Candy seconded it. 7 to 2 in favor and it was passed.

Eric informed the group that schedule changes were successful in negotiating with the swimmers as well as Deborah McIlvain to bring Tuesday back and eliminate Fridays for our club since Friday was not well attended. **A second session was added from 10:30 to noon on Saturday and that’s a bonus.** The Club now has 4 more time slots than they did before November. **Eric moved to approve the new schedule beginning February 18th as displayed. Cindi seconded and all were in favor of passing.**

The new schedule also included Monday night 5:20 pm to 6:40 pm exclusively for Red Ball Competitive Team Play on Net 2. This will begin on March 4th. This will be team play with advance signups with Red Ball Captains. L4s through L6s may sign up in advance to join the Red Ball Comp Team.

Eric and Cindi presented the L4 new advancement and ranking process. This process is going to replace the old system of having L4 tryouts. A flow chart was

displayed showing how the process works. It essentially begins with a L3 player requesting to move into L4. Once that happens, a mentor is matched with that player. Mentoring begins. If the player exhibits blue ball skills, there will be at least 2 blue ball mentoring sessions. The player is then determined to be competitive or not. If not, they return to the Level they came from (either L3 or Red Ball Comp). If they are competitive, they will have 2 blue ball mentoring sessions and then another determination as to whether they are competitive or not. If not, they return to the level they came from. If they are competitive, they will be evaluated by 2 evaluators with 2 assessment sessions held. Then, finally, they will be either returned to red ball or determined to be promoted by **both** the Evaluators. If promoted, they begin Level 4 competitive play and will be subject to the peer ranking process within L4. **Dave moved and Colleen seconded to adopt this proposal with all in favor. It was adopted.**

Sidne thanked everyone for all their hard work. She also presented a series of cartoons about Cindy Lou who is a potential water volleyball player.

Sidne adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.