

Lincoln Hills Water Volleyball Steering Committee Minutes

November, 11, 2021 | 3:00 PM

Orchard Creek Solarium

Steering Committee Board Members Present:

- **Chairperson ~ Cindi Underwood**
- **Treasurer/Membership Chairperson ~ Mike Mosca**
- **Secretary ~ Colleen Mosca**
- **Email Coordinator ~ Ross Underwood**
- **Recreational Play Coordinator ~ Linda Swinton**
- **Training Administrator ~ Russ Palchak**
- **Mentor/Member Coordinator ~ Carol Critch**
- **Social Activities Coordinator ~ Scotty Humphrey**
- **Webmaster ~ Sidne George**
- **Competitive Play Coordinator ~ Eric Crisp**

Steering Committee Board Members Absent:

- **Communications Coordinator ~ vacant**
- **Equipment Manager ~ Gary Pfaff**

Guests: **Chip Hill**
 David Vaughan
 Tom Jasper
 Mel Switzer
 Sandy Manildi
 Diane Ferrari
 Michael Monsees

At 3:02 PM, Cindi Underwood, Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

Cindi asked that any veterans in the room to please stand up. **David Vaughan** and **Linda Swinton** both stood. Cindi then gave a heartfelt thank you to them for their service to our country in acknowledgement of Veterans Day.

Cindi informed the group that Debra McIlvain informed her that the Association will cover the cost of the screens to shield our water volleyball equipment from view.

Cindi then asked the folks running for the vacant Steering Committee positions to introduce themselves and give their background information to the group. The elections will take place in January.

Diane Ferrari introduced herself and said she would work hard to do the job of **Communications Coordinator** and has experience managing that function for the State of CA in her previous career but will learn perform that job for our club. She has been taking and posting pictures of our activities to the LHWVB Facebook group already.

Mel Switzer is stepping up to be the **Training Administrator** for a 2 year term. He loves teaching and is very passionate about water volleyball. In his prior career, he taught electricians for the Alameda local union and enjoys sharing knowledge with others. Mel has served in this position in the past for our club as well.

The **Social Coordinator** position is still open beginning in January and no one has stepped up so far to put their hat in the ring. The Club is hoping for someone to come forward.

Doug Blanchard has agreed to volunteer as the **email coordinator**. He was unable to come to today's meeting.

Tom Jasper has agreed to volunteer as **Equipment Manager**. Tom said he is a former Sacramento Police Officer. He and his late wife had a ranch and he has extensive experience working with PVC pipe like we use in our club. He's confident he will be able to handle this job well.

David Vaughan also agreed to volunteer as the **Equipment Manager**. However, **David decided to withdraw from consideration** while speaking to the group. David already commits a lot of his time to training with the twice monthly **skills and drills sessions** for any club member and he assists with the Competitive Rec Ball Team.

Chip Hill introduced himself and will volunteer to serve as the Treasurer/Membership Coordinator. Chip is a former business owner and has extensive experience with budgets and the Quicken and Quick Books programs in addition to the Excel program, which are used in this role. Chip moved to SCLH in 2016 and enjoys woodworking, swimming, gardening, and has joined the ski club. He also thanked Mel, Terri Vallis, Carol Critch, Ross Underwood and David Vaughan for what they have taught him with respect to Water Volleyball.

Sidne George introduced herself as the current Webmaster (though she hadn't started working on it yet). She has decided to slide into the Secretary position that Colleen is vacating after terming out in January. She complimented Colleen on her style of meeting minutes and wants to continue with the same style. Sidne was also very happy that Chip Hill agreed to take on the Treasurer/Membership role so that she didn't feel the need to do that job instead. Sidne works full time in IT and is not yet retired. Sidne complimented

Mike Mosca as well on his hard work over the past four years and his commitment to the Treasurer and Membership Coordinator position for our club.

Ross Underwood will volunteer as Webmaster (and leave the email coordinator position to Doug). Ross currently works in IT part time and enjoys it. Ross is also excited about the ballot process on the website which he will be putting together for the election.

