

Great Falls Volleyball Association Meeting
May 20, 2006 at 7:00 PM

Held at Sharon Patterson's house:
715 44th St. N.

Those present:
Wade Altschwager, Vice-President
Sharon Patterson, Secretary
Randy Kylo
Chris Shepherd
Krista Koljonen

Decisions Made:

OFFICERS:

1. Wade Altschwager appointed President
2. Krista Koljonen appointed Vice-President
3. Sharon Patterson will remain Secretary and add Treasurer to her duties

{Sharon will contact our former President/Treasurer, Jason Huestis, to arrange a time for the officers to meet him at the bank to transfer names over and obtain checkbook and any other association paperwork.}

SUMMER PLAYING LOGISTICS:

We decided to schedule the following days and times to play outside this summer:

TUESDAYS at 7 PM

THURSDAYS at 7 PM

SUNDAYS at 3 PM

Come sunshine, rain, wind, snow...we'll be there.-) We're going to start **Tuesday, May 23rd.**

As for location, we decided to continue playing down at **Gibson Park, between the duck pond and the basketball courts**, until we research a few alternative sites. The UGF campus has been suggested for a location due to the excellent condition of the grass compared to the public park. {We weren't sure about the schedule of the sprinkler system...would there be wet, slippery grass or would the system turn on in the evening while we're playing? We also want to make sure there's enough room to set up 4 nets without running into problems with sprinkler heads, etc.}

We decided to keep up with the ever-changing world of volleyball rules...just to be clear, we'll be playing rally matches to 25 with the let serve rule.

Chris Shepherd will be responsible for the 3 association nets and volleyballs during the summer. He will bring them to the park on the scheduled days OR give them to someone to bring down if he can't make it.

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP:

We've selected the month of October to hold our annual Great Falls Volleyball Association meeting for officers AND members OR future members. It will be held the 2nd Saturday (which falls on **October 14th** this year...so mark it on your calendars). This will be when we pay an annual fee of \$5 to become members {a top 10 list of the benefits of joining will be sent out before the meeting:-)} and discuss/plan future events to keep volleyball alive in Great Falls. Consider the summer as a free bonus time to get things rolling again...

EQUIPMENT:

The officers will be purchasing 3 new outdoor balls for the summer (once we get our names transferred over to the association account). We will also be checking into the net maintenance issues and getting those taken care of.

After the October meeting, we will look into purchasing some indoor balls for the fall/winter/spring.

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TOURNAMENT:

We've opted to wait until next summer to host a men's doubles and women's doubles tournament or coed doubles(possibly during Riverfest). This way we have an entire year to plan it well, obtain sponsors, advertise, and build up our volleyball contacts around the state again. We're hoping to attract players from all over the state to enter teams and just have a fun, competitive day of volleyball in conjunction with the Riverfest festivities.

IN-STATE TOURNAMENTS:

We will be checking with people around the state to find our volleyball contacts again, so we can get the information regarding other tournaments held around the state (outdoor and indoor) and pass the info. along to everyone. We'll find out about the status of the Governor's Cup as well (rumor has it that it might not be held this year, so if you've heard differently, please let us know). Also, if you have phone numbers or emails or contacts for anyone across the state involved in volleyball clubs or whatever in other cities, please let me (Krista) know.

OTHER BUSINESS:

We discussed the following ideas as well:

1. I (Krista) have an updated list of volleyball contacts for Great Falls now...with names, numbers, addresses, and email addresses. Only the officers will have this information. We won't be handing out any of that information to anyone, unless we are given permission by each individual. Would any of you be interested in a directory containing names, phone numbers, and email addresses going out by email to everyone currently on that list? {reason being that maybe you would like to have a list of volleyball contacts in case you want to arrange a spontaneous pick-up game other than Tuesdays, Thursdays, or Sundays or you would like to put together a team for an upcoming tournament, especially after playing and getting to know people this summer} If a volleyball directory is something you are interested in, let me know. Also, let me know if you object to having your information handed out like that. We could also do a directory with just the people who consented to it.
2. Eventually, we would like to put together a Great Falls Volleyball Association website (as long as we could figure out a cost effective and minimal management way of doing so).
3. Our goal is to inform you of the different volleyball leagues that the city offers throughout the year as well. We hope to send you the information for each one.
4. Chris suggested having an ongoing doubles tournament amongst the Great Falls people throughout the summer. Nothing was decided but it sounded like fun. He would have the logistics as far as how it would be run.
5. We would like to be able to play indoors this fall/winter/spring, but we need to find a gym. Sharon suggested renting the City Rec. Center.

Hopefully, I didn't forget anything. Thanks for allowing me to fill your inbox. Have a great weekend and I'll see you down at the park on Tuesday.

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