

2006-2007 Great Falls Volleyball Association Annual Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2006 at 7:00 PM

Held at Bert and Ernie's Tavern and Grill:
300 1st Ave. S.

Those present (8 total):

Wade Altschwager, President
Krista Koljonen, Vice President
Sharon Patterson, Secretary/Treasurer
Jim Vance
Dariusz Wudarzewski
Julia Fitzpatrick
Steven Javinar
Beckie Radial

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

Membership:

Currently, we have 18 paid GFVA members: Wade & Jen Altschwager, Krista Koljonen, Sharon Patterson, Keri Anderson, Marilyn Elliott, Julia Fitzpatrick, AJ Forbes, Kelli Gagnon, Steven Javinar, Scott Johnson, David Nicholson, Beckie Radial, Jim & Jill Simmons, Tammy Turner, Jim Vance, and Dariusz Wudarzewski.

Also, we have a list of 28 other non-paid participants.

Secretary Position:

We had no nominations or volunteers to take over the secretarial position. Thus, Krista is going to continue as both Vice President and Secretary, until a suitable and willing person surfaces. Sharon will act as sole Treasurer. She collected the dues tonight and will deposit them into the GFVA account at Community Federal Credit Union.

Status of the Great Falls Volleyball Association, Inc.:

Krista called the Secretary of State's Office to find out our status as a non-profit corporation. The Great Falls Volleyball Association, Inc. was "involuntarily dissolved" on December 1, 2000 due to failure of the annual report and filing fees being submitted. We had five years to reinstate, but now we are one year past reinstatement. Thus, we now have to start all over. That means we need to file our rewritten articles of incorporation along with our \$20 filing fee. In order to maintain our incorporation status, we need to submit an annual report (fill in sheet online) along with a \$15 filing fee before April 15th each year. After April 15th, the filing fee is \$30. We've given ourselves until January 2007 to rewrite the articles of incorporation, by-laws, and constitution AND complete all the Montana State, MT Department of Revenue, and IRS (to gain non-profit status) paperwork. Once this is all complete, our goal is to maintain our non-profit incorporation status by being responsible in submitting all annual paperwork. Wade's name and information will be on all the paperwork. He has agreed to this, since he is the most likely to keep the same address in the next five years.

Indoor Open Play:

The officers are looking into obtaining a gym with two available nets for indoor open play this fall, winter, spring. **Thursday evenings will be open play.** The time and place are unknown at this time, but once those logistics are finalized, we will notify you by email. Hopefully, we'll be able to start in November and continue until May.

Beckie is going to loan her 4 indoor volleyballs to the association until we can place another volleyball order.

Grass Stain Open:

The Great Falls Volleyball Association will be hosting a men's and women's outdoor doubles tournament next summer in conjunction with RiverFest. We still need to get a confirmation as well as some questions answered from the RiverFest organizers, but Wade has been communicating with them, so we should find out soon. **The date of RiverFest is Saturday, July 14, 2007, so mark your calendars.** Dariusz and Beckie have volunteered to help the officers organize this tournament. If anyone else is interested in helping out with planning, please let Wade, Krista, or Sharon know.

GFVA website:

Krista is working on a website. Once it is up and running, she will send out an email so you all can check it out as well as find current volleyball information.

Treasurer's report:

Currently, we have \$424.41 in our checking account at Community Federal Credit Union.

2008 Annual Meeting:

The next annual meeting will take place on Monday, January 7, 2008. We encourage you to consider joining us and giving your valuable input in order to promote competitive volleyball in our city. We are looking into a different location and will let you know beforehand. Also, the annual dues will be collected again at that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Dariusz suggested a simple and easy fundraiser to generate more funds for the association. He suggested doing a 50/50 raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

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