

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2014-2015) Second Meeting
Best Western – Stroud OK
November 9, 2014 @ 2:00pm**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Randy Decker called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m.

2. Roll call of board members.

Members present: Lisa Baumann, Jeremy Burton, Mike Christie Randy Decker, Nikki, Dieball, Shawn McCarty, Richard Mahoney, Pete Mills, Edgar Miraku, Janice Roth.

Members absent: Jenny Duncan, George Freedman, Mike Freeman, Bill Hamiter, Margo Juergens

Guests and staff present: Libby McCarty, Patty Mills, Jody Webber

3. Review of minutes from August 17, 2014 Meetings

Corrections were made to section 13 of the draft minutes for the August 17, 2014 meeting (Fourth meeting of 2013-14), Motion by Miraku, Second by McCarty; PASSED

Corrections were made to sections 2, 3, 6(b). 7, 8 and 9 of the draft minutes for the August 17, 2014 meeting (First meeting of 2014-15), Motion by Miraku, Second by McCarty; PASSED

REPORTS

4. Commissioner Report

The Commissioner attended several middle school and high school matches including 5A/6A Championships and Middle School Conference Championships, won by Summit Middle School of Edmond.

The Commissioner had two Zonal conference calls to discuss: border issues; SafeSport; paying of USAV dues with credit cards; etc.

The Commissioner attended multiple tryouts. With the exception of a few complaints regarding pressuring athletes to commit before attending other tryouts (see item 18), they went smoothly. NCAA Final Four was promoted heavily during parent meetings during tryouts. The Commissioner encouraged clubs to attend the NCAA championships. Randy Decker noted that only 400 tickets remain for the championships.

The Commissioner attended two US Men's Sitting Team matches vs. Canada.

The Commissioner had to purchase new computer for region office.

The Commissioner started a new procedure book to include action items voted on by BOD for reference. This will be a fluid document and posted on OKRVA Website as new items are added.

The OKRVA tournament schedule is up on website. If you want to host a tournament, additional tournaments can be added. We need additional tournaments in the Tulsa area. The Commissioner noted there are enough 14 and 15 teams in the region that multiple tournaments in those age groups can be held on the same day this season.

Kaizen VBC will host an Adult Co-ed and Women's tournament at Southmoore HS on December 12th and 13th.

The Heather Harkness Memorial Tournament will be held on Saturday, November 15th. The tournament had 80 teams last year, and is the largest open coed (non sanctioned) tournaments among area regions. OKRVA is one of many sponsors for the event (\$500).

Hotel Rooms for Regionals will be available beginning November 11th at 9 a.m. An email to all club directors that includes pertinent information about Regionals including hotel info will be mailed on Sunday, November 9, 2014 and will also be posted on the OKRVA Website. Club directors are encouraged to disseminate this information to coaches and team parents ASAP. We will offer admittance wristbands to families staying in host hotels again this year. Team entry fee for the Regional Tournament will be \$275.

The Commissioner attended the RVA meetings in October. The meeting was in Kona, Hawaii. Highlights are as follows:

- John Hughes (Western Empire) will be the new RVA Representative on the USAV BOD.
- Lori Okimura was elected as the new USAV BOD chair.
- Insurance claims are higher. Insurance rates may go up next year. (i.e. metal court divider hit participant – 100k – improper floor installation - \$25k – player that struck spectator - \$400k)
- USAV pays our D&O insurance and it has been renewed.
- SafeSport – a third party entity will be created (National Center for SafeSport – NCSS).
- 34,566 background screenings were conducted last season. 6.5% had criminal backgrounds. This is about ½ the norm of other organizations.
- 63 disqualification or .18% of total. (60% male – 40% female) This is the lowest in the last 5 years. (Oklahoma had one disqualification last year and one so far this year)
- 12 of the disqualified passed previous background checks.
- US Women won the World Championships in Italy. It's the first time the US Women have won a major event (World Championship, Grand Prix or Olympics).
- NCAA will be voting in January 2015 whether or not to make women's sand volleyball a championship sport. All indications are that this will happen.
- A Sitting Volleyball Athlete Director should be on the USAV board by December 15th so they can attend the January BOD meeting.

- USAV hired a HR Director, Bernie Maclean. This is the first HR Director in the history of the organization.
- Girls 18's GJNC will be moved to late April beginning in 2016.
- USAV is in an RFP process for tournament housing company beginning in 2017.
- 2015 Events: Adults/Detroit: Girls/New Orleans: Boys/Columbus: HP/Des Moines
- 2016 Events: Adults/TBD: Girls/Indianapolis: Boys/Dallas: HP/Ft. Lauderdale

NCAA Final Four/ACVA Update:

- The Commissioner attended meet and greet with NCAA and OKC All Sports Association staff regarding Final Four and AVCA (Randy Decker and Craig Ruiz also attended).
- There will be a youth clinic at Edmond Memorial HS in conjunction with AVCA Convention.
- There will be volunteer opportunities associated with Final Four and Convention to include the following and possible other items: assisting with Youth Clinic; Putting promotional items in seats at Chesapeake Center; Breaking in games balls for Final Four. We will forward information as it comes in.
- OKRVA has two Suites rented for Final Four.
- Now that tryouts are over, it's a good time to remind teams about group tickets for the Final Four.

