**Mid-Year Meeting Minutes**

**10/20/2018 – 10/22/2018**

1. Welcome – Jason Fallon welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the weekend. Let’s use this weekend as a positive time to share ideas, come together, and troubleshoot problems
2. Officer/Department Reports
	1. President
		1. Brian and Jason will be attending a conference called Connect. It’s goal is to help non-profits connect with CVCs across the country.
	2. Vice President
	3. Treasurer
		1. Thanks to the sponsorship from Dallas we made $1000 last year. Without it, we would have lost money last year.



* 1. Secretary
	2. Eligibility
		1. June, 2017 - October, 2017
		2. Medical Re-Rate: 22 received; 18 granted, 4 denied
		3. 3 Year Inactive Re-Rate:  64 received;  61 granted, 3 denied
		4. Grievances:
			1. Championship Grievance
			2. 8 Re-Rate Protests (all denied);
			3. 2 Duplicate Profile
			4. 1 Cheating
			5. 1 Code of Conduct Violation
		5. Question: Rich S – What would be grounds for overturning a rating. Answer: Eric N – Something wrong technically with the rating. Optics – an appeared conflict of interest.
		6. Question: Mark D – Since adopting the 3 year inactivity rerate have you seen an increase in requests. Answer: Eric N – Huge increase.
	3. Regions



* + 1. Question: Jen C: Sending more RCs to tournaments but are we charging tournaments more? Answer: No
		2. Re-rate forms – Should we require the requestor to sign the form? Answer: double edge sword – fewer member driven requests but adds accountability
		3. Q: What about asking for the requestor’s NAGVA number instead of name?
		4. Q: Does it have to be the actual member requesting a downrate or can anyone put it in? Answer: Anyone.
	1. Tournaments
		1. Summer/Fall Season
			1. 15 tournaments to date
			2. Cancelled Toronto tournament
			3. Added Atlanta to summer dates
			4. Added Hawaii to Dec
			5. Palm Springs back on the schedule after having to cancel last year
			6. Attempted to distribute the September/Oct tournaments more evenly
		2. Tournament Stats
			1. Most tournaments are stable or rising
			2. Dallas had 74 teams in one facility
				1. Texas attendance rising after dropping from Championships surge
			3. Boston dropped
				1. Held A Division courts too long and couldn’t fill after cancelling
			4. Nashville Rose
				1. Did not attempt to hold the A division
			5. Cancelled upper divisions in three tournaments – Boston, Indy, Pitt
		3. Division Stats
			1. B Division 220 registrations by 128 teams
			2. BB division 254 registrations by 158 teams
		4. Specific tournament problems or issues
			1. Los Angeles
				1. Communicating facility number
				2. Added an additional RC one week before at significant cost
				3. Large tournament with two registrations
				4. Limited staffing for registration
				5. Facility issues with AC and plumbing
				6. Sent email detailing issues and received acceptable responses
		5. Toronto
			1. Cancelled their tournament with NAGVA due to low registrations and confirmed teams
			2. Still held the tournament without NAGVA
		6. Vegas
			1. Facility cancellations
			2. Third year this has happened for this tournament.
		7. Puerto Rico
			1. Cancelled due to hurricane
			2. Attempting to run a tournament in Miami
			3. Significant cost using convention center
			4. Requires $2500 deposit
		8. Long Beach
			1. Low registrations possible cancellation
		9. First set of rankings went out and will update after Louisville tournament
		10. Will continue with the RC scouting reports
	2. Officials
		1. Created new R1 test
	3. Registrar
		1. Changed DOB requirement from 17 to 18 to avoid anymore problems
		2. Adding certified refs and scorekeepers to line up forms
	4. Webmaster
	5. Communications
		1. New Instagram account launched
		2. Following our social media calendar for posts
		3. Trying to keep things fun and informational
	6. Canadian Representative
		1. Talked to the heads of each league trying to create a Canadian NAGVA network.
		2. Contacted each of the league heads and asked where does your organization fit with NAGVA.
		3. Trying to figure out who’s playing, where are they playing, and why?
		4. It’s all about the quality of play.
		5. Registration fees: NAGVA dues in home currency
	7. Getting added to Canadian league social media pages
1. Members-At-Large Reports
	1. Input about the NAGVA Board: Board members need to be more approachable
	2. Upgrade officer’s page/job description
2. Mission Statement Discussion
	1. How do we implement it?
		1. Inclusivity: more representation for the upper level players
		2. Verbiage: Tranny…monitor social media for derogatory language
		3. Create a safe space for people to complain about language they find offensive
		4. Run clinics locally, mentor new tournaments, foster growth, offer scholarship
		5. Fairplay: Ratings – keeping the talent level fair
		6. Equality: Women’s nets or women’s division
		7. Foreign language translations
		8. Possible 5th division
		9. More inclusion with Mexico and Canada
		10. Latino Rep
		11. Include more AA opportunities – ModA1
		12. We accept everyone.
		13. More discussion about transgender players
		14. Outreach to the lesbian community
		15. Give back to other communities other than Gay Men
		16. Inclusivity: Access to the sport
		17. Ask the local leagues what they do – women’s league? Master’s league?
		18. We need to promote ourselves better
		19. Celebrate individual excellence
		20. Why do we run tournaments?
		21. Celebrate the ally component more
		22. Everyone plays component – player scholarship
		23. Holding a party at a bar – doesn’t include the under 21 crowd
3. New Business
	1. Bids for Championships – Denver presented their bid. Jason A from Denver was present at the meeting to present and answer any questions
	2. Championship Divisions and Fees
		1. Divisions: Open, BB, B
		2. Vote: Passed 14-0-1
		3. Fees: 700/750/800 for 8 players
		4. Vote: Unanimous
	3. Championship’s Registration Launch Date – January 1st, 2018
	4. NAGVA serves – We’ll be looking for a service project for Thursday in Minneapolis
	5. Hall of Fame – 1st class this year. Committee is comprised of VP and MALs
	6. MAL Special Projects – helping Registrar with missing DOBs
	7. New Ref/Scorekeeper tests – waiting to hear back from Delawder
	8. Fining tournaments
		1. Discussion was held about amending Rules and Regs addressing facility fees
4. Small Group Work
	1. Skill Assessment form – Lew S, Jen C, Scott K, Jimmy S
		1. Creating automatic point for serving
		2. Separation of attacking points
		3. Adding a front row only rating
	2. Social Media effectiveness – Jason F, Andrew C, Jason P
		1. “How Tos”
		2. Highlight tournament directors
		3. Youtube channel: Branded content, video of playing levels, walkthrough videos
	3. Code of Conduct Revision – Mark E, Eric N, Mark D, Brian D
		1. Updated language, removed redundancies, added anti-bullying language
		2. Will present for approval at Championships
	4. Hall of Fame – Brian C, Rich S, Brian S, Trevor B
		1. Application will be ready by Dec 1
		2. Still figuring out details for hall of fame inductees
5. Meeting Adjourned