

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2010-2011)
Minutes for Board Meeting #3
UCO Wellness Center, Edmond Oklahoma
February 27, 2011
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1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Hamiter at 2:13 p.m.

Directors present: Randy Decker, Bill Hamiter, Margo Juergens, Dick Mahoney, Edgar Miraku, Eddie Redden, Allison Silveira and Commissioner Shawn McCarty.

Directors absent: John Batley, George Freedman, Mike Freeman, Dane Hendrix, Anna Howle, Darrell Pearson, Janice Roth.

2. Review of meeting minutes from meeting number 2 on November 21, 2010.

A correction was made to the November 21, 2010 minutes to reflect Allison Silveira was present at the meeting.

MOTION No. 16 by Margo Juergens to approve the minutes of November 21, 2010 as corrected. SECOND by Allison Silveira. PASSED.

3. Report from the Commissioner (Shawn McCarty)

The CAP clinic hosted by the region had 17 participants in the CAP I clinic, and 38 in the CAP II clinic. The cadre of Bill Hamiter, Tom Tate and Steve Colpus were well received by the participants. The region had guaranteed 12 for CAP 1 and 20 for CAP II, so the turnout was better than expected. The turnout was the result of a high number of late registrations, partially the result of registration problems; partially USAV bureaucracy. There is a change of personnel at USAV administration in the future, and Bill Hamiter recommended Shawn share his feedback with the national office for the improvement of future clinics.

Shawn announced the World League will play matches in Tulsa on June 24 and 25, 2011, featuring the men's teams from USA and Brazil. The support role of the region has not yet been defined, but Shawn expects the region to be involved in some respect. Given the level of competition these two teams represent, and the infrequency they appear in the Midwest, Bill Hamiter suggested Shawn contact Delta and Heart of America regions about supporting the World League as well.

2011 OKRVA Regional Bid Tournament update. Since the region's tournament is prior to Lone Star and Show Me national qualifiers, the region will play third place games this year. In the event a region champion should win a bid to the national tournament through a national qualifier, or through the national office, the OK region bid will trickle down to the team with the highest finish in the region tournament.

The entry deadline for the Regional Tournament is March 25, 2011 and results are to be submitted on or before March 25, 2011.

The region's block of rooms at the Doubletree Inn and Holiday Inn Express is filled. Shawn has another block of 40 rooms at the Crown Plaza that he will release for reservations in the near future. Shawn has been advised April 8 is an ACT test day, and may require him to move 17s and possibly 16s to the afternoon wave.

There is interest in rotating the regional tournament back to OKC. The regional tournament under one roof is the Board's preference, but there are alternatives that might allow play in OKC (delay the tournament until after qualifiers, split the tournament into two tournaments (bid and no-bid tournament), play age groups on different weekends). COMMITTEE appointed to look into possibility of playing in OKC in 2012: Shawn McCarty, Eddie Redden, Edgar Miraku, Dick Mahoney.

4. Administrative Committee Report (Bill Hamiter):

No report.

5. Registrar's report (Alison Silveira):

Registration for 2010-11 is 2234, and increase of 6% over 2009-10. The breakdown between juniors and adults is 1641 juniors, 593 adults.

Allison noted some problems this year with on line registration changes of coaches from adult players to adult coaches. No real complaints resulting from the increase in fees.

6. Treasurer's Report (Margo Juergens):

Margo distributed the statement of assets, liabilities and expenditure report. Shawn McCarty noted he anticipated a \$4,000 to \$5,000 bill from USAV for insurance, that does not show on this report, but that is the last large expenditure he expects from the national office this season.

MOTION No 17 by Dick Mahoney to accept the treasurer's report, SECOND by Randy Decker. PASSED,

7. Communications Committee Report:

(a) Secretary Report (Dick Mahoney): No report.

(b) Newsletter Editor (George Carlton, Jr.): Region bylaws require two newsletters per season. Shawn will send some information for a newsletter to Jr. Dick Mahoney will e-mail a copy of the minutes. Edgar Miraku suggested Micah Hancock being named to first team Under-Amour All American team for the newsletter. Shawn suggested information about the World League matches in June.

8. Officiating Reports (Margo Juergens):

Margo presented several clinics around the state for this season. The few remaining teams that need clinics can do so through the online clinics on the OKRVA web site. Margo is in the process of updating the webpoint rosters for certification.

In 2011-12 the USAV will issue new rule books and everyone will have to attend a clinic. George Carlton Jr. is interested in helping to train adult referees.

