

2009 Great Falls Volleyball Association Annual Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Held at the meeting room at the Community Recreation Center, but then moved across the street to DQ:
CRC - 801 2nd Ave. N.
DQ – 9th St. & 2nd Ave. N.

Those present (4 total):

Wade Altschwager, President
Krista Koljonen, Vice President/Secretary
Tammy Turner, Treasurer
Keely Abbas

ORDER OF BUSINESS: (conducted by Wade Altschwager, GFVA President)

Election of Officers:

All three officers were willing to continue in their positions and no other nominations were made; thus, no elections were necessary for 2009. Krista did mention that one position was still open, but no willing volunteers were available to take either the VP or Secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

See attached report at the end of the minutes.
Ending Checking Account Balance as of 12/31/08: \$606.31
Ending Savings Account Balance as of 12/31/08: \$25.32

Membership Dues:

Annual dues are \$10/person. All membership forms and dues must be mailed or given to Tammy by January 31, 2009 in order to remain on the email list. Krista will remove the unpaid former members from the email list on February 1, 2009.

Currently, we have 5 paid GFVA members: Wade Altschwager, Krista Koljonen, Tammy Turner, Keely Abbas, and Bryan Lockerby. Tammy collected the \$40 in dues at the meeting (plus Bryan's mailed check) and will make the deposit(s) at her convenience.

Krista discussed the difference of membership compared to last year. Last year we had 9 less members compared to 2007.

Open Play:

We've been trying to play at the Heisey on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM (\$3/person or \$25 for a 10-time punch card), but so far only Wade and Krista have attended (excluding last week when Therena also came). The last time we actually were able to play was in November when 5 people showed up. Tammy hasn't been able to play due to her serious softball injury from last summer.

Wade suggested moving open gym back to Friday evenings at the CRC, since we had a little better turnout last year. The majority liked Wednesdays better, so we agreed to keep open gym the way it is for now. Krista has been texting reminders to those with cell phones on Wednesdays, so we'll see if that generates a few more players.

Outdoor open play will start Tuesday, May 19, 2009 and run through Thursday, August 27, 2009. We will be playing at Gibson Park (between the duck pond and basketball courts) on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (7:00 PM to dark) again this summer. Last year, Thursdays didn't have a very good showing (maybe due to softball), so Wade suggested that maybe we cancel Thursday evenings and just go with Tuesday evenings (if numbers are low again this year).

Leagues:

The winter Salvation Army Leagues start next week. The Wednesday evening women's league is full, but we don't know about the coed leagues. The last and final indoor league offered before this summer will start in March, but the registration for these Spring Salvation Army Leagues probably starts Monday, February 2, 2009 and tend to fill up quickly.

Wade asked for input regarding the fall city leagues. Basically, we discussed the issue of officials vs. no officials for that particular league (again). It seems like the Park and Recreation Officials aren't willing to budge on that issue. They are worried that control won't be maintained without officials. It seems crazy to pay money for officials when they don't show up, especially for the tournament matches. Wade will continue to represent our opinion at appropriate city meetings, since he will be attending for work already.

Tournaments:

Tammy plans to run the indoor tournament again this year and has been working on a new location for the tentative date of Saturday, March 7, 2009. Ideally, she would like to reserve the GFHS Fieldhouse and Old Gym. The cost of rental is \$175/day for each gym with the possibility of a janitor fee to have extra staff from the school district. We would need to sign a contract and have proof of insurance. Since GFVA can't afford liability insurance, Tammy is checking into getting through the MCA. Another possibility of gym space is UGF, but the cost is \$500/day for non-profit organizations PLUS \$500 maintenance fee (which needs more explanation). Tammy will keep us posted as things develop. It seems like teams from last year are interested in coming back again for a tournament, and Tammy has already received email inquiries.

Of course, we'll be hosting the Grass Stain Open again this summer. The date is Saturday, July 11, 2009 (Tammy's birthday), so mark your calendars. Since the city is making huge budget cuts, it looks like they won't be hosting RiverFest again this summer. Wade will check with Patty to confirm that decision. We've decided to still have the tournament anyway and keep the date and location. Please spread the word so we can get enough women's teams this year as well.

Staff Comments:

Wade...[Slacking secretary forgot to write them down and has since forgotten what they were. Sorry.]

Respectfully submitted,

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These minutes were sent out to all members and participants by e-mail on Monday, January 19, 2009 @ 1:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report January 1, 2008 – January 12, 2009

Date	Checking Acct. Transaction	Amount
1/1/08	Beginning Balance	436.12
2/29/08	February deposits (\$130 dues; \$570 winter tourney regist.)	700.00
3/31/08	March withdrawals (\$222.50 MT Sub Shop; \$307.50 TRT reimburse for tournament expenses)	-530.00
5/31/08	May deposits (\$60 dues)	60.00
5/31/08	May withdrawals (\$29.99 reimburse KK for book; \$50 Papa Murphy's fundraiser cards)	-79.99
6/30/08	June deposits (\$100 FairClaim donation; \$100 Credit Union donation)	200.00
7/31/08	July deposits (\$50 dues; \$250 P.M. fundraiser; \$300 GSO regist.)	600.00
7/31/08	July withdrawals (\$14 Double G; \$19.71 Walmart; \$23.30 MT Sub; \$60 Target; \$50.29 fruit; \$12.52 Wade; \$600 cash for tourney prizes)	-779.82
12/31/08	Ending Balance	606.31

Savings Account Balance as of 12/31/08	\$25.32
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