



COLUMBIA EMPIRE VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Junior Boys Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2026 – 7:00 PM via Zoom

Members Present

Ben Stern, Chayce Castillo, Allison Jagels, Mark Sykes, Sean Daugherty, Sheila Stapley.

Members Absent

Katie Miller, Christy Rice (E)

Guests Present

Jay Kudlicka

Staff Present

Cody March

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM by Ben Stern.
- A quorum was present at roll call.
- Guests on the call were recognized.
- No changes were made to the agenda that was previously presented.

Old Business

- The committee voted to allow signing on September 12 to align with the west coast and other volleyball governing bodies
- It was noted that USAV has moved their national championships back to June 11-13.

New Business

- CEVA schedule proposal (listed below) – the committee had a final discussion about any conflicts that may exist.
 - October 24
 - November 7
 - January 9-10 (Border Smackdown)
 - January 30
 - February 27 – Regionals/Bid Tournament
- **Action Item:** Staff will be working on handbook & policy updates pertaining to bid acceptance at Regionals, and finalizing schedule, locations, and announcements.
- Tryouts: September 12 is a date in Rosh Hashanah.
 - **Action Item:** Ben will follow up with Sean & Cody about how to move forward.
- Committee KPIs
 - Points of discussion – membership growth, event attendance, bid use, committee participation (attendance).
 - **Membership growth action item:** In CEVA internal records, add a gender tracking component for geographic tracking.
 - Membership growth: Last year boys' membership in the region grew by approximately 25% according to USAV statistics.

- Team attendance: Number of CEVA teams attending our events, and number of out-of-region teams attending events.
- Youth growth: 14 & Under membership & participation.
 - **Action Item:** Internal tracker can create reports with this metric.
- Slack participation – Ben encouraged continued Slack participation from the committee.
- **Action Item:** Ben will work with Mark & Sean to finalize KPIs.
- Future events & coaching education
 - Ben has had discussions with coaches about educational opportunities and growth. The intention is to get more people involved in boys' volleyball coaching. Ben will continue to put ideas out to the committee.
 - The committee discussed having an officiating clinic for boys' teams. Jay recommended continuing the clinics.
 - Since players only have online tests available, in-person training is very beneficial.
 - Request to hold multiple clinics in different areas of the region.

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- Question about USAV national office staffing and how it impacts local programming.

Actionable Items

- Reviewed and noted in the minutes.

Next Meeting

- **Action Item:** Cody to follow up with Ben on a next meeting date.

Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.