

KERALA VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE OF NORTH AMERICA

25th Jimmy George Memorial Super Trophy Volleyball Tournament Hosted by Dallas Strikers on May 25th & 26th of 2013

GENERAL BODY MEETING ON SUNDAY MAY 26, 2013 – MINUTES

**Conference Room: Embassy Suites Hotel
14021 Noel Road, Dallas, Texas - 75240**

| <u>Board of Directors:-</u> | <u>Team</u> | <u>Phone #</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|
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Coordinators:-

| | | |
|------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Jay Kalayil | Chicago | 773-552-9600 |
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Team Representatives

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| James Illikal | Tampa | 813-230-8031 |
| Balaji M Philip | Toronto | 905-304-6886 |
| Peace Purakal | „ | 416-702-4420 |
| Thomas Sebastian | Washington | 240-422-1092 |
| Sudeep Prabhakaran | „ | 714-213-6531 |

New Team Representatives

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| Biju Mathew | California | 818-269-2065 |
| Phil Kalayil | „ | 847-722-0969 |

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- 13 Other relevant matters approved by the chair
- 14 Vote of thanks

Meeting House Rules: Team delegates are requested to sign in and pay \$50.00 annual dues per team. The general body kindly requests all communication is conducted with respect and courtesy to all. One person will be granted permission to speak from the chairman with a limit of two minutes on the topic to maintain healthy discussion and receive input from all the general body members.

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1 Silent Prayer

The meeting started at 9:15 A.M. with a silent prayer.

2 Welcome

Chairman introduced himself and welcomed all the members to the general body meeting. After that all the general body members introduced themselves. Following the introduction, the chairman requested all the members to stand for a moment of silence in memory of all the great ones we lost including Jimmy George, our KVLNA members Blesson George, Lukose Naduparambil, Tiju George and all other loved ones. During the chairman's welcome speech, he explained all the silver jubilee celebration specials done by the league such as special banquet, special awards, news paper special supplement etc. and requested all the teams to pay \$500.00 to meet these additional expenses and a detailed account will be provided to all in this matter. He also emphasized the need for discipline from all of the teams especially during the hotel stay because there were a lot of complaints from other guests who stayed in the hotel in addition to the night receptionist in the front desk. Chairman informed the general body that it is the team managers' responsibility to enforce certain respectable order from his team for the hotel stay as well as on the court. The team will be fully responsible for all of their in disciplinary action and the hosting team will not be responsible for any of their actions.

3 New Teams

Biju Mathew and Phil Kalayil of California introduced themselves and presented their case for a new team and the name of the new team would be California / LA United. They said that the new team has no affiliation with the old Los Angeles team. They also said that they are willing to meet all the general body's requirements including depositing \$2,000.00 for joining the league.

In relation to giving membership to a new team, the general emphasis that with the current tournament format, the maximum teams the league can accommodate will be only 18.

Chairman said that after Denver and Los Angeles dropped from our league, we have no teams from the west coast and it would be nice to have a team from the west if they meet our league criteria.

The general body unanimously approved to welcome the new team subject to meeting all the requirements of the league and authorized the board of directors to make the final decision for the new team to join our league for next year's tournament.

4 24th Annual Meeting Minutes Approval

The 24th annual general body meeting minutes was sent to all general body members after three month of last year's tournament. Washington raised a question that they email back a question regarding Baltimore's re-consideration to the league in the minutes and no one responded to their email. The chairman apologized for missing that email and not responding. Sunil Varghese of the Dallas Strikers explained that since Washington is hosting the tournament in 2014, league is not considering Baltimore's entry to the league before the tournament in Washington. However, Baltimore can present their case again in the 2014 general body meeting for the participation in 2015 tournament. Since the minutes was sent to all the members prior to the meeting and there were no further questions concerning the minutes, Alex Kalayil of Chicago Kairali Lions proposed to pass the minutes and Binchu John of New York Spikers seconded to pass, the 24th minutes was unanimously passed by the General Body.

5 Financial Report and Approval

Chairman said that the account was very clearly posted in the report since we started to collect it in 2010 and all the transactions were listed properly in the account. General body authorized James Abraham (Prasad) to continue to maintain the account. Since KVLNA do not have any bank accounts

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and different states have different criteria to maintain a league account, general body authorized Mr. Mohan Panangavil of the Detroit eagles and James Abraham of the Dallas Strikers to look in to adding KVLNA as DBA to the account so that we can make transactions in the name of the league. James Abraham said that as per the general body's decision, he can only hold \$1,000.00 and the league should find an appropriate charity for donating the excess money. The general body questioned why one team did not pay the dues for the past three years. The team representatives of that particular team were not present at the time. Babykutty Thomas of the New York Spikers said that they will not pay their dues until the other teams pay their dues. James Abraham said that the team representatives of that team promised him to pay all their dues today and the discussion on that topic was concluded. Peace Purakal of the Toronto Stallions suggested that all the members should pay the annual dues at the general body meeting or within three months after the tournament. If any team refuses to pay the annual dues, the league should not allow that team to play in next year's tournament. The general body unanimously agreed with his suggestion. Since there were no further discussion about the accounts, Mr. James Illikal of the Tampa Tigers proposed to pass the accounts and Tom Kalayil of the Chicago Kairali Lions seconded to pass the account was unanimously passed by the general body.

6 Review how to deal with Player swapping between local teams

Chairman explained the player swapping of teams and how it can damage the league. Since the issue was brought to the attention of the league two months prior to the tournament, the board of directors authorized two of the board members Mr. Mathew Cheruvil of Detroit Eagles and Shawn Joseph of Toronto Stallions to bring a solution for this matter in the general body. After making several teleconferences and telephone calls with different team members, they jointly brought a solution on this player swapping issue.