Cindi said that to accommodate Eric's work schedule, it's necessary to change our meeting time to the 2nd Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 5:15 PM. Most agreed it was fine and some preferred the afternoon vs. evening time slot.

Resolution:

Carol moved and Russ seconded, that 2022 Steering Committee Meetings be held on the Second Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 5:15 PM each month. All were in favor except Linda Swinton who voted against it.

Colleen Mosca ~ Secretary – said it was fun to hold this position and is kind of sad to be done after 4 years.

Mike Mosca ~ Treasurer/Membership Coordinator – updated the group on the following statistics. There's now 168 members. 12 are inactive. 2022 dues are due in January and will allow us to see the real number of folks staying active since some have not returned after the pandemic. There were no expenses in November and the new balance is \$3922.85 in the bank account.

Linda Swinton ~ Recreation Play Coordinator – said that mentoring on team night will not be necessary any longer. Mel Switzer is mentoring Pauline Baccelli; David Vaughan is mentoring June Bourn, and Kim Bovee is mentoring Dash Duncan. Linda said the roster for Competitive Rec Ball needs to be increased since some of the players have gone up to L4 play. There was discussion of a recreational level tournament to add interest in the CRB team. Carol Critch said she would help with the tournament and Sandy suggested Competitive players join the CRB folks to make it more exciting and viable. There was brainstorming about how CRB can be advertised more.

Eric Crisp ~ Competitive Play Coordinator - said that **L4** team size is at capacity and wants to increase their roster to 26 so that they can lose players to the higher levels (5 and 6) without losing their team. Ranking will bring about more promotions into L5 and L6 since some members are not returning. January is when ranking happens.

Resolution:

Carol moved to increase L4 roster to 26 from 22 until February to get through the ranking period. Eric seconded. All were in favor except Linda Swinton who voted against the resolution and feels that the increased roster for L4 is negatively impacting the CRB team roster. Four players recently moved up to L4 from CRB team. **The resolution to increase the L4 roster to 26 until February passed.**

Eric has a **resolution concerning fast tracking talented players to higher levels**. This would involve L4 to L5 or L5 to L6. The person's name could be submitted to the CPC to play L6 (or L5) and all L6 (or L5) players who played with the new person that evening would be allowed to vote on whether that person plays at the L6 or L5 level. This would give that person the 23rd spot on the team. Then rankings would shrink the team size down to 22 again in order of their expertise. 85% of the players would need to be in favor of that person getting fast tracked to the level; otherwise, the person will not be promoted to the 23rd position.

Resolution:

Russ moved to adopt the fast track process as described above. Sidne seconded. All were in favor except Linda Swinton who abstained.

Carol Critch ~ Mentor/Member Coordinator – Carol had nothing new to add pertaining to her position.

Scotty Humphreys ~ Social Coordinator – mentioned upcoming events including the Goathouse Brewery event, and the William Jessup game planned for November 18th at Orchard Creek Lodge.

Sidne George ~ Webmaster – talked about her decision to move over to the Secretary position and that she had not had a chance to start the webmaster position yet.

Russ Palchak ~ Training Administrator – mentioned that he is finishing his term. He has full confidence in Mel handling the position beginning in January. Russ said the training sessions have been handled well by those stepping up to do the actual training. Mel agreed that the last one put on by Duane and Ross was well received. Russ was thanked for his service while working long hours at his job.

David Vaughan spoke about ball control and that he would like to see more players at L4 and recreational levels set the ball and use 3 hits. David feels that all those trying to advance to L4 need to watch the video on the 3 hits. Chip chimed in that he learned why the 3 hits strategy was important and how that makes a difference in playing. He didn't know at first why it was important. Cindi agreed that 3 hits was very important for our club to demonstrate.

Mel Switzer said he thinks that L4s need to play on Tuesday nights. It was mentioned also that the pool was cold lately at Kilaga Springs lodge.

The meeting was adjourned by Cindi at 4:45 PM.