

Minutes: AV Juniors Volleyball Mtg: Monday, 8.2.2010: 7pm  
Attendance: approx. 20 present  
Board: President Marie Hechsel, Vice President Jennifer Moore;  
Webmaster Brian Loe (recording)

Apple Valley Junior Volleyball  
August 2, 2010

1. **Welcome:**

The meeting opened at 6:48pm. It followed on the heels of the Fall League parents' meeting, and many parents stayed from the previous meeting. Marie Hechsel and Jenny Moore spent a few minutes giving a brief orientation to those people who were attending their first AVJV board meeting.
2. **May Minutes:**

Jennifer Kirchen moved to approve the minutes from 5/10/10; Teresa Lanenberg seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
3. **President's Report:**

Marie reported that turnout for the AVVB camps was good, that the camps were well organized, and that the camps appear to have given the club some additional momentum. Fall league tryouts were held at the end of the camps, and 48 girls in grades 4-8 tried out for teams. There were 2 more girls who were not able to make the tryouts. There will be four middle school teams (grades 7 & 8), and two teams playing the South Metro League (grades 4-6). We had independent evaluators attending the tryouts: high school coaching staff, former AVJV coaches, and some active adult VB players from the community. No board members participated in the evaluation of players. This will be the procedure for tryouts in November too. Teams for the fall were divided by skill level, but the fall league is about player development, NOT competition — every girl will get playing time. Tryouts in November will be independent of the Fall League tryouts.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Marie gave a quick financial report in John's absence. At the end of July, we had a balance just over \$2,000. Tonight we collected fees for the fall leagues, and registration fees for the fall leagues will be due soon. The high school staff purchased new U12 "lite" volleyballs for the summer camps, they have offered to sell them to the club at a reduced rate, and we will take them up on the offer.
5. **New Business:**
  - a. **Gym Time:** Marge Phillips has been investigating options for practice sites. She and Becky Glass had just come to the AVJV meeting from an annual meeting regarding gym time in District 196. The Community Education office manages all facilities rentals for the school district. Groups requesting gym time are granted differing priority levels. We will be considered an "association" when we provide them with our tax ID number and proof that we have appropriate insurance (the District must be named as an insured party). An association gets higher priority than say a booster club. Marie the action items to forward the tax ID to Marge and to clarify that the insurance that we have through NCRUSAV extends to the District. The district said that they would be willing to upgrade the gym at Highland Elementary for a single regulation volleyball court with in-ground posts if AVJV, Eastview, and Rosemount would help pay for the system. Marge gave examples of rates and availability for the Midwest Volleyball Warehouse and the M1 Training Center (\$20/hour before 5:15pm). Bloomington Activity Centers at Kennedy and Jefferson high schools are \$30/hour, but we would be fourth in line behind the schools, the athletic association, and parks & rec. Marge had

investigated several area churches too. Jenny Moore suggested that Marge contact Farmington school district since they have opened a new high school.

- b. **Upcoming Winter Season:** Costs for the coming season will be about the same as last year. Some teams may choose to play a “league only” schedule and would be cheaper. Others may choose to add tournaments to their schedule and will be more expensive. We have gotten good interest with regard to the request for coaches. There is interest from a member of the high school staff, a couple of volleyball players from Hamline, plus returning coaches. The club wants to keep multi-sport athletes involved.
- c. **New Policy Statements:** Everyone is encouraged to read the draft policy statements and to make comments on them. These are expected to be broad statements of intent, not detailed rules to be followed to the letter. Marie stressed that this club belongs to the players’ parents, and that the parents should be in control of the club, also that the policies will and should evolve as the club changes. In particular, the policy on communications should provide guidelines for how to avoid problems and miscommunication. The policy on closed practices was intended to be a general rule, but Jenny Moore stressed that there are reasons for allowing exceptions to the rule. For example, a parent may help with practice at the coach’s discretion. Although not stated as a part of any policy statement yet, tryouts will be closed to parents. There was discussion about team formation and player selection, but Marie and Jen felt that there were so many unknown quantities that making a policy statement would not be helpful. Decision about team formation and player selection will be made by as large a groups as possible --- in consultation with the tryout evaluators, the board, the coaches, etc. However, the hard reality may be the availability of practice time and space. When asked whether the club would give preference to girls who live in the AVHS attendance area over those who do not, board members answered affirmatively; it could be added to the club structure policy statement.

6. **Other:**

- a. Marie Hechsel said that she would talk to the high school coach, Gordy Hagert, about having a night at which they would recognize girls playing in the fall leagues.
- b. Fundraising opportunities were discussed. The Dairy Queen fundraiser was disappointing. Because they only credited customers who brought in the flyer, and because of the tryouts the same night. Teresa Lanenberg described a fundraiser done by another club at Outback Steakhouse in which the girls would sell tickets for \$15 for a meal at Outback. The club gets back \$10 per ticket. Meals are served in one of two waves: 11am and noon on a Sunday. Other fundraising ideas discussed were ButterBraids, cookie dough, Applebees, Buffalo Wild Wings, and Davanni’s.
- c. Brian Loe reported that the AVHS volleyball boosters had agreed to pay for a photo sharing site (the Juniors paid for [applevalleyvolleyball.com](http://applevalleyvolleyball.com)). Juniors will be able to use it too. The address will be [avvb.smugmug.com](http://avvb.smugmug.com), but there will be links to the site from the website [applevalleyvolleyball.com](http://applevalleyvolleyball.com). Brian also offered to take photos of the fall league teams and players.