

Great Falls Volleyball Association Officers Meeting
April 16, 2007 at 7:00 PM

Held at Sharon Patterson's house:
3212 3rd Ave. N.

Those present:
Wade Altschwager, President
Krista Koljonen, Vice President/Secretary
Sharon Patterson, Treasurer

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

GRASS STAIN OPEN:

Krista hasn't completed the sponsorship letter and email yet, but she will get that done before the next meeting. She'll also make a sponsorship sheet to keep track of sponsors, their donations, and thank you's sent.

National Laundry has offered to donate all the T-shirts for the tournament. Jim Simmons gave Krista a catalog for the officers to choose the type of T-shirt. The officers decided on a heathered green/deep forest Hanes T-shirt, and Sharon drew out the layout for the logos on the front of the T-shirt. The back will have the sponsors' logos on it. Krista will get the order to Jim before the next meeting.

The officers suggested that Krista try to play around with the current Grass Stain Open Logo to bold the "Stain" part or change the font. She'll try to improve it, make samples, and email them to the officers.

Krista will look for a big volleyball or something to have for the tournament as an eye catcher or attention grabber.

Sharon suggested Josiah (her son) for the MC position for the awards ceremony. He said he would think about it.

Krista is in touch with the manager at the Montana Sub Shop to see if they will host the lunch for the players in the tournament.

Krista gave the officers the estimated prices for the various signs researched at Sign Pro. It isn't a possibility to do a front and back for the vinyl signs. Krista thought it was too difficult to get an exact price, since the project depended on too many factors. Basically, you just have to give them the job. Then they can give you a better price. Since Sign Pro won't need to do the T-shirts for the tournament, Krista will check with the owner to see if he would consider donating a sign for the tournament.

Sharon blocked off rooms at the Mid-town Motel and gave Krista the room rates, dates, and 800 # for registration.

SUMMER PLAY LOCATION:

The officers decided to have the GFVA paid members vote on the 2007 summer location for open play. Krista will send out an email with the following locations as choices:

1. Gibson Park – our current location between the duck pond and basketball courts
2. Elk's Riverside Park
3. North Kiwanis Park
4. Lion's Park
5. Montana Park – by Meadowlark School
6. UGF – if permission is gained

SUNDAY OPEN PLAY:

Several members and participants are interested in playing on Sunday evenings at 7:00 PM. Since none of the officers are available to be in charge of nets that day and time, Krista will send out an email to everyone to find out the interest out there for Sunday play and to recruit a paid member to be in charge of the GFVA nets and balls every Sunday. That means this individual would have to pick up the equipment on Thursday evenings, be responsible for gathering and properly putting away the equipment on Sunday evenings, and bringing the net to the park in time for Tuesday evening open play. If the interest is there and a volunteer comes forward, then we'll go ahead and schedule Sunday evenings in addition to Tuesdays and Thursdays.

POSSIBLE NEW INDOOR OPEN PLAY LOCATION:

Krista has been in contact with the new Heisey Youth Center (#453-1211) Director, Ann-Margaret Periman. They purchased a new net system that goes into the floor. Thursday evenings are available from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. She has it set up to charge \$5/hour and \$1/person, but the officers would like to bargain for a flat fee of \$2-3/person instead. That would make things easier for all of us involved. Wade would like to look at the gym first before reserving the gym for the fall.

FUNDRAISERS:

Krista suggested that we run a Thursday on-going Doubles Tournament this summer for both men and women where partners are switched all the time and individuals earn points. People who are interested could pay \$20 for the summer and the winners at the end could receive a prize. One net would be available for those not participating or waiting turns could play for fun.

Wade will go to Papa Murphy's to get more information so we can start this fundraiser soon. This would help generate more funds for GFVA.

Wade also saw that Fuddrucker's had some sort of fundraising opportunity as well. He'll check into that soon.

INSURANCE:

Wade heard that we could obtain liability insurance for one day, which would be useful if we were running a one day indoor tournament. The officers will do some research to find out more about this possibility.

*Our next officers' meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2007 @ 7:00 PM at Krista Koljonen's house.

Respectfully submitted,

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