

2008 Great Falls Volleyball Association Annual Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2008 at 7:00 PM

Held at the meeting room at the Community Recreation Center:
801 2nd Ave. N.

Those present (5 total):

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

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 2008.

Membership:

Annual dues are now \$10/person. In order to become a member and receive GFVA information emails, all membership forms and dues must be mailed to Krista before January 31, 2008. If she doesn't receive 2007 members' dues by then, Krista will remove the unpaid former members from the email list on February 1, 2008.

Currently, we have 5 paid GFVA members: Wade Altschwager, Krista Koljonen, Tammy Turner, Keely Abbas, and Ken Poser. Tammy collected the \$50 in dues at the meeting and will make the deposit. Krista will collect the dues submitted by mail and give them to Tammy to deposit after the end of the month deadline.

Wade discussed the benefits and responsibilities of becoming a member. Only members have the benefit of email and equipment check-out.

Open Play:

Wednesday evenings at the Heisey Youth Center has been selected for indoor open play, but we haven't been able to start yet. The new director, Ann-Margaret, purchased a Cobra indoor net system that is being installed by a volunteer, local contractor. Since the facility is older, they are running into problems installing the sleeves. Ann-Margaret hopes that we will be able to start open gym by the end of January. Wade will check with Rebecca at the Community Recreation Center to see if we can get into play in their gym until the Heisey is ready for us.

Outdoor open play will start Tuesday, May 13, 2008 and run through Thursday, August 28, 2008. 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.

Leagues:

The winter Salvation Army Leagues which start next week are all full already. The last and final indoor league offered before this summer will start in March, but the registration for these Spring Salvation Army Leagues starts Monday, February 4, 2008 and 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.

Tournaments:

Since not many MT cities are hosting indoor volleyball tournaments anymore, we discussed the possibility of hosting an indoor winter tournament (possibly coed 6's). Tammy and Ken will look into a location with two nets to see if it would even be possible this year. If so, we'll go from there.

Of course, we'll be hosting the Grass Stain Open again this summer in conjunction with RiverFest. The date for RiverFest is Saturday, July 12, 2008, so mark your calendars. We're hoping to increase our sponsorships this year, so please let the officers know if you are willing to help out with this area. Krista would like to see an annual supporter sponsor the tournament with a large cash donation, so she will be pursuing Red Bull this year. Ken suggested targeting a local restaurant to sponsor the tournament as well. Then all of the players could go to the establishment after the tournament for a dinner. He's seen tournaments that also had tickets for all of the players to get a break on a meal for dinner that evening at a specific place. Wade heard about a deal at Fuddruckers where they sponsor a night for an organization and part of the proceeds from the food purchased that evening is donated back to the organization.

Staff Comments:

Treasurer's Report: Currently, we have \$436.12 in our checking account and \$25 in savings at Community Federal Credit Union.

We still need to purchase a few items to maintain our outdoor equipment: bag for the donated orange net, 1 set of web boundaries for the orange net, 1 boundary/stakes bag, bag for the Spectrum net, 2 hammers, and possibly a ball pump. Krista will do some research and figure out the total price before a decision to purchase anything will be made.

Wade told everyone about the Steve Pretat's grant. Brian Lockerby is also involved and invited the officers to a meeting in hopes that various organizations could get involved with specific events or activities (thinking outside the box). They have quite a bit of money to spend during the next two years, but certain stipulations exist for how the funds are to be utilized. The website for the grant is www.USA0013.com and explains all about it. Krista suggested that Ken and Tammy talk to either Steve or Brian about the indoor tournament, since maybe they could pay for gym rental, officials, or food.

Member Comments:

Ken suggested that maybe GFVA could send out newsletters in the form of a one page bulk mail which costs \$20 per year. He thought that getting a hard copy (to put on your refrigerator or wherever) would be beneficial to members. Krista told him that most of that is already done through email. Tammy suggested that maybe it could be done quarterly or once a year.

Respectfully submitted,

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