JAB May 22, 2010 7 pm -10 pm
Agenda and Minutes
9 clubs represented

We reviewed the minutes from 5-8-10.
Gretchen talked to Tom Kohl about the tournament questions the JAB had-his responses are in the minutes.

Gretchen spoke to the BOD/Bob Price and Al Herbert about item #6 and #7.
6. Tryout question-
Can an offer be withdrawn by the club before the 10 day signing period?
Gretchen spoke to Bob Price and he confirmed that you may <u>not</u> withdraw an offer before the end of the signing period.
He would consider this the same as offering 15 players 12 spots on a team and saying the first 12 get the spots.
7. Bid Tourney questions-
What is the maximum number of teams allowed to participate?
24 teams per age bracket-only one team per club
The American Division has taken some teams from the National Division so the participants were smaller this year.
Four American teams were allowed in the play in tournament for the bid instead of the two that were advertised due to the openings in each bracket.
Is there any chance for expansion?
Depends on court space and available courts and how many adult teams are in the adult regionals.
Why are teams denied entry?
Only one team per club per age bracket is allowed entry.
There also needs to be a multiple of four for bracket play for the tournament so if 17 teams enter in one age bracket one team would have to be excluded usually the lowest seed or if there is a tie in seeding the team that entered the tournament last would be excluded.
8. Seeding out of region events
The competition committee assigns points for teams competing in out of region events that will be used for OVR seeding. How is that determined?
Gretchen talked to Al Herbert about item #8-seeding out of region events. He says the points are weighted based on the number of teams and strength of teams in the out of region event. The competition is usually stronger at an out of region event of the same size in the OVR, which is why the points that are awarded are weighted.

We then focused on Recruiting Solutions.
We felt the OVR policy is a good one. The penalties are not stiff enough and not publicized enough. Although we understand the legal ramifications of posting names and offenses it would help deter folks to know that, the OVR is indeed policing recruiting and enforcing the policies. We felt the attorney could help the BOD list the penalties and the offenders in some fashion on the website. The policy is hard to police because it requires parents/players to come forward and report a coach/club that is in violation. Very few parents/players are willing to do this but if they knew the violators are being penalized maybe that would help them come forward.

We would like to recommend that from July 1 to July 15 clubs be allowed to invite their current players to return to their club/team for the next USA season. Players will have until July 31 to accept or decline the invitation. The invitation is void on August 1. High School season is a no contact period for clubs with players. Any spots not filled during the July invitation period would be filled with tryouts after the high school season. Club must post how many spots they need to fill for each team so that players are aware. We would like to see the OVR have a common form that all clubs must use to extend the invitation to their players in the July invitation period and a common form for posting the number of spots available on their teams for tryouts. Example forms are attached to this report..

We feel this would cut down on the number of violations (reported and unreported) during the high school season. If the player has already accepted an invitation to play with a club then there is no reason to recruit them especially during the no contact period.
The player has the choice of accepting the invitation or waiting until after their high school season and competing for a spot in a club. The player would know her team and coach and be settled in for the upcoming club season.
The club would be able to do some pre-planning for the upcoming season.