

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2019-2020) Second Meeting
Cattle Country Lodge, Stroud, OK
November 24, 2019 @ 2:00pm**

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Bill Hamiter at 2:09pm

2. Roll call of Board Members/Introduction of Visitors

Members present: Shawn McCarty, David Blakemore, Janet Tyler, Darin Thompson, Cindy Maggart, Bill Hamiter, Margo Juergens, Missy McCaw-Frette, and Richard Mahoney

Members absent: Edgar Miraku, Randy Decker, Nikki Dieball, Jeff Boyland, Mike Freeman, and Jeremy Burton

Staff Present: Libby McCarty, Jody Webber

Guests present: Pete Mills

3. Setting of Agenda

Bill Hamiter requested review of agenda. Missy McCaw-Frette requested that Tryout Dates for 2020-2021 be added to agenda as #16. Agenda set with this one addition. Approved by all.

4. Review of August 11, 2019 Minutes (both meetings)

Bill Hamiter presented both minutes from August 11, 2019. Comment made to change both meeting minutes to reflect "minutes" and not "agenda" at the top. Comment made with regards to "Tournament Sanctioning" (#10) on minutes. This was approved at the meeting and implemented. Motion made by Margo Juergens to approve minutes, Second by Darin Thompson. All approved as presented

REPORTS

5. Commissioner/SafeSport/HP Reports

Presented Shawn McCarty. Notes of report below:

- *Attended USAV Meetings in Colorado Springs.*
 - *Attended full day SafeSport meeting. USAV SafeSport Manager, Robin Dutton is leaving her position with USAV.*
 - *We spend a good deal of time discussing the new membership registration program being implemented for the 2020-2021 season.*
 - *United State Olympic Committee (USOC) has changed its name to United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC).*
- *USAV Board of Directors has extended CEO Jamie Davis' contract through 2024*

- *USA Board of Directors has elected Cecile Reynaud as Chair of the USAV BOD.*
- *Attended several tryouts. Tryouts were challenging this season. We had multiple complaints about clubs pressuring players.*
- *Initial tournament schedule was released on September 9th, 2019. The subsequent scheduled was released on September 30th. This is the earliest it has been released. A special thanks to Jody, Darin and Libby for their assistance in reviewing the tournament requests and entering tournaments on AES.*
- *We have opened registration for Regionals. Tournament info including hotel block will be disseminated to club directors and posted on our website/social media by November 30th.*
- *Notice to adult players wanting to participate with the OKRVA Sitting Team at the US Open will posted on the website. We will also disseminate info via social media also recruit players as teams register for other divisions at the Opens.*
- *USA Women's Sitting Team won the World Paravolley Women's Super 6 event in Tokyo. They have qualified for the 2020 Paralympics. The Men's team will try to qualify at the 2020 Men's Final Paralympic Qualifier being held at UCO in March. We will promote this event to our membership via social media as we get closer to the event.*
- *Meet with OKC Convention and Visitors Bureau to discuss Regionals pre-event items and possible extension of contract for 2021 and beyond. We plan to meet with State Fair and Visitor & Convention Bureau in December.*

SAFESPORT REPORT

We have received two reports of possible misconduct of OKRVA coaches from the SafeSport Center in past few weeks. We have provided SafeSport the information they asked for. We have not heard back from SafeSport on the results of their investigations.

HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

- *The 2020 HP Championships will be held in Pittsburg, PA.*
- *We will hold tryouts for HP on Friday, May 1st in conjunction with OKRVA Regional Championships.*

Reports accepted as written

6. Beach Report

Presented Shawn McCarty. Notes of report below:

- *Beach Regionals is tentatively scheduled for July 2020.*
- *We are in negotiations with Lighthouse Sports for court rental.*
- *Discussion being held with regards to being open to other location as well.*

Accepted as written

7. Registrar Report

- Presented by Libby McCarty. As of November 19, 2019 we have 3,892 members. This is an increase from this time last year. Registrar notes below:

- *We are processing rosters within 1 day of receipt.*
- *We have received several rosters that are incomplete (i.e. athletes not registered, coaches not registered/IMPACT or SafeSport certified.*
- *We are working with clubs daily to get deficiencies corrected.*
- *We will have a new membership system beginning in the 2020-21 season. There will be training for the regions but it has not been scheduled yet.*
- *We have 66 total clubs registered at this time including several new clubs:*

- OK Redline (Jenks), Sequoyah Juniors (Inola), Oklahoma Attack (Duncan), T3 (Newcastle), Saints VBC (OKC), Legacy Fire (OKC), Virago (Tulsa), Inola VBC (Inola)
- *Impact class will be held December 2, 2019 and still also available online.*
Accepted as written.

8. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Margo Juergens. Reports were distributed at meeting. Motion made by Darin Thompson to approve report, Second by Dick Mahoney. Approved by all.

