

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2013-2014) Second Meeting
Tulsa Expo Center, Tulsa Oklahoma
February 23, 2014**

MINUTES (draft)

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Vice President Randy Decker at 5:06 p.m.

2. Roll call of board members, introduction of guests
Board members present: Randy Decker, Niki Dieball, Jenny Duncan, Mike Freeman, Margo Juergens, Richard Mahoney, Shawn McCarty, Pete Mills, Janice Roth

Members absent:, John Batley, Lisa Bauman, Jeremy Burton, George Freedman, Bill Hamiter, Edgar Miraku,

Guests present: Mike Minnis, Libby McCarty

3. Review minutes from meetings on August 3, 2013.
The minutes of the 4th meeting of 2012-13 were approved with a correction to the spelling of Ron Zientek. The minutes of the 1st meeting of 2013-14 were approved.

REPORTS

4. Commissioners Report.
Shawn introduced Mike Minnis and asked Minnis to address the BOD on conducting the Tulsa Classic this weekend. Minnis Andy Reitlenger of Summit-Nitro VBC of Plano, TX, provided administration for the tournament and were encouraged by the results of the first tournament. Minnis believes the size of the Expo will allow for expansion to 24 courts, which could host a tournament of 200-250 teams. Minnis believes the Tulsa Classic could reach that in three years with the support of the region and the Board. Minnis said the sitting teams will produce a “thank you video” and distribute it to teams that participated in this year’s tournament. Shawn said the BOD supports the sitting teams and will provide feedback to Minnis after he has received input from participants at this year’s tournament.

Shawn informed the BOD of the loss of Ryan Sanderson, a Peak 12-Smack player, to cancer in early February. Randy Decker advised the BOD of efforts by Peak VBS to provide support to the family and volleyball players. Response from the volleyball community through social media has been overwhelming.

Complaints have been received about adjusting rosters for national tournaments that may raise a need to restrict the number or character of roster adjustments that can be made so the team that accepts the bid to play in the national tournament is representative of the team that earned the bid. Vice President Decker directed this item to the May agenda.

The national meetings will be in Phoenix this year. Jody Webber will attend the meetings to learn about the Safe Sport program and apply it to the OK region.

Registration for the Regional Tournament opens this week. Shawn intends to have the 18 year-old division play on Sunday afternoon this year, rather than on Friday evening. If space and interest allows, Shawn may insert a one-day boys tournament into Regionals. AES will be handling the pools and brackets again this year. HP tryouts will be on Friday evening. New for this year, teams wanting to play in the Junior Nationals will be required to register and pay by credit card before May 12, 2014. This could have an effect on teams earning trickle down bids, they will have to enroll before they know if they have a bid or not.

5. Registrar Report.
The region has 3093 members, 150 more than last year. A problem has shown up among all VB clubs, not all players and coaches appearing on the club rosters have registered with USAV. Shawn emphasized the process is to register with USAV first, then with the club. Coaches are not to be present at any club/team function prior to registering and submitting to a background check.
6. Treasurer's Report.
No report
7. Junior Report.
Jody Webber will be the Safe Sport coordinator for the region.
8. Beach Report.
Shawn reported that 3 clubs are now running beach programs.
9. HP Update.
Anna Howle will not return as one of the HP coaches this year. Nikke Dieball will coach one team, and Shawn will announce the other coach in the near future. The region will send a select team (born in 2000-01) and a youth team (1998-99). HP Tournament will be in Tulsa this summer, so a higher turnout is anticipated this year.
10. Officiating Report.
No report.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

11. Review of Tryouts.
Overall, tryouts went very well and the number of complaints was few. Pete Mills asked that complaints identify both clubs, and both clubs get a chance to provide an explanation of the facts before action is taken. Randy Decker suggested the BOD look into a defining what is acceptable "pressure" upon an athlete, upon peers, and upon parents. Shawn wants to review when an athlete can recant a decision to play for one team in favor of another, and if there should be sanctions upon the athlete, the club, or both. This discussion was directed to the May meeting by Vice President Decker.

Pete Mills requested the dates for tryouts in middle schools be advanced. Vice President Decker noted 2014-15 school calendars are not made out far enough in advance for the Board to make a decision on dates now. The matter will be brought up again at the May meeting.

12. Website update.
The website administrator is adding new content and removing old content now. Shawn asked BOD members to inform him of any content they want added to the website.
13. Rankings System.
Jody Webber has been using the North Texas ranking system (VStar) on recent tournaments to rank participating teams and seed tournaments. Randy Decker asked if this will replace the hand calculations currently used by the Board. Shawn said the 2014 Regional tournament will be seeded as it has been the past several years, but those rankings will be shadowed by the VStar system so the BOD can evaluate it.
14. Officiating Clinics.
Pete Mills inquired about the number of officiating clinics offered. Margo Juergens noted most training this season was through on line training. Margo is available to do in person clinics upon request.
15. NCAA Final Four Update.
Mike Freeman and Shawn McCarty will serve as OK Region coordinators with the NCAA Final Four tournament next December in Oklahoma City. Shawn has spoken with the NCAA coordinator and the All Sports Association, and the OK Region will be asked to support the "Future Leaders Match", sponsored by Under Armor, played on Thursday before the Final Four begins. Micah Hancock played in the Future Leaders match in Kansas City when she was in high school. Hancock was the MVP in the 2014 NCAA Final Four.
16. Safe Sport.
Jody Webber is the state coordinator for Safe Sport. She attended meetings in Denver on the subject, and will attend the national meeting in Phoenix this spring to get more information on the subject.
17. Other new business.
None.
18. Set Time/Place for next meeting
The Third meeting of 2013-14 will be at UCO, in Edmond OK, at 9:00 a.m. on May 10, 2014.
15. Adjournment
Vice President Decker adjourned the meeting 7:21pm