If a player moves from one team to another with the permission of the managers for the first time, as per the by-laws, there is no problem to do that. However, if that player or players wanted to go back to their original team, they need to wait at least **three years** even if the managers give them the release from their team. After a few minutes discussion on this matter, the general body unanimously agreed with their suggestion. Mr. Xavier Moozhikkattu of the Delaware Suns asked that when will this rule will come in to effect because he allowed few of his players to play for another team since they didn't have enough players to participate in this year's tournament and he wants his players back as per the current by-laws. The general body said that this rule will come into effect from the 2014 tournament in Washington. However, to answer Mr. Xavier Moozhikkattu's question, the general body agreed that if any players wanted to go back to their original teams for the 2014 tournament, they can do so with the proper release from the current team managers as per the existing by-laws.

7 Authorization to update bylaws and post it in the website

General body authorized Mr. Kochumon of the Philadelphia Philly Stars and Shawn Joseph of the Toronto Stallions to help with the coordinators Mr. Jay Kalayil of Chicago Kairali Lions and James Abraham (Prasad) of the Dallas Strikers to up-date the by-laws and post it on the website.

8 Transportation for the players from & to the airport and for the tournament

The general body unanimously agreed that the itinerary for all the teams should be given to the hosting team at least one week prior to the tournament so that the hosting team can make necessary arrangements for the transportation. The chairman reminded of the rule in the bylaw that there should be only one pick-up and drop-off to the airport per team. However, many members suggested that if the itinerary is send to the hosting team one week prior to the tournament, the hosting team should accommodate the pick-up and drop-off. With only **one** pick-up and drop-off to the court.

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9 Selection of Pool for B-Team of the hosting team

General body suggested that we should continue the current criteria of selection of pool for B-Team. General body also agreed that if the hosting team elected to have a B-Team, they are not allowed to forfeit any of their matches.

10 Future of 18 & under and 40 & over games in the tournament

General body decided that there should be only two teams from the east & two teams from the west with a maximum of four teams in each category. The general body also agreed that all the players in the 40 & over team must be a member of one of the current team and must be played in at least one of the prior tournaments. Peace Purakal of the Toronto Stallions suggested that we should play the 40 & over in an all-star basis so that the new generation can see how our super stars played in the past.

11 Hosting the next 5 years tournament

- 26th - 2014 – Baltimore Washington Kings
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12 Team & New Player Registration Deadline

General body decided that the team and new player registration dead line should be on April 30th instead of May 15th so that we can have enough time to verify the registration forms.

13 Other relevant matters approved by the chair

***Decision to make who is going to play the first semi final match on Sunday.**

After the league matches on Saturday, the managers of the #1 & #2 seed teams are requested to stay for a coin toss to decide who will be playing the first semi final match. The # 1 team has the right to call the coin toss.

***Game ball for the 2014 Tournament**

General body decided to continue to keep Molten Pro Touch ball for the 2014 Tournament in Washington. General body in 2014 can make the decision to make any changes for 2015 tournament.

***Minutes in a timely manner**

Thomas Sebastian of the Baltimore Washington Kings asked that when will be the minutes ready. The general body suggested that the minutes should be send to all general body members in a timely manner. The chairman and the coordinators agreed that the minutes and account should be send to all general body members within three months from the tournament.

14 Vote of thanks

Tom Kalayil of the Chicago Kairali Lions gives the vote of thanks to all the members and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by

S/d

James Abraham (Prasad)

*Minutes and accounts Prepared by James Abraham (Prasad)
All other Data & Documents Prepared by Jay Kalayil*

Kerala Volleyball League of North America
Annual Jimmy George Memorial Super Trophy Volleyball Tournament
League Income & Expenditure 2010-2013

| No | Support & Revenue (Annual Dues) | 2010 Actual | 2011 Actual | 2012 Actual | 2013 Actual | 2014 Actual | 2015 Actual |
|-----|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Opening Balance | | \$ 490.43 | \$ 746.43 | \$ 952.43 | | |
| 1 | Atlanta | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | | | |
| 2 | Buffalo | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| 3 | Chicago | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| 4 | Connecticut | \$ 50.00 | | | | | |
| 5 | Dallas | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| 6 | Delaware | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| 7 | Denver | \$ 50.00 | | | | | |
| 8 | Detroit | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| 9 | Kansas | \$ 50.00 | | | | | |
| 10 | New Jersey | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| 11 | New York | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| 12 | Niagara | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| 13 | Philadelphia | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| 14 | Tampa | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| 15 | Toronto | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| 16 | Washington | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 50.00 | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | Total | \$ 800.00 | \$ 1,140.43 | \$ 1,346.43 | \$ 1,552.43 | \$ - | \$ - |
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| No. | Expenses | 10-11 Actual | 11-12 Actual | 12-13 Actual | 13-14 Actual | 14-15 Actual | 15-16 Actual |
| 1 | TSI Technology Solutions (KVLNA Website) | \$ 114.00 | \$ 94.00 | \$ 94.00 | \$ 94.00 | | |
| 2 | Tiju's Funeral Flowers | \$ 172.24 | | | | | |
| 3 | Tiju's Memorial Ribbon | \$ 23.33 | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Website Updates (Varughese Mathew) | | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 | \$ 300.00 | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | |
| | Total | \$ 309.57 | \$ 394.00 | \$ 394.00 | \$ 394.00 | \$ - | \$ - |
| | | | | | | | |
| | Income over Expense | \$ 490.43 | \$ 746.43 | \$ 952.43 | \$ 1,158.43 | \$ - | \$ - |

Dear board of directors, managers and the general body members,
It is the team's responsibility to pay the annual dues and if you see any discrepancies in the account, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can correct it before the next general body meeting.

Thanks

Prasad.