9. Officiating Reports

Presented by Margo Juergens. Please see notes below:

USAV has been performing maintenance on USAV Academy removing registrations and courses from previous seasons. This should improve performance and reliability of the USAV Academy. These improvements should allow USAV Academy to better handle the increased traffic brought on by the holiday season and the beginning of the club volleyball season.

I have worked with USAV Academy staff to load the courses needed for Oklahoma Region. Many have started and I have received several direct questions and questions through the USAV Academy Help Desk.

I have worked with USAV Officials Division to have a USAV National and Advancement Referee Clinic in Oklahoma Region. It will be held on Friday, December 13, in Tulsa at OU-Tulsa Schusterman Campus. These are two clinics. The Advancement Referee Clinic caters to Provisional/Regional Referees. A National Referee Clinic will also be held. The benefits of the discussions that occur during the in-person clinics are unique and are difficult to achieve when viewing the clinic online, so attending an in-person clinic is a wonderful opportunity. The National Referee Clinic caters to National-level Referees by providing professional development topics that are geared toward referees with higher level certifications. These clinics are two completely different entities, and the same material is NOT covered in both. Each clinic has a target length of two hours. Any non-National-level Referee is charged a \$25 clinic fee. This fee allows access to one or both clinics as many times as they wish to view or attend. I will have on-court training for Professional Referees at ORU that weekend.

I sent an email to Clubs with information about legal uniforms. I also encouraged them to have the USAV Rules Interpreter verify that their uniforms are legal. He will provide an approval form that can be presented at tournaments. He will also let you know if the uniforms are not legal.

Discussion also held regarding referee rates for Non-OKRVA vs OKRVA tournaments. For **Non OKRVA**, recommended rates are as follows (\$24,\$26,\$28,\$30). For **OKRVA**, recommended rates are as follows (\$26,\$28,\$30,\$32). Motion made to approve report by Missy McCaw-Frette, David Blakemore. All approved.

10. Ranking Report

Presented by Jody Webber. Rankings tournament will be held and results from Regionals previous year will be used to help seed rankings tournament. Date set for February 22-23, 2020 at the Titan Center in Tulsa, OK for age groups (11-17's). Approved by all.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

11. AAU/JVA Tournament Discussion & Possible Action
Presented by Shawn McCarty. Discussion held with regards to Tournament Sanction form. Guest Pete Mills concerned about #5 on Sanction form *“to not host events sanctioned by any competing organization between October 1st and the OKRVA Regional tournament without first receiving approval of the OKRVA’s Executive Committee.”*
Decision made that the Executive Committee will take action and will give due notice to all Board members that there with change to the policy and or motion for change in the policy.
12. Sanctioning Policy for Clubs Regarding Tryouts
Presented by Shawn McCarty. This policy was assigned to the “Ethics & Eligibility Committee”. This committee is to bring recommendation back to OKRVA BOD meeting in February.
13. 2021 Regionals & Court Rental Contract
Presented by Shawn McCarty. 2020 Bennett Center in Oklahoma City is confirmed under contract for Regional Tournament. Discussion being held for 2021 with Tulsa Sports Commission regarding future opportunities. Discussion also held regarding sports courts. Currently Courts Galore provided all sports courts for Regional tournament.
Motion made by Shawn McCarty to sign a 3 year contract with Courts Galore for sports courts at the same 2020 rate we have. This rate will cover courts for years 2021-2023. Second by Missy McCaw-Frette. Approved by all.
14. OKRVA Sitting Team Formation for Adult Opens
Presented by Shawn McCarty. Discussion held regarding having more information out to community and being more proactive on Adult Sitting teams for Nationals. All agreed.
15. Splitting Regionals in to two divisions
Presented by David Blakemore. Discussion held regarding possibly having a “Non-Bid” vs. “Bid” Division for Regionals. Allowing teams to have good and competitive play at all levels. **David Blakemore made motion to offer a “Non-Bid” and “Bid” division at the OKRVA Regional Tournament for age divisions 13, 14, and 15 age groups. In addition, the commissioner will have discretion to add any other age group as seen fit. Second by Janet Tyler.** Commissioner Shawn McCarty appointed Committee to discuss this further. Members assigned to this committee are as follows (Jody Webber, Shawn McCarty, Elliott Blake, and Darin Thompson) Approved by all.
16. Club tryout Dates 2020-2021
Presented by Missy McCaw-Frette. Proposal made by Missy McCaw-Frette to see if Tryouts would be able to be moved to another timeframe. Discussion held regarding other options. Commissioner Shawn McCarty appointed committee to discuss further and present recommendation to BOD 30 days before next BOD meeting in February.
17. Set Date for February 2020 Meeting
Next meeting date set for February 22 at 7:00pm at Titan Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma
17. Adjournment
Motion made by Darin Thompson to adjourn meeting, Second by Missy McCaw-Frette. Approved by all. Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm Bill Hamiter