

27 in attendance:

VB Director: Jeff Groves

Booster Board: President - Marie Hechsel; Secretary - Jeanne Sjoquist; Treasurer - John Mattison & WebMaster - Brian Loe

1) Marie opened meeting and welcomed at 7:10pm

2) Minutes from 1.18.2010 Mtg

- Motioned for acceptance by Jen Kirchen
- Second by Chris San Agustin

3) Agenda

- Marie added to new business - asking each team to share how team is doing
- Asked for additional items
  - none

4) Presidential Report

- none

Question: Is anyone looking into funding and answers from last year?

Answer (Marie):

- We are looking into last year - not sure anything we can do about last year. Bank account/cashed checks.
- For this year trying to get info on all \$ in and out, etc. (tournaments etc.) thru April
- We will provide for this year.

5) Treasurers Report:

- None at this time

- Marie looking into Tax Exempt ID Number - transfer to John and he will handle spreadsheet.
  - Each team is different
  - Question: Are all coaches paid the same?
  - Answer: 15's & 16's paid; 13's & 14's = daughter's fee
  - Practices at AVHS = free for now.
  - Court time & practice fees paid thru the end of Feb.
  - Suggestion that Tony's Appliance has courts (located near Outback Steakhouse in Burnsville) Open 4-10; 2 hr increments
  - Issue of coach still not been paid - getting paid this week.
  - John is treasurer - spreadsheet - get one from another league/club
  - biggest thing is to get a tax ID # to get funds out of Jeff's personal account and into AV Jr Girls Volleyball account. Will then provide information and budget etc.
  - Brand-new account at an Apple Valley bank.
  - Two officers sign; treasurer & officer

6) Old Business

- Brian went over website info
  - he sent information to distribution list
  - he has passwords and can start clean-up
  - Will put updated info
  - Dan Kuklock - Gordy Hagert [former HS asst., former JO coach) - he, Jeff Groves & Dan Seppala [Dan K's predecessor, former JO coach] had set-up site using our club; paid for 5 years (\$50 per year)

- basic site - can add stuff for \$
- AVHS Boosters are using for free - will help with software and features
- Ex: photo gallery - tournaments, teams
- e-mail forwarding costs more
- looked at other sports websites - lots of services just for sports, teams etc.
- We have godaddy - very basic
- we should connect with VAA and have them put our link on their site & vice versa
- Questions of content; would like to put new items; paragraph of 12-1's 2nd place with photo, etc.
- Anyone can e-mail & put on site
- keep photos to 120 KB (kilobytes) or less
- thru end of 2011 - then we can consider another site
- Applevalleyvolleyball.com
- Other links to add: sign-up to play; NCR,
- Ultimate goal is so anyone who goes on our site will have access to it - and right away
- Loe1@mac.com (home e-mail) ; will respond in p.m. as cannot get e-mails at work

#### 7) New Business

- 12's = great season & group of girls - 2nd place at Presidential Tournament. New girls - 16 hrs of vollebyall 4/1 vs N Lights
- 14's = tough tournament - in wrong division? Girls stepped it up but was tough. Power Leagues going well
- 15's = Presidents tournament didn't look good on Saturday/ Sunday won
- 16's = great season, did well, won pool on Saturday - last teams there. 10<sup>th</sup>

#### 7a) By-laws passed out

- This was taken from a bunch of different by-laws
- Question: Is the word "Olympic" being dropped from school?
- Decision: Take out the word Olympic from all content in by-laws
- Question: Do we need to define "youth" - up to 18; need for tax ID
- Decision: No - keep as is
- Question: Add the word girls?
- Decision: No, keep as is
- Added President will co-sign checks over \$1,000.
- Sec 8: replace word Director with President
- Send suggested changes to Jeanne; she will consolidate; board will put together and we will vote
- Motioned to Accept as preapproval working document by Brian Loe
- Jen Kirchen second
- Send changes to Jeanne by Friday 2/27/2010 @ sjoquistfamily@yahoo.com

#### 7b) Booster Clubs at AVHS - handout passed out

- Clarify we are a Booster but not affiliated with the High School. Goal is to work with the high school.
  - Question: Is it the same with other teams?
  - Answer: Softball & Basketball are EVAA JO's team is part of EVAA
  - New coach will not have anything to do with this but we hope there is a connection
  - No coach can dictate as a Board on how to run
  - We would hope coach would come in

#### New Coach?

- Posting was closed week ago Friday
  - 3 apps worth interviewing
  - 1 former assistant

- 2 not employees of district
- Steve Degenaar & Pete Buesgens (AVHS Athletic Director) want new head coach hired by 4/1

District & Us;

- We want to be transparent of costs.
- There is an AVHS Volleyball Boosters - they are going thru the same as us; by-laws etc.; Pete gave them a "pass" last year - this year more structured.
- Brian talked to Michelle Race regarding joint fundraising with volleyball club
- Maybe in future we can work together. Hopefully develops good relationships - one big happy family. Now we'll take our steps, they take theirs towards this goal.

7C) VAA Liaison:

- Kevin Studer will be involved; send e-mail so we can invite their program
  - Goal to have options out there for community
  - Peter Vogel - Volleyball Commissioner for VAA present at this mtg; work with board and vice-versa
  - 2 seasons/Grades 2-12
  - want to keep this protected; work together
  - sign-up times/tryouts
  - Fall Season is September/ Spring March
  - Need to find a way to get the word out there
  - Flyers to the schools?
  - Camps/Coaches/ etc.
  - Looking to take on 7/8th Grade - have better option than just waiting for H.S.
  - We've had in the past a Spring Clinic - 3-4 Saturdays
  - goal is to make this a place they want to be
  - Spring Clinic? Work with Jeff & School - even 1 day
  - If looking at mailbox = summer clinics so crazy; June - August
  - make it a fundraiser for our girls to work with younger; 3-6th Grade, 4-6th, 7-9th
  - Summer - Mid July?
  - Pete O reserved the week captains camp/soaring eagles
  - Does someone want to take this on? It's already March - people need to step up if want accomplished.
  - Jeff Groves will ask Pete the dates of current camps
  - VAA = Mid March - Mid May; 2-4th Grades = Thurs & Sat; 5-7 = Tues/Sat?;
  - 8-12 = Mon/Sat
  - Volunteer, send e-mails, ask

7d) Gym Coordinator

- We need one! Someone to focus on what's out there - get things booked - find other options
- Tony's Appliance
  - Churches (Hosanna Lutheran has sports courts)
  - keep in mind a.m. hours not the best
  - Anyone feel the desire to do/

7e) Spread the Word;

- options;
- working together to give the opportunities & promote community
- Friday folders at Elementary Schools
- e-mail bulletins at Middle schools
- have reps at Open Houses & Carnival nights passing out info

These are the things we need. People to step up and help. Everyone has great ideas - pull them together.

Parents in the district - Thank you.

All this helps make this a great program.

Thanks.

Motioned for close of mtg: John Mattison

Second motion: Jen Kirchen

~end 8:40pm

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