



# NWT VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2014

Sport North Boardroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Don Cooper Building

Call in #: 1-866-613-5223 (Participant Access Code: 2613545#)

Chairperson Pass Code: 2745694

### **Attendees:**

Abe Theil  
Glorianna Shearme  
Lyric Sandhals  
Stacey Christie  
Terrel Hobbs  
Ron Chiasson  
Paul Shearme  
Scott McQueen  
Gloria Gaudet  
Yvonne Careen

### **Key discussion points:**

1. Call to order and roll call – 6:09pm
2. Adoption of agenda

### **MOTION: to review and accept the agenda**

**Moved by: Yvonne Careen**

**Seconded by: Scott McQueen**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

3. Approval of minutes from the 2013 Annual General Meeting

### **MOTION: to review and accept the agenda**

**Moved by: Stacey Christie**

**Seconded by: Ron Chiasson**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

4. **President's report – Abe Theil**

(Verbal Report) There was lots of activity that went on throughout the NWT last year. The Association was active in as many regions as possible. We had representation at the National level, sending representatives to ROC, President, TD and ED meetings. It is important that we continue to stay involved with Volleyball Canada.





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## 5. Financial Report and Approval of Financial Statements

The treasurer resigned part way through this last fiscal year and the position remained vacant. In order for the financials to be completed for this meeting, Abe Theil prepared them.

Please note that there is no Sport North Core Funding showing up as revenue because the 2013/2014 funding was entered into the 2013 year-end financial statement. We have already received the Sport North Core Funding for the 2014/2015 year but it has been entered as deferred revenue in order for it show up in our 2015 year-end financial statements.

We are in a strong healthy cash position, with our current account balance at approximately \$114,000. Next week we will schedule a planning and budgeting meeting with the newly elected board of directors.

**MOTION: to accept the financial statements as presented**

**Moved by: Yvonne Careen**

**Seconded by: Ron Chiasson**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## 6. Directors Reports

### Technical Director Report

Player Development Camps:

1. Middle School Skills Camp (grade 5-8) — run by Potential Volleyball Club - 15 athletes
2. High School Skills Camp (grade 9-12)— run by Potential Volleyball - 14 athletes
3. Louis-Pierre Mainville (3 days)- Yellowknife schools - approx. 250 kids
  - L.P., a former national team member came to Yellowknife for three days to work with the schools on his way to Whitehorse. We were able to contact a number of schools in Yellowknife and set L.P. up to work with the students in their PE classes.
  - L.P. also worked with the Potential Volleyball Club's 14U, 16U & 18U teams in the evenings while he was here.
4. Beach player development camps to take place June 27-30, 2014





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- Clinics for all ages will be run by Joe Body over the course of the 3 day clinic.

## Team NWT:

### 1. 2014 Arctic Winter Games

- Dean Webb was selected to coach the boys team and Ron Chiasson was selected to coach the girls team. The selection camps for both the boys and girls teams took place in Yellowknife in December.
- Tiffany Dodd and Gavin Little were brought up to run the boys selection camp.
  - Evaluators were: Dean Webb, Matt Russell and Stacey Christie
- Naoki Miyashita and Mami Miyashita from University of Alberta were brought up to run the girls selection camp.
  - Evaluators were: Ron Chiasson, Sandra Nielson and Gail Christie

### 2. 2014 North American Indigenous Games

- Stacey Christie and Jordan Reid were the coaching staff for the female team and Brandon Thompson and Scott McQueen were the coaching staff for the male team.
- The male team's selection took place May 9-11, 2014 in Fort Smith.
- The female team's selection took place May 31 – June 1, 2014 in Inuvik.
- Both teams performed extremely well at the games. We would like to thank the coaching staff for all their hard work and dedication that they put into preparing each of the teams.

## Recommendations for 2014-2015:

The upcoming year is an important one for player/coach development and selection camps in the NWT.

### Coach Development:

- It is essential that we begin the process of certifying coaches for the upcoming major Games (WCSG & CSG). For WCSG, our coaches must be fully certified NCCP Level II for both beach and indoor and for CSG, the coaches need to be fully certified NCCP Level III.
- New since January 1, 2014, anyone that is currently certified must participate in professional development in order to maintain their current certifications. All coaches will have 5 years to meet the professional development requirements for the various coaching levels.





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- The NWTVA should actively seek out 2-3 individuals to train has LF's (Level Facilitators). This will enable us to use locally trained people to help with the delivery of Level I and Level II technical coaching clinics.

