

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2017-2018) Second Meeting
UCO Wellness Center, Edmond, OK
February 11, 2018 @ 1:30pm**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Bill Hamiter called the meeting to order at 1:30pm.

2. Roll call of Board Members – Introduction of Guests

Members Present: Randy Decker, Shawn McCarty, Bill Hamiter, Jeff Boyland, Mike Freeman, Craig Ruiz, Jeremy Burton, Randy Decker, Margo Juergens, David Blackemore, Richard Mahoney, Nikki Dieball, Cindy Maggart

Members Absent: George Freeman, Edgar Miraku

Staff Present: Libby McCarty

Staff Absent: Jody Webber

Guests Present: Lee Chartier, Lori Peterson, Jim Peters, Emily Peterson, Brent Clickner, Kierra Fulwider, Farrah Fulwider, Eric Fulwider

3. Setting of Agenda: Set as presented

4. Review of November 19, 2017 Minutes

Bill Hamiter presented minutes from November 19, 2017. Craig Ruiz made motion to approve the minutes. Second by Randy Decker. All approved as presented.

REPORTS

5. Commissioner Report

Presented by Shawn McCarty- Commissioner

- We held Southwest Boys Tours event in conjunction with Redlands. We had 25 boys team from several states attend. We had good reports about the Bennett Center at the Oklahoma City Fairgrounds.
- We have visited several tournaments this season. There have been no major issues at the events.
- The AES tournament system is working very well. The “one-shop shopping” is very efficient. We have been working with AES to fix some minor bugs but for the most part, the system is running smooth. One of the best functions of the AES system is it allows us to see how many teams are registered for tournaments in live time. As we get additional tournament requests it is very helpful to have access to this information. Also, tournament directors are doing a good job getting their results entered into AES. This provides us with up to date rankings.
- There is talk of a mid-season RVA meeting in Chicago in March. The meeting is not confirmed at this time.
- We met with the OKC Convention and Visitors Bureau about moving our Regional Championships to OKC in 2019. They will serve as a conduit with the OKC Fairgrounds Trust. I

also met with Larry Taylor of Charge to discuss his experiences with Redlands. Further meetings and debriefing will take place in the next few weeks.

- The 18's bid qualifier will take place at Westmoore HS on Sunday, February 25, 2018. We have 12 teams. I don't anticipate any further entries. We will award our National and American bids to GJNC in Anaheim.
- The 14's/15's/16's rankings tournament will take place on Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the Premier Sportsplex. We will have 12 teams in the 14's and 15's Divisions and 8 teams in the 16's Division.
- Registrations are coming in for Regionals. It is too early to tell where we will be on total number of teams but since our membership is up almost 200 members, we would anticipate a small increase in the number of teams.

6. Registrar Report

Presented by Libby McCarty.

- As of February 10, 2018, we have 3,784 members. This is almost 200 members higher than this time last year.
- We have been working with several new clubs to acclimate them to the Web point system and other region paperwork.
- We have issued approximately 8 refunds this season.

7. Treasurer Report

Presented by Margo Juergens. Shawn McCarty made motion to approve, second by Jeff Boyland.

8. Junior/SafeSport Reports

Reported submitted by Jody Webber; Verbal report given by Shawn McCarty. Nothing new to report. No safe sport issues at this time

9. Beach Report

Presented by Shawn McCarty.

- We have been allocated 3 bids in each age division for girls (12 total) and 6 bids for boys to the 2018 USA National Beach Tour Championships. We do not have to accept the bids, but I would recommend we do.
- In order to accept the bids, we would need to have a Beach Regionals. Lee Chartier, who is a member of the OKRVA Beach Committee, has agreed to reach out to the Lighthouse about the possibility of using their courts for the event.
- Registration for the event will be taken care of by USAV Beach Office.
- Beach Nationals is July 19-21st for U12 and U16 and July 22-24th for U14 and U18. The Beach Championships will be held in Siesta Key, Florida.
- OKRVA has sent kids to Beach Nationals for several years by qualifying in other regions.

