

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2013-2014) Fourth Meeting
UCO Wellness Center, Edmond, OK
August 17, 2014 @ 1:00 pm**

MINUTES (DRAFT)

1. Call to Order

Bill Hamiter called the meeting to order at 1:26 p.m.

2. Roll call of board members.

Members present: Margo Juergens, Randy Decker, Mike Freeman, Pete Mills, George Freedman, Bill Hamiter, Richard Mahoney, Lisa Bauman, Janice Roth, Jenny Duncan, Shawn McCarty

Members absent: Niki, Dieball, John Batley, Jeremy Burton, Edgar Miraku

Guests and staff present: Libby McCarty, Jody Webber, Jordan Satarawala, Elliot Blake

3. Review minutes from the meetings on 5-10-14

Two items (National Tournament rosters) tabled from the May meeting were added to the last agenda of 2013-14, and another (teams submitting tournament results during the season) was carried to the first meeting of 2014-15.

Motion by George Freedman to approve the minutes as corrected, SECOND by Decker. PASSED.

REPORTS

4. Commissioner Report

Shawn McCarty submitted a written report. Shawn noted the region had three 5th place and one third place finishes at the Junior National Tournament and a 6th place finish at the AAU tournament. The region had six All-American players, and an Academic All-American at the AAU tournament.

Shawn introduced Jordan Satarawala from the All Sports Association, who is the local liason between the NCAA and the local volleyball community. Shawn expects the Region will have access to two suites for the NCAA championships in December, and the Under Armour Futures game on Friday between the semi finals (Thursday) and final matches (on Friday). Clubs should try to contact Jordan for group sales.

5. Registrar Report

Libby McCarty reported membership is at 3167, which is about a 10% increase over last year. Memberships will open September 1st for next year. Libby asks all officers and club personnel to register early and submit background checks.

6. Treasurer's Report

Margo Juergens distributed a balance sheet report dated August 17, 2014 and a transaction detail since the last meeting. Margo reported the Region has approximately \$17,000 in checking, and \$84,000 in savings.

7. Junior Report

Jody Webber asked the BOD to enroll in SafeSport now. Volunteers will be able to do so through a web portal on USAV. SafeSport is seeking a broad spectrum of volleyball participants.

Bill Hamiter noted that future IMPACT training will incorporate SafeSport into its training modules.

8. Beach Report

Shawn McCarty reported a beach qualifier was hosted in the region with over 75 teams participating. The region qualified 4 teams and 3 went to the national tournament.

9. HP Update

Niki Dieball and Kristen Wilson were the head coaches of the region's HP teams. Athletes from 9 clubs made up the four teams sponsored by the region. Parents liked the tryout format at the regional tournament.

Shawn started a data base to track participation of players in HP teams and their club teams.

10. Officiating Reports

Thomas Hoy secured a grant from USAV to train new officials for the LS, NT, Bayou and OK regions. The OK regions will get a \$625 grant.

Changes are under consideration on the scoresheets, to permit a single strike through of unused points rather than an hour glass.

The Volleyball Ref Training web site is scheduled for improvements this season.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

11. NCAA FINAL FOUR Report

Jordan Satarawala noted that NCAA championships usually have clinics for younger players and to grow the sport. There is no cost for the clinics; they would be perfect for PAL league and YMCA participants.

12. Region Playoff procedure

In light of recent participation in the OK Regional Tournament of teams that have already qualified for the National Tournament and win the region's bid, questions have been raised if the region's bid should always be awarded to the second place team; particularly if the second place team has not played the last team eliminated by the pre-qualified team. The region does not want teams to drop matches in pool play to get on the away side of the bracket from the pre-qualified team. COMMITTEE APPOINTED: Jenny Duncan (chair), Randy Decker, Shawn McCarty.

13. National Tournament Rosters

Motion from the May meeting carried to August meeting of 2013-14, Motion by Mahoney, SECOND by Miraku: The rosters of teams playing in the Jr. National tournament on the OK Region bid must include six players that were on the roster of the team that received the OK Region bid in the Oklahoma Regional Tournament. PASSED

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.

14. Election of Board Members

The terms of John Batley, Jeremy Burton, George Freedman, Bill Hamiter, and Shawn McCarty are up for election. All present officers sought re-election except John Batley. The nominating committee produced nominations for Mike Christie (Tulsa) and Santiago Restrepo (Norman). Ed Reschen (Tulsa) was nominated from the floor.

Elected were: Jeremy Burton, Mike Christie, George Freedman, Bill Hamiter, and Shawn McCarty. There was one irregular ballot that voted for six candidates, instead of five. Mahoney and Decker counted the ballots and determined the irregular ballot would not affect the results of the election, even if it were counted. Randy Decker retained all ballots in a sealed envelope.

15. Adjournment

George Freedman moved to adjourn the meeting, SECOND by Jenny Duncan. PASSED. The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.