## **Player Development/Identification Camps for Territorial Teams:**

- There has been a change in ages for the WCSG and CSG athletes. For both sets of games, indoor volleyball will be 18U and beach volleyball will be 20U.
- As a result of the age changes, it is important that we start to gather our database of athletes for both indoor and beach for both sets of Games.
- With WCSG taking place in the summer of 2015, we will need to find a way to start to build a list of potential athletes. This could be in the form of ID camps in the regions (if feasible), or identification through current tournaments (Lawrie Hobart Memorial in Ft. Smith, Spike It, Beaufort-Delta High School tournament, other etc.).
- We will need to plan WCSG selection camps for both beach and indoor. The indoor camp should take place sometime through the winter and the WCSG beach camp could take place in the spring when we can get on the sand.

## **Regional Officials Chair (ROC) Report**

### **2013-2014 Season**

Another succesful season of volleyball in the NWT has come to close, below a few highlights of activities completed by the NWT Volleyball Officials:

August 2013

- 1 official travelled to CSG in Sherbrooke, QC.

October 2013

- Clinic for eight (8) high school students to officiate middle school matches.

March 2014

2 officials travelled to Fairbanks, AK for the 2014 Arctic Winte Games.

May 2014

- official travelled to Edmonton, AB for U17/18 Nationals;
- Officials travelled to calgary, AB for U16 Nationals;
- 1 official attened LGM Memorial Tournament in Rankin, Inlet, NU.





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Nine (9) tournaments occurred within the NWT during the 2013-2014 season. NWTVA would like to thank Alberta Volleyball and Saskatchewan Volleyball for being able to provide officials to travel to the NWT and assist with some of these tournaments.

## 2014-2015 Season

- 1) Updated officials rate for 2014-2015 in effect (posted on website).
- 2) Summary of rule updates for 2014-2015 season:
  - a. Allow numbers 1-99;
  - b. Updates to block and concussion rules;
  - c. Watch for FIVB changes next year (player touching net);
  - d. More information will be provided with new rulebook is received.

**ACTION ITEM:** Lyric Sandhals to inquire about concussion policies that Volleyball Canada has and other Provinces/Territories.

- 3) The VC 2014 NOC Meeting provided national rates across Canada, average rates for Adult games were
  - a. Novice \$17.00
  - b. L1 \$21.00
  - c. L2 \$23.00
  - d. L3 \$25.00
  - e. L4 \$26.00
  - f. \*Above average rates in BC, Manitoba and Ontario raise the average for smaller Provinces and Territories.
- 4) NWTVA officials will have another busy year, and will still need to request assistance from Alberta Volleyball for some tournaments.

October 17-19, 2014: Laurie Hobart Memorial – Fort Smith, NT

October 17-19, 2014 Paulousie Memorial Tournament – Inuvik, NT

October 23, 2014 Officials Clinic for Jr. Spike IT – Yellowknife, NT

October 24-25, 2014 Jr. Spike IT – Yellowknife, NT

October 27-30, 2014 Possible Officials Clinic – Yellowknife, NT

October 31 – November 2, 2014 Sr. Spike IT – Yellowknife, NT

November 7-9, 2014 YKVA Fall Tournament – Yellowknife, NT

December 5-7, 2014 – YK Open – Yellowknife, NT

January 23-25, 2015 YKVA Winter Tournament – Yellowknife, NT

January 30 – February 1, 2015 Referee Summit – Ottawa, ON

February 27 – March 1, 2015 NWTVA Territorial Championships – Yellowknife, NT

March 13-15, 2015 YKVA Spring Tournament – Yellowknife, NT

May 13-19, 2015 VC National Championships 2015 – Calgary, AB





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June 27-28, 2015 National Officials Meeting – Toronto, ON

July 16-26, 2015 Pan Am Games – Toronto, ON

August 11-16, 2015 WCSG 2015 – Fort McMurray, AB

## **Inuvik Volleyball Club Report**

Inuvik volleyball club had a great season. They provided adult drop-in sessions two nights a week from October to March. This year, the adult user groups now have to pay for gym time and the season is already underway.

## **VCCE**

Volleyball Canada Centre of Excellence started up at Sir John in September. They had budgeted for 18 participants with a break-even point of 13. It is currently three (3) weeks into the program and there are 11 registered. The quality and level of volleyball is lower than anticipated. There will be scheduled visits from VCCE coaching staff twice a year. Our hope is to also utilize these coaches to travel to other communities and schools while they are in the NWT.