10. HP Update

Presented by Shawn McCarty

- The HP Championships will be held in Tulsa on July 24-28, 2018. We have offered our support to USAV and the AJ Joseph the tournament director.
- HP Tryouts will be held on Friday, May 4th. We have started recruiting some players to tryout. We will send marketing materials to athletes and club directors and coaches by February 18th.
- We have budgeted for 4 teams. We are currently scheduled to send two Youth and two Select teams. We need to discuss the possibility of adding one Future Select Girls team and possibly removing one Youth team.

- **Jeremy Burton made motion to give executive committee authority to approve funding for another HP team this season. Second by Nikki Dieball.**

11. Officiating Report

Presented by Margo Juergens- Margo reported having issues with new “badge” process for officiating. Other regions are not accepting Oklahoma teams with rosters that do not have “badges.” Discussion held regarding assembly of “Raters Committee.” Shawn McCarty volunteered to put together “Referee Raters Committee” that will include the following members and return to May 2017 meeting with recommendation. Members included will be : Margo Juergens, Jeff Boyland, Shawn McCarty, Randy Decker.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

12. Transfer Request – E. Peterson

Presented by Shawn McCarty- Player Emily Peterson with Enid club team was released in good standing and requesting transfer to another club (Ponca City Rowdies). Jeremy Burton made motion to approve transfer, second by Randy Decker. Approved by all.

13. Transfer Request – K & K Fulwider

Presented by Shawn McCarty- Players Kera and Kamber Fulwider with Fire volleyball club team were released by pending return of uniform and backpack. Both players requesting transfer to another club (Shawnee Elite). Dick Mahoney made motion to approve transfer, second by Craig Ruiz. Approved by all.

14. Budget Revisions

Presented by Shawn McCarty

- Jeremy Burton made motion to approve increase in line item for “computer equipment” for mac book from \$2,500.00 to \$3,500.00 for Registrar to use. Second by Randy Decker. Approved by all.
- Randy Decker made motion to increase “Adult Open sitting division” line item of budget from \$3,300.00 to \$6,600.00. Second by Jeremy Burton. Approved by all.
- Shawn McCarty made motion to add 2,500.00 to “Beach Regionals” in budget revision. Second by Randy Decker. Approved by all.

15. Players playing for multiple teams in same tournament

Presented by Craig Ruiz- Craig expressed concern regarding a player playing for 2 separate teams at the same tourney. Craig witnessed this at a recent tournament and wanted to know about OKRVA region rules on this. Shawn McCarty to will followup on USAV region handbook about rules/regulations about a player playing on more than 1 team at a tournament. Shawn will provide follow-up and report back in May 2018 meeting.

Randy Decker made motion to not allow a player to play on 2 different teams at the same tournament, even if tournament is on separate weekend days. Second by Margo Juergens. Approved by all.

16. Grants for developing Boys programs

Presented by David Blakemore- David gave verbal report on USAV grant availability and information. USAV awards grants. Recommendation to have Oklahoma look into this and apply for these for next 2018-2019 season.

17. Local Seeding
Presented by Craig Ruiz- Craig verbalized concern regarding local tournament seeding. Recommendation made that if any issues arise regarding seeding for local tournament to contact Shawn McCarty and Jody Webber.
18. Regional Committee Seeding
Presented by Shawn McCarty. Shawn McCarty made motion to keep the same members assigned to this year's regional seeding committee. Members are the following: Cindy Maggart, Randy Decker, Jeff Boyland, Darin Thompson, Craig Ruiz, Mike Freeman. This motion was second by David Blackemore.
19. Round Table
 - Discussion held regarding Transfer Policy- review Transfer language Policy and look into "*in good standing*" verbiage. This is to be discussed and reviewed at next meeting.
 - Discussion held regarding enhancing OKRVA website. Shawn McCarty to discuss this as well with Sports Engine and report back in May 2018 meeting.
20. Set Date for May 2018 Meeting
The meeting will be May 19, 2018 at 10:00am at Cattle County Lodge, Stroud, OK
21. Adjournment
Craig Ruiz made motion to adjourn meeting, second by Jeff Boyland. Bill Hamiter adjourned the meeting at 3:45pm