

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2013-2014) Third Meeting
UCO Wellness Center, Edmond, OK
May 10, 2014 @ 9:00am**

MINUTES (DRAFT)

1. Call to Order
Bill Hamiter called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. Roll call of board members.
Members present: Niki, Dieball, Edgar Miraku, Margo Juergens, Randy Decker, Mike Freeman, Pete Mills, George Freedman, Jody Weber, Bill Hamiter, Richard Mahoney, Jeremy Burton

Members absent: Janice Roth, Jenny Duncan, John Batley, Lisa Bauman

Guests present: Libby McCarty

3. Review minutes from the meetings on 2-23-14
The minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORTS

4. Commissioner Report
Shawn McCarty reported that he will attend the national meeting next week with Margo Juergens and Bill Hamiter in Phoenix, AZ. A large issue will be implementation of safe sport. The OK region will have 2 mens B teams at adult nationals this season. Peak, Club ONE, and Premier Volleyball Clubs, qualified teams for Jr. Nationals in Minneapolis at the Regional Tournament. Peak and Club ONE also had teams that qualified through National Qualifiers during the season.

Shawn noted that if the Regional Tournament had 180 teams this year, 19 more than 2013. Attendance was estimated at 7,500 per day. If the tournament continues to grow, more sites may need to be looked at. Tulsa Expo has more space, but has some problems with lighting and lodging that must be looked at.

The HP Tournament will be in Tulsa this summer from July 22-26 at the TCC.

The region will help promote the NCAA tournament in Oklahoma City next December. Information was distributed at the Regional Tournament

5. Registrar Report
Libby McCarty reported membership is at 3156, which is an increase over last year.

6. Treasurer's Report
Margo Juergens distributed a balance sheet report, a profit and loss statement since the last meeting, a transaction detail, and an independent accountant review for the year

ending July 1, 2013 by Schmidt and Associates. Margo reported the Region has approximately \$24,000 in checking, and \$84,000 in savings. Shawn reported he had significant amount of deposits for Margo from entry fees for the Regional Tournament.

7. Junior Report

Jody Webber reported that she worked two grass roots tournaments in Clinton and Alva.

8. Beach Report

Shawn McCarty reported that he would oversee the beach program for the near future. The National Beach Tour will have a stop at the Lighthouse in Oklahoma City on June 14.

Bill Hamiter asked Shawn if he could assemble a list of groomed beach volleyball courts in the Oklahoma City area.

9. HP Update

80 players pre-registered for tryouts on the Friday before the Regional Tournament, and another 39 registered as walk ups. There was sufficient number and quality of athletes to add an additional youth and select team. Mike Freeman will coach the select team and Nikki Dieball will coach the youth select team. Some discussion was had regarding how to conduct a more efficient tryout procedure.

Bill Hamiter suggested the region keep a data base to track participation of players in HP teams and their club teams.

10. Officiating Reports

Margo Juergens reported only one protest occurred at the Regional Tournament. Jerry Brands is trying for National certification this summer. Thomas Hoy has requested a grant from USAV to train officials for the LS, NT, Bayou and OK regions.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

11. Executive Committee Action Report

In light of the high numbers of athletes that tried out for the HP team, and the tournament is in Tulsa, the executive committee authorized a second team in the youth and select divisions. Shawn moved to ratify the executive committee's action at a cost of \$7750. Edgar Miraku seconded the motion. Shawn explained the additional money included entry fees, uniforms, per diem and athlete gifts. PASSED

12. Safe Sport

Jody Webber distributed a USAV handout on Safesport. USAV has hired an attorney (Quintiya D. Miller), and will produce 1.5 hour videos to be viewed through web-pointe. The participation of regions in Safesport will be mandatory.

Shawn appointed a Safesport committee: Jody Webber (chair), Randy Decker, Dick Mahoney, George Freedman, and Heather Erickson.

