

Lincoln Hills Water Volleyball Steering Committee Minutes

September 15, 2021 | 2:30 PM

Orchard Creek Fine Arts Room

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**
- **Equipment Manager ~ Gary Pfaff**
- **Training Administrator ~ Russ Palchak**
- **Mentor/Member Coordinator ~ Carol Critch**
- **Social Activities Coordinator ~ Scotty Humphrey**
- **Competitive Play Coordinator ~ Eric Crisp**

Steering Committee Board Members Absent:

- **Communications Coordinator ~ vacant**
- **Webmaster ~ vacant**

Guests: **Sidne George**
 David Vaughan
 Harriet Rogers
 Kim Bovee
 Sandy Manildi
 Mel Switzer

At 2:37 PM, Cindi Underwood, Chairperson, called the meeting to order. Cindi welcomed the Steering Committee and the guests who came. Cindi started off the meeting with a call for all email votes among the Steering Committee members that took place between the August meeting and this meeting to be explained by the steering committee member who proposed the resolution and have it properly documented by the secretary during this meeting.

Resolution: **Linda Swinton** (Recreation Play Coordinator) informed the group that an email from her on August 18, 2021, proposing to increase the amount of team players from 8 to 11 (on each side) for Competitive Recreational Team play was proposed and passed between the meetings. 7 of 8 Steering Committee members

voted yes. This will reduce the overwhelming number of recreational players on the opposite net.

Resolution: Eric Crisp (Competitive Play Coordinator) proposed on August 18, 2021, to convene a special expedited ranking session to fill open slots from L4 to L5 and from L5 to L6. It was passed unanimously.

Resolution: Scotty Humphrey emailed the group with an urgent proposal to move the Fall Festival from October 1st to October 7th. This was necessary to not conflict with the Carole King Concert that the Association added after our event was planned. This was passed unanimously by the Steering Committee Members.

Cindi Underwood ~ Chairperson - introduced Sidne George as our new webmaster. Sidne shared that she's a new Grandma and very excited. She also gave background on her skills as an IT person for many years in her current position. She also has prior experience on the WVB Steering Committee in a couple of roles including Chairperson.

Resolution: Eric Crisp moved to appoint Sidne as our Webmaster. Russ Palchak seconded it. All voted in favor. Sidne has plans to make it possible to allow Steering Committee members the opportunity to input data directly because she does not plan on being a data-entry person.

Eric Crisp ~ CPC - brought up the subject that the Competitive and the Recreational groups have not been cohesive and he would like to see that change. Linda agreed and said there is confusion with new members not being sure if they want to try out for competitive or recreational competitive team play. Kim asked if there was any way to expedite the process to promote players to L4 or Competitive Recreational Team. There was talk about the 30 day minimum for new players to stay at the recreational level until after 30 days. That is not going to change. Eric agreed that members need at least 2 times with a mentor before being evaluated to advance. Apparently there are folks being mentored for both L4 and Recreational Competitive at the same time.

Cindi Underwood ~ Chairperson - brought up that 2 members of the Steering Committee – the Treasurer/Membership Coordinator position held by Mike Mosca as well as the Secretary position held by Colleen Mosca will be termed out in December. The election will be in November to replace them as well as any others who choose to leave the Steering Committee. Any sitting member of the Steering Committee for 4 years (like the Mosca's) must be off of the committee for at least 1 full year. Eric mentioned that he would stay on as the Competitive Play Coordinator unless someone else wants to run for that position. Carol Critch can stay on in her position as Mentor/Member Coordinator. Linda Swinton can run again for her current position as Recreational Play Coordinator. Scotty's position will be on the ballot but he can run for it. Russ's position as Email Coordinator will be on the ballot and Sidne's Webmaster position will be on the Ballot. Cindi will still be our Chairperson.

Resolution: Eric Crisp (CPC) brought up a minor change in the playing schedules. The play time needs to end by 8:05 PM (vs. 8:15 pm) in order for the Association monitors to leave on time. It was agreed to modify our playing times on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to end at 8:05 PM. The playing time for recreational and competitive is the same length of time with a slight modification made to even it up. Scotty moved and Linda seconded. All voted in favor of the new playing times ending at 8:05 PM Monday through Thursday to allow the monitors to leave on time.

Cindi mentioned that she would like to add an early session to Tuesday night down the road if possible for Kilaga Springs Lodge but that will be dealt with later.

Resolution: Eric sent a survey to all L5 and L6 players to see if they would like to switch their team play from Monday night to Wednesday night. 22 agreed to switch and 8 wanted to stay with Monday. Sidne moved and Gary seconded and all voted in favor to switch Competitive Team Play to Wednesday night from Monday night.