Beach Update:

- OKRVA Beach Programming is on the upswing.
- National Qualifier held in OKC in the summer of 2014. USAV Beach Office is taking bids to host 2015 National Qualifiers.
- Leagues in OKC area include: Lighthouse and Santa Fe Family Life Center.
- Other groomed courts for pick-up games include: Hafer Park and Mitch Park in Edmond

5. Registrar Report

The Region has 2435 players registered, but only 25% of rosters have been received, and of those rosters, half do not have all players, coaches, team representatives and chaperones with current memberships. No web pointe rosters can be generated without current memberships for all team members, including coaches, team representatives and chaperones. Edgar Miraku suggested clubs appoint one person to review all team rosters for the club before submitting them to the region.

6. Treasurer's Report

No report.

7. Junior Report

Jody Webber will do the in season rankings and coordinate with V-Star again. Rankings for the start of the year will be based upon the final finish of clubs at the Regional Tournament last May, because the rankings need to start somewhere. Jody and asked Darrin Thompson to be the first tournament director to submit results directly to the region. V-Star will need clubs to submit results for invitation only tournaments this season, if clubs conduct such tournaments this year.

All tournament directors must have a web pointe roster from teams entering tournaments this season and mail a copy to the Region office.

8. Safe Sport Report

The OK region is one year ahead of USAV requirements that coaches be SafeSport certified. Shawn noted that web pointe rosters will be automatically updated to show when coaches are SS certified. The SS certification is available this year by on line class, or in clinics for IMPACT training. Shawn recommends live IMPACT training. This year coaches have an IMPACT clinic in Tulsa, scheduled in November; and two on Saturday at the Redlands Tournament. Coaches enrolled in the p.m. session of the IMPACT clinic at Redlands may coach in the a.m.

The OK region currently has one legitimate SS issue pending that involves possible physical abuse. The family has been contacted and is weighing their options. The coach involved has not renewed membership with USAV this year, and will receive a warning letter from USAV this year, regardless of the family's decision to pursue a complaint or not.

Jody noted that Oklahoma is a mandatory reporting state for suspected child abuse, but SS is not the law. The duty to report is to legal authorities, not to OKRVA. The person who suspects the violation should report the suspected violation. Investigations into complaints must examine the source of information. Direct knowledge is preferable to rumors.

Club directors and coaches need to watch for gateway issues (too close of contact situations) that may evolve into SS issues.

SS has reported that the issue of junior players playing on adult teams is not a SS issue.

The Commissioner noted that the issue of contracting with a third party reporting agency for SS complaints was discussed at the RVA meetings.

9. Beach Report

The Commissioner the beach courts are scheduled to be installed at Mitch Park and Hafer Park in Edmond.

10. High Performance Update

No report. The Commissioner noted tryouts on the Friday before the Regional Tournament were successful last year, and the same procedure is likely this year.

11. NCAA Final Four/ AVCA Update

Norman North setter Audrey Alford was named 2nd team All American and will play in the Under Armour All American Game in OKC during the week of the NCAA championships. The NCAA will conduct a youth camp at Edmond Memorial High School. The camp is for 14 and under players and was expanded to 300 participants after the first 200 slots filled so quickly.

12. Officiating Report
No report. Randy Decker noted this is the second year of the USAV rulebook, and did not know what the status for referee/scorekeeper clinics would be this year.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

13. IMPACT Certification vs. ImPACT Concussion Certification
Pete Mills distributed information about a \$199 concussion base line test offered by sway balance. An app is available and the company has consulted with the NBA Thunder and Wichita State University.
14. OKRVA Website Issues
Passed to the February meeting.
15. Coaches Ethics Status
E-mails regarding this issue have not been forwarded correctly. Tied to website issues in item 14. Passed to February.
16. USAV Clinic Insurance
Passed to February meeting
17. Refunds to 11U for Registration
This issue was resolved by the Commissioner and should be moot.
18. Tryout Issues (Pressuring of Players)
The Commissioner received three tryout complaints this year. The first arose during 11U tryouts, when a player was given 24 hours to accept a bid from Club A and the bid would expire before tryouts began for Club B. Two more complaints were received during 14U tryouts when Club A gave two players 24 hours to accept bids before tryouts began for Club C. Action on the complaint was tabled until the February meeting.

Some Board members requested a review of procedures for tryout dates and commitment dates. VP Decker appointed Jody Webber, Jeremy Burton, Shawn McCarty, Lisa Bauman, Randy Decker and Dick Mahoney to a committee to return recommendations to the BOD in February for tryout policies; the investigation into complaints; and sanctions for violation of tryout policies.
19. Other New Business
The Commissioner recommended the BOD review membership fees for 11U, starting in the 2015-16 season. The item was passed to the February meeting.
20. Adjournment
The next meeting will be in Tulsa, at 4 p.m. (after Volleyfest), location TBD.
The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.