## **Potential Volleyball Club Report**

The club had 85 members registered in the following age categories:

- 18U
- 16U
- 14U
- 12U
- 6-8 year olds
- 3-5 year olds

14U's travelled to two (2) tournaments and were introduced to triple ball in Alberta. The 16U's medaled at all the tournaments they attended in Alberta, and then 18U's were able to travel out to three (3) tournaments. As the club is continuing to grow, they are in need of volunteer coaches for the upcoming season.





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## 7. Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws

### Amendment #1:

“15) The quorum for a General, Special or Annual General meeting shall be ten (10) members representing no less than three (3) regions of the Northwest Territories.”

### Changed to:

“15) The quorum for a General, Special or Annual General Meeting shall be no less than seven (7) members.”

### Amendment #2:

“23) The Board of Directors of the Association shall be comprised of the following elected positions:

- a) President
- b) Vice President
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer

And the following appointed members:

- a) Registrar
- b) Regional Officials Chair (ROC)
- c) Domestic Committee Chair (Technical Director)
- d) Volleyball Canada Representative“

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- d) Up to four (4) Directors at Large with voting privileges. Where possible these positions should be filled by members residing in different regions.”

### **Amendment #3:**

“25) All appointed positions shall be filled by the elected Directors within two weeks of the Annual General Meeting in each year, with the exception of the Volleyball Canada Representative, which shall be a two year appointment.

### **Changed to:**

“25) All appointed positions shall be filled by the elected Directors within two weeks of the Annual General Meeting in each year.

### **Amendment #4:**

“40) The Domestic Committee Chair (HP Technical Director) will be responsible for dealing with all technical aspects of the game, including the co-ordination of coaching clinics and ensuring ongoing competence and development of certified volleyball coaches in the Northwest Territories; shall be responsible for directing and coordinating the development of high performance teams and programs, and shall act as liaison between the Board of Directors and coaches and teams with in the high performance program. The Domestic Committee Chair may designate other members to assume responsibility for some or all of these functions, but will remain responsible for overseeing the overall operation of the Domestic Committee.”

### **Changed to:**

“40) The Technical Director will be responsible for dealing with all technical aspects of the game, including the co-ordination of coaching clinics and ensuring ongoing competence and development of certified volleyball coaches in the Northwest Territories; shall be responsible for directing and coordinating the development of high performance teams and programs, and shall act as liaison between the Board of Directors and coaches and teams with in the high performance program. The Technical Director may designate other members to assume responsibility for some or all of these functions, but will remain responsible for overseeing the overall technical development in the NWT.”







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## **Amendment #5:**

“43) The Volleyball Canada Representative shall attend all annual and semi-annual meetings of Volleyball Canada as directed by the Board of Directors, and represent the interests of the Association at the national level.

## **Changed to:**

“43) The President or another delegate shall attend all annual and semi-annual meetings of Volleyball Canada as directed by the Board of Directors, and represent the interests of the Association at the national level.”

**MOTION: to accept the five (5) amendments to the By-Laws**

**Moved by: Scott McQueen**

**Seconded by: Stacey Christie**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **8. New Business**

No new business discussed.

## **9. Nominations and Elections for Positions**

**MOTION: to open the nominations**

**Moved by: Terrel Hobbs**

**Seconded by: Gloria Gaudet**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

- a. Vice President – 2 year term  
Paul Shearme nominated by Stacey Christie  
Seconded by: Ron Chiasson
- b. Treasurer – 2 year term  
Ron Chiasson nominated by Glorianna Shearme  
Seconded by: Yvonne Careen

**MOTION: to close the nominations**

**Moved by: Scott McQueen**

**Seconded by: Stacey Christie**

**Motion Carried Unanimously**





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**MOTION SENT VIA EMAIL:** to remove the previous treasurer, Jill Stephenson, from the signing authority at RBC and to add Lyric Sandhals, the Executive Director, as a signing authority. Ron Chiasson, as the new Treasurer will remain listed as a signing authority.

## 10. Appointed Positions (1 year term)

- a. Registrar - Executive Director will continue to perform the duties of the Registrar
- b. Officials Chair (ROC) – Terrel Hobbs appointed by the directors
- c. Technical Director – Paul Shearme appointed by the directors
- d. Tournament Chair- Ron Chiasson appointed by the directors
- e. Director(s) at Large – Scott McQueen, Stacey Christie and Gloria Gaudet appointed by the directors.

## 11. Next Meeting

Monday June 15, 2015 6:00pm  
4908 49<sup>th</sup> Street  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 3X7  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Boardroom

## 12. Adjournment – 7:45pm