13. Rankings System (VStar)

Jody Webber reported the VStar ranking system worked well for smaller tournaments within the region, but there were obvious shortcomings in ranking teams that player in out

of region tournaments and did not have a lot of comparative results against regional competition.

Motion to authorize funds to pay for VStar in the 2014-15 season by Mahoney, 2nd by Miraku. Motion withdrawn.

Motion to purchase VStar in 2014-15 as a resource for ranking tournaments in region and at the Regional Tournament by Decker, 2nd by Freedman, PASSED.

Bill Hamiter and George Freedman suggested incomplete results hamper rankings by any system and suggested some sanction might be in order, such as loss of eligibility to accept a qualifying bid from the region.

Pete Mills noted conflicting information from different sources about when, where, and in what format to submit results raised questions within clubs about the submission of results. If a sanction is agreed upon, clubs need to have clear notice of how to submit results and the penalty for not doing so.

George Freedman submitted a motion: Beginning with the 2014-15 season, the by-laws of the region are amended to include a sanction for the failure of a club to provide complete match results for any team entered in the Regional Tournament by the date set by the Commissioner. Any team that does not have complete results submitted to the region by the set date will not be eligible to receive a bid to the Jr. National tournament from OKRVA, even if the team wins the Regional Tournament. The Commissioner is directed to send notice, by e-mail, of this by-law change to all club directors of teams that are not compliant with this rule, and the non-compliant teams shall have 7 days to get into compliance, and the sanction will not apply.

Further action/discussion was TABLED to the August meeting.

14. Regionals seeding items

Shawn noted there were two complaints on seeding at the Regional Tournament: one from a parent of a 14-1 team, and the second from a club director and an 18-1 team. Shawn addressed the complaints and noted all champions were seeded within the top 3, and the finishes of the complaining teams were consistent with their finish.

15. NCAA Final Four Update

Information will be posted on the Region website. The NCAA is looking for promotion of the Under Armour future stars match the day before the NCAA tournament begins. The All Sports Association is working on obtaining a suited for the Region. Thunder season ticket holders have first refusal rights.

Volunteers will be needed. It is possible the volunteers will need to be under 15 years old to avoid recruiting rules. Sponsorships may be requested from previous sponsors of OKRVA (Tulsa Bone and Joint, Liberty Mutual, and BOK).

16. Try out dates for 2014-15

The Middle School Tournament is October 4, OU-TX is October 10. Shawn appointed a committee to bring back recommended dates at the August meeting: Jodie Webber, Randy Decker, Pete Mills, Janice Roth, Shawn McCarty and Jenny Duncan.

17. Election Committee

Terms for the following will be expiring in August: Shawn McCarty, Bill Hamiter, George Freedman, John Batley and Jeremy Burton.

Shawn appointed an election committee: Dick Mahoney, Nikki Dieball and Edgar Miraku.

18. National Tournament Rosters

The OK region bid for 18s in 2013 trickled down to Club ONE, but the team that played in the Jr. National tournament included many 16 year old players in Club ONE that did not play on the 18s team in the regional tournament. Motion by Mahoney that rosters of teams playing in the Jr. National tournament on the Oklahoma region bid must include 6 players that played in the Regional Tournament in the division of the awarded bid; 2nd by Miraku. TABLED to the August meeting.

19. Other New Business

Randy Decker suggested the region adopt a procedure to deal with teams eliminated from an opportunity to win the OK region bid by teams that are already qualified for the national tournament, and the eliminated team did not have an opportunity to play the team that ultimately won the region's bid. The item was TABLED to the August meeting.

Pete Mills asked that hotels associated with the regional tournament, by contract or in the region's hotel block, be required to serve breakfast at 6 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Pete Mills noted that his club is having difficulty locating hotels in Minneapolis that are not in remote or undesirable areas.

20. Set date for August 2014 meeting

The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. August 17, 2014 at UCO. The first meeting of the 2014-15 season will be immediately after the conclusion of the last meeting of the 2013-14 season.

21. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.