Margo asked that complaints about officials be directed to her privately before presenting any complaints to the Board. Randy Decker asked if the region's best officials could be assigned to the region finals.

9. OLD BUSINESS

(a) Not in good standing information.

Dick Mahoney reported that accepting information from clubs about the financial obligations of players to a particular club, and sharing that information with other clubs, could be considered reporting credit to third parties and require the club to comply with the Consumer Credit Protection Act and Fair Credit Reporting Act, which would include an obligation to verify the accuracy of the financial information reported to the region by individual clubs. Volleyball Regions have not been found to be credit reporting agencies, but the definitions include non-profit agencies that regularly evaluate consumer information and report the information to third parties.

MOTION No. 18 by Dick Mahoney: as far as determining if players are in good standing with the region on a financial basis, the region will consider if the player has met his/her financial obligations to the region and USAV; it is up to the club, not the region, to settle or adjust financial obligations between player and club. SECOND by Shawn McCarty. PASSED.

(b) Regional pre-season ratings tournament (Howle, Silveira, Mahoney)

Dick Mahoney reported Charge had conducted two ratings tournaments to get referee and scorekeeper ratings. The format was two games, 21 points maximum, 40 minute time limit, switch referees each game. The club got referees and scorekeepers rated for 27 teams on day one. Anna Howle and Carolyn Kittell established the format, and Mahoney defers to them for the mechanics, but the ratings tournaments were sufficiently successful to show it is possible. Discussion among the board indicated the tournament would have to be done early in the season, before the ORU and Kaizen Early Bird tournaments. Larger clubs might want to conduct their own tournaments. Team Tulsa has had their own tournament for several years.

MOTION No. 19 by Dick Mahoney, the region host at least one ratings tournament in Tulsa and in OKC in 2011-12. SECOND by Edgar Miraku. PASSED.

(c) Adult grassroots program (Sliveira, Roth, Howle, Blake)

Tabled until May.

10. NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

(a) High Performance tournament in Tucson, July of 2011

Jeff Boyland has stepped down as the HP head coach and Shawn announced Anna Howle will replace him. The HP tournament will be in Tucson in late July this year. The region sent three teams (two girls, one boys) to HP last year. Shawn recommends two girls teams this year be sent to HP. Anna will name a head coach for the second team, or an assistant coach for one team, the second coach to be approved by the Commissioner. Shawn distributed a budget, based on the cost in 2010 to send two teams to the HP tournament.

MOTION No. 20 by Shawn McCarty, to approve up to \$6,600 to send two teams (two coaches and a team leader), or up to \$4400 for one team, to the HP tournament in Tucson this year. SECOND by Edgar Miraku. PASSED.

(b) Entry fees for OK region teams qualifying for national tournament

MOTION No. 21 by Shawn McCarty that the region subsidize entries to the national tournaments as follows:

- (1) one-half the entry fees for all junior teams earning a bid to nationals by winning the OK region bid;
- (2) all of the entry fees for all junior teams winning a bid to nationals through the national office (national qualifiers, trickle down, reallocation, etc);
- (3) one-half the entry fees for all adult teams going to nationals.
- (4) all of the entry fees for one sitting team to play at nationals.

SECOND by Eddie Redden. PASSED, with Bill Hamiter abstaining from the vote.

(c) National meetings in Dallas, TX

MOTION No. 22 by Shawn McCarty that the region pay up to \$1,000 apiece for Shawn McCarty, Margo Juergens and a junior representative to attend the national meetings in Dallas this summer. SECOND by Edgar Miraku. PASSED.

(d) Miscellaneous.

(1) Shawn mentioned that he received a request from Andy Retlinger of Dallas to sanction a March tournament in the Cox Center. Mahoney inquired if that was a joint request from Retlinger and Larry Taylor, who had been working on a tournament for that time of year at the Cox Center. Bill Hamiter said he would be more comfortable if the request was partnered with the region or a region club. Allison Silveira said the region has sanctioned tournament requests in the past from non-region entities (CCS). Shawn requested the Charge president give him a call to discuss.

(2) Bill Hamiter inquired about set tournament formats. Shawn does have formats and recognized this inquiry could apply to a recent one-day tournament that only had pool play because of cancellations and a late arriving team did not get to play the number of matches expected, and games had been abbreviated to 21. Shawn said he has addressed the above situation with the club involved and is confident the above case was a once in a lifetime chance.

11. SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be scheduled in Stroud Best Western at 2 p.m. on May 15, 2011.

12. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 p.m.