



Basketball for Life!

SWBA Special Board Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2022

A Special Board Meeting was requested by Board Directors Aurora Brown, Diane Koczur and Karen Blair for the stated purpose of reviewing and discussing the results of the Summer Member COVID Survey, the September Captain's poll, the email from the YMCA, the COVID Advisory Committee's response, the upcoming league schedule and the current COVID Advisory Committee's charge.

The meeting was called to order by President Joy de Beyer at 7 pm. Additional Board Directors in attendance: Aurora Brown, Diane Koczur, Karen Blair, Marge Carl, Nancy Bruce and Sheri Vandeventer. Not present: Jay Hanley, Kris Shelley and Lynn Bloom.

Present from General Membership: Cherri Gase, Jan Beverly, Joyce Karel, Karen Harris, Lili Gonzalez, Linda Cord, Lisa Hamel, Paula Hamar, Valerie Brew, Yaeko Sunada and Zita Fields. Attending via Zoom: Di Meredith, Dori O'Rourke, Evette Callahan, Jan Shinn Trujillo, Jill Spitzer, Kathy "Tink" Tinkler, Kirsten Cummings and Vicky Gallagher. Guest in attendance via Zoom: Sulema Felix, Adult Sports Director, Mission Valley YMCA.

Printed copies of a Zoom presentation were made available to all attendees (and are attached hereto) which included information regarding the following topics:

1) **How Did We Get Here?**

A timeline, from March 2020 – September 2022, of significant COVID responses by the State, County, YMCA and SWBA.

2) **Where Are We Now?**

- a) COVID Policy Change on SWBA Website – Changed to NOT requiring players to be vaccinated as of Oct 5, 2022.
- b) COVID Advisory Committee – Currently only three (3) members with more to be added. Calls will be made. Better communication between committee members will be a high priority.
- c) Reviewed Membership Outcome from Member Survey and Captains' Poll – We have seen a shift between the Summer Member Survey and the Fall Captain's Poll: In the Summer Survey, 58.5% wanted the vaccine requirement to remain while the Fall Poll showed 78% would be willing to play with unvaccinated, unmasked players.
- d) YMCA Email Clarified by Sulema Felix – YMCA follows the County COVID guidelines. YMCA considers the SWBA league to be a YMCA program, administered by SWBA and its members. Rob Savuajot, Executive Director of Mission Valley YMCA, said the Y would not step in to require SWBA to follow YMCA's guidelines, unless SWBA failed to resolve its internal disputes (related to COVID) to all players' satisfaction. An alternate solution exists for SWBA to rent the space and act as its own league.
- e) League Schedule Status – Discussion and debate as to the schedule that had been created. Schedule will need to be revised for the Sunday league based on input from those in attendance.

3) **Motions to Discuss and Vote:**

- a) Karen Blair motioned to change the COVID Advisory Committee's Charge. The motion was seconded by Diane Koczur. Following discussion and review, a vote was taken with the motion failing 5 – 4 [including two (2) written proxy votes delivered by the President on behalf of Jaye Hanley and Kris Shelley].

It was noted that the motion failed despite the majority of members wanting to see this change. It was further objected to that the members of the COVID Advisory Committee did not recuse themselves from voting. It was also noted that different wording of the motion would be acceptable, and Diane Koczur amended the motion. A second vote was taken in which the amended motion passed unanimously among the Board Directors who were present. The amended motion which passed reads:

The COVID Advisory Committee charge is to report directly to the SWBA Board with the authority to advise and recommend to the Board on ALL public health policies and guidelines.

- b) Karen Blair motioned to change the current SWBA COVID Policy to mirror that of the current YMCA guidelines and to adhere to all future YMCA guidelines regarding public health policies and procedures. The motion was seconded by Aurora Brown. Following discussion and review, a vote was taken with the motion failing 5 – 4 [including two (2) written proxy votes delivered by the President on behalf of Jaye Hanley and Kris Shelley]. Joy de Beyer noted that the policy regarding vaccination had already been changed to accommodate all, but that this motion went too far regarding SWBA's relationship with the YMCA and its guidelines.

4) **Comments and discussion was opened to the members present in person and via Zoom.**

Special Board Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm. Next Board Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 9:00 am at the YMCA. .

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Koczur
Karen Blair