

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2014-2015) Third Meeting
UCO Wellness Center – Edmond, OK
June 20, 2015 @ 10:00am**

MINUTES (draft)

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Hamiter at 10:19 a.m.

2. **Roll call of board members.**

Members present: Lisa Baumann, Nikki, Dieball, Bill Hamiter, Margo Juergens, Shawn McCarty, Richard Mahoney, Edgar Miraku,

Members absent: Jeremy Burton, Mike Christie, Randy Decker, Jenny Duncan, George Freedman, Mike Freeman, Pete Mills, Janice Roth.

Guests present: Libby McCarty, Lauren McCarty, Jody Webber

3. **Review of minutes from November 9, Meeting**

The minutes of the November 9, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved with a spelling correction.

President Hamiter asked if any Board members had any other items to be added to today's agenda. None were offered and the agenda was set as published.

REPORTS

4. **Commissioner Report**

Commissioner McCarty reported a coach from a region team has been criminally charged with lewd molestation. The coach has been suspended from USAV. The coach had submitted background checks, impact certification and safe sport certification which did not show any prior misconduct. All questions regarding former coach Levi Hutsell should be referred to Commissioner McCarty.

The NCAA Final Four/AVCA convention was a big success for the region, albeit attendance at the matches was not as high as hoped for. Former region player Micah Hancock's team won the NCAA Division I championship and was named AVCA player of the year.

The Commissioner played in the UCO Volleyball Golf Tournament, attended the Peak post-season banquet, and participated in two inter-zonal conferences among surrounding volleyball region commissioners.

Several region teams are competing in post-season play. Peak, Edge, Charge and Premier have teams participating in the AAU championships in Orlando, FL. Peak has three teams playing in Open division of the Girls Junior National Championships (12, 13, and 17) and three in USA division (14, 15 and 18). Club ONE has four teams playing at the Girls Junior Nationals (13, 14, 16 and 17); Charge has one team playing at the Girls Junior Nationals (13). The Kaizen Boys will play in the Boys Junior Nationals (18). Three men's team and one women's team competed at the Adult Nationals this year.

2016 National Championships will be in Indianapolis for Girls, Dallas for Boys, and Fort Lauderdale for HP. The Girls Junior Nationals for 18s will be in April, in Milwaukee, separate from the other divisions. The OKRVA bid tournament for 18s will be on March 26, 2016 at UCO.

The 2015 Regional Tournament had 186 teams and was an overall success. There were problems with wristband distribution at hotels that led to complaints again. There were some problems with cancellation fees charged for teams that let reservations go after their team qualified; the rooms were rented, and Shawn was asked to negotiate a compromise for next year. The 2016 Regional Tournament will again be in Tulsa on April 30 to May 1. No Oklahoma City venue is available, but Shawn is checking every year.

Shawn suggests a ranking tournament be held prior to the Regional tournament to set the top eight seeds at the Regional Tournament. Further discussion directed to Item 22 of New Business.

The China Women's Sitting Team will be at UCO October 22 - 25 for matches with the USA Women's Team.

Discussions on new ball dimensions (rubber ball) have been put on hold, and there will be no change to ball specifications this year.

Insurance fees for 2016 will not go up.

5. **Registrar Report**

Libby McCarty reported 3,381 registered members this year, an increase in membership for the 10th consecutive year. There were some problems early in the season when 200 non registered players were submitted with rosters. Next year, coaches, directors and non players will be required to be Safe Sport certified before they can be on a bench.

President Hamiter directed an item be placed on the August agenda to review registration requirements and what will be accepted as proof of registration for 2015-16 tryouts.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Margo Juergens distributed a balance sheet as of June 19, 2015 and Financial Statements for the years ended July 31 2013 and 2014 with independent accountant's review report. The region currently has approximately \$51,000 in checking and \$54,000 in savings, pending expenses for HP and remaining invoices from the 2015 Regional Tournament.

7. **Junior Report**

Jody Webber recommended not to use V-Star for ranking next season. Jody suggested the Region consider inquiring of AES to provide match information to rank teams. The information turned in by teams was inaccurate and incomplete in too many instances. The penalty for improper reporting (not going to nationals) is ineffective, as teams with a chance to go to nationals are in compliance.

President Hamiter directed an item to address ranking and reporting results be placed on the next agenda.

8. **Safe Sport Report**

Safe Sport will be required of more personnel next year (all who will be on a team bench). Jody had questions about duty to report information reported on Safe Sport

questionnaires that is improper, but not related to volleyball. President Hamiter suggested those may well be code of conduct questions and recommended they be reviewed with USAV officials as they come up.

9. **Beach Report**

Margo Juergens reported that Ron Zientek and Steve Thomas are now Zonal Beach Officials. Shawn McCarty announced a new beach volleyball club, OK Beach Volleyball. Most players are already registered as indoor players, so there is not yet much impact on membership as the indoor membership extends through the beach season.

10. **High Performance Update**

Shawn McCarty reported 84 players were at HP tryouts. There was thought given to sponsoring 4 teams, but the second teams were close to minimum on players and one team in each age division will attend HP Championships in Des Moines, IA. The HP camp will be July 10 – 13 before the tournament.

11. **Officiating Report**

There will be new rule books next season. Margo Juergens suggested the Region purchase fewer rule books, because most players never use them, or would use their phone to look something up if they needed to.

USAV has a new provider for VB Academy and it will be much improved next season.

Safe Sport will be required of national officials this season.

MOTION to approve all Reports by Mahoney, second by Miraku. PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

13. **Tryout Policy/Procedures**

The item was passed to the August meeting (first meeting of 2015-16).

14. **Tryout Issues - Pressuring of Athletes**

The item was passed to the August meeting (first meeting of 2015-16).

15. **Coaches Ethics Status**

The item was passed to the August meeting (fourth meeting of 2014-15).

16. **USAV Clinic Insurance**

The item was passed to the August meeting (fourth meeting of 2014-15).

17. **Fee Structure for 11's**

Shawn McCarty moved to adjust the fee structure for 11s the same as 12 (the standard fee of \$50 for all ages). Second by Nikki Dieball. PASSED.

18. **Election of Commissioner (2 year term ending May 2017)**

Shawn McCarty was elected by acclamation.

19. **Other New Business – Set Date for August Meeting**

The fourth meeting of 2014-15 will be August 23, 2015 in Stroud, at 1:00 p.m.

The first meeting of 2015-16 will be August 23, 2015 in Stroud, and will start upon the conclusion of the fourth meeting of 2014-15.

20. **Create Election Comm. (Janice, Lisa, Mike, Pete, Randy)**
President Hamiter appointed Dick Mahoney, Edgar Miraku, Jeremy Burton and Nikki Dieball to the nominating committee.
21. **Pay for Officials**
Margo Juergens recommended raising pay for officials in the region by \$1 at all levels. After discussion, Margo accepted a friendly amendment to raise pay by \$2 for Jr. National and National officials. Second by Miraku. PASSED.
22. **Rankings tournaments**
The item was passed to the August meeting (first meeting of 2015-16).
23. **Regionals/Bid Qualifier for 18's**
As reported by the Commissioner, the OKRVA bid tournament for 18s will be on March 26, 2016 at UCO to coordinate with the earlier tournament date for 18s division for Girls Junior Nationals.
24. **Other new business**
There was no other new business.
25. **Set date for August Meeting**
See item 19. Two meetings are scheduled August 23, 2015, in Stroud, OK, at 1 p.m.
26. **Adjournment**
President Hamiter adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.