Colleen Mosca ~ Secretary Report – The minutes were posted a week after the last meeting as planned and all Steering Committee Members with changes or approvals as is were quick to turn their comments over to Colleen to allow the quick posting of minutes.

Resolution: Linda Swinton presented a proposal to have monthly training on 1 recreational play net and the other on a competitive play net on Thursdays so that the recreational group would not be unfairly impacted. Carol moved, Colleen seconded and all voted in favor. The plan is to use Net 1 for both training sessions.

Mike Mosca ~ Treasurer/Membership Chairperson gave an update on the current active members (now stands at 154). He then gave a current snapshot of the Treasury. \$6702 was the balance before \$1120 in deposits for the Fall Festival and new memberships. \$804 was paid out for Fall Festival and net building supplies. The new current balance is \$7,018.46. Mike asked Scotty what the minimum # needs to be for the Fall Festival. Scotty said 60. October 1, 2021 will be the cutoff date.

Linda Swinton ~ Recreational Play Coordinator – brought back to discussion from a meeting or 2 back to have Recreation Competitive Play add another night per week.

Resolution: Linda's position is that the competitive play players each have at least 2 nights per week to play with others at the competitive level and the Recreational Competitive players have just 1 night per week. Linda moved and Scotty seconded and all were in favor. September 22nd (Wednesday night) will be the first night for the 2nd Rec Comp Play. It will not be a team night but just any Rec Comp Player in addition to higher level players can play on that net.

Linda also informed the group that 3 people have been added to the Recreation Competitive Team including Nita Satkowski, Ron Moody and Diane Ferrari.

Due to limited time at our meeting and so many agenda items, there was no discussion or vote at this Steering Committee Meeting on changing the name of Competitive Red Ball to Competitive Recreational Play. This item was tabled till next Steering Committee in October.

Eric mentioned that next Wednesday on September 22, the Competitive Team play for L5 and L6 will begin at Kilaga Springs. Eric also mentioned that the proposed dates for the Competitive WVB Tournament will be November 1-4, 2021 (Monday – Thursday).

Carol Critch ~ Mentor/Member Coordinator said a few new members will sign up this week.

Scotty Humphrey ~ as a sub for the Communications Coordinator - mentioned that he put an article in the Compass on Page 43 and in the Sun Senior News with a picture of our members playing at the Orchard Creek indoor pool. Scotty also proposed that phone numbers be added to the email list of our members on the WVB website. He said it may require our club to give members two opportunities to opt out of this. More research will be done before this is brought to our committee again.

Resolution: Scotty moved to give \$200 to the William Jessup volleyball general scholarship fund since our club and William Jessup volleyball team has a close relationship. The players from William Jessup have played with our group in the past in our pool and we, in turn, have been given free tickets to attend and support their games. Eric seconded the motion and all but 2 voted in favor of donating the \$200 to their volleyball scholarship fund. Mike Mosca, Cindi Underwood and Russ Palchak voted against this motion. Since this meeting took place, new information has now come to light. Cindi Underwood (on 9/19/21) has asked that this resolution be tabled until proper investigation can take place on whether this donation is appropriate or not. Cindi will reach out to the CCOC and run it by them. This topic will be discussed again at our October meeting.

Scotty Humphrey ~ Social Activities Coordinator – then presented his idea to have our club members purchase and wear WVB club apparel to look more professional. Scotty wanted to make this mandatory but others on the Steering Committee objected to this idea. Scotty said there's been fantastic feedback on the Outdoor WVB night with pizza on September 12, 2021. There were about 40 people at that event.

Russ Palchak ~ Training Administrator – said he has new volunteers for training. Thursday, October 28th is the proposed date for the first training session.

Gary Pfaff ~ Equipment Manager – commended Mel Switzer for leading the effort on building the nets and Carol Critch for buying the bright green balls for recreational ball. Gary has agreed to redo the setup and takedown procedures on the website.

David Vaughan brought up his concern over many players not using the 3-hit strategy or “triangle” method when they play. He said it needs to be emphasized more since it’s on the evaluation sheet for L4 and Recreation Competitive play.

Colleen brought up the fact that the Orchard pool has deeper water for the servers on the north sides of the two nets. **She said it is appropriate for the shorter people to move toward the middle of the back row as needed to get their head out of the water when they serve.** She’s 5’4” and wants all the shorter players to all know that it’s fine to move over. She also stands on her tippy toes to give her the height that she needs to be successful in getting the ball over the net. It’s a challenge and she’s not the shortest player. Both Linda Swinton and Sidne expressed agreement to this arrangement and said its fine for shorter players to do this.

Mel Switzer brought up that he would like to help reach out to our members who have yet to return and to check on them and see how they are doing. It was agreed that this will be done and others will help.

Cindi adjourned our meeting at 5:11 PM.