

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association**

**Board of Directors (2020-2021)**

**Cattle Country Lodge, Stroud, OK**

**November 8, 2020 @ 2:00pm**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

**Bill Hamiter**

Meeting called to order by Bill Hamiter at 2:08pm

**Roll call of Board Members/Introduction of Visitors**

**Bill Hamiter**

Members Present: Shawn McCarty, David Blakemore, Janet Tyler, Bill Hamiter, Margo Juergens, Missy McCaw-Frette, Grant Ward, Richard Mahoney, Nikki Dieball, Randy Decker, and Mike Freeman

Members Absent: Edgar Miraku, Jeff Boyland, and Darin Thompson

Staff Present: Libby McCarty, Jody Webber

Cindy Maggart submitted her resignation from the board and as secretary. Discussion of the election of a new secretary took place as well as what to do with her board seat. Motion was made by Shawn McCarty; second by Janet Tyler to leave Cindy's board position vacant until August 2021 meeting. The board agreed that the nominating committee should be given time to seek out new candidates. Motion was approved. The board agreed to send a \$50 gift card to Cindy for her service on the board.

**Setting of Agenda**

**Bill Hamiter**

Agenda set as presented. Approved by all.

**Review of August 9, 2020 Minutes (2 Meetings)**

**Bill Hamiter**

Motion made to approve the minutes from both meeting by Grant Ward; second by Randy Decker.

**Election of Secretary**

**Bill Hamiter**

Motion made by Dick Mahoney; second by Missy McCaw-Frette to nominate Nikki Dieball for secretary. Motion approved. Nikki Dieball elected by acclamation.

Discussion on D&O insurance. Shawn will find out the limits on D&O insurance and checking into a supplemental policy.

**Commissioner Report**

**Shawn McCarty**

Highlights since the August 9, 2020 Meeting

- Executed contract with State Fair Board for Bennett Center.
- Finalized dates for 2021 Beach Regionals with City of Tulsa Parks Department (July 9-11<sup>th</sup>).

- Completed tournament schedule for 2020-2021. This was up earlier than previous years. Special thanks for Jody and Darin for their time and expertise.
- Notified USAV that we would not be hosting CAP I/II this December but would like to postpone until December 2021.
- The RVA Fall Meeting was held virtually. Highlights include:
  - Best practices to getting back to play.
  - USAV BOD added a female sitting player representative.
  - USAV BOD passed Strategic Plan 2021-2024.
  - There are some issues with rolling out SportsEngine as the new membership system. USAV is working with SportsEngine to address the issues.
  - Competition Committee Motion to eliminate all playoff tiebreaker sets at all indoor qualifiers, boys indoor bid qualifying events, and BJNC/GJNC.
- It is unknown if RVA mid-year meeting in February will be in person or online.
- The 2021 Opens are scheduled to be in Louisville, KY the last week of May 2021. It is unknown if the RVA will meet in person, virtually or hybrid.
- The 2021 GJNC are scheduled for Las Vegas, NV.
- The 2021 BJNC are scheduled for Kansas City, MO.
- The city for the 2021 High Performance has not been announced.
- Elliot and I are meeting with Tulsa Sport Commission staff on November 16<sup>th</sup> to tour the recently renovated Cox Center in Tulsa. Tulsa is interested in bringing Regionals back to the Tulsa metro.

Motion to approve commissioners report made by David Blakemore; second Missy McCaw-Frette. Approved as reported.

### **SAFESPORT REPORT**

We currently have two pending SafeSport cases pending (one club director and one official). I have reached out to USAV for an update on these two pending cases. I have not heard back from USAV. I will continue to reach out and monitor.

Approved as reported.

### **BEACH REPORT**

**McCarty/Chartier**

David Blakemore and I met with Anna America of the City of Tulsa Parks Department via Zoom on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The City of Tulsa has agreed to let us utilize Helmerich Park the weekend of July 9-11, 2021 for our Beach Regionals. We are in the process of scheduling site visits to determine what is needed to host the event (i.e. power, water, parking, hotels, etc.). The Sports Commission has indicated they want to partner with us on our Beach Regionals. Approved as reported.

### **HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT**

**Shawn McCarty**

The 2021 HP Championships site is TBD. Tulsa is in the running for the 2022 Championships. We will use an application process to select HP coaches for 2021. Approved as reported.

### **Registrar Report**

**Libby McCarty**

As of November 8, 2020, we have 3466 registered members. This is close to the same time last year. The new membership system, SportsEngine has proved to be a difficult transition. We are working with USAV and SportsEngine to navigate issues as they arise. Motion to approve report Janet Tyler; second Dick Mahoney. Approved as reported.

### **Treasurer's Report-Finance Committee**

**Margo Juergens**

Presented by Margo Juergens Reports were sent out prior to meeting and copies distributed for reference at meeting as well. Executive committee approved new budget given by the Finance Committee. Budget was conservative due to the unknown. Committee will revisit in February and made necessary adjustments. The Board needs to approve exec committee action so budget could take effect. Motion to approve report made by Shawn McCarty; second by David Blakemore. Approved as reported.

### **Officiating Report**

**Margo Juergens**

Discussions from Virtual Officials Chair meetings that are held monthly

- Web page: <https://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/officials>
  - Information about Training Materials, Governance, Certifications, Regions, Forms, Rules, Resources, Events.
- New USAV Academy - Continued discussion and preparations
  - OKRVA's portion is almost ready
  - Preparing Junior Club Officials Guidebook and Professional Officials Guidebook
  - If an OKRVA member has SE account be no USAV Academy Account, please notify me so that I can send those names to Matt Podschweit.
  - Videos added to USAV Academy
  - USAV Academy is membership benefit

- Beach Officials
  - 2019-21 Complete Beach Rulebook coming soon
  - 2020-21 Beach Training Materials available
- National Officials signup and dues will begin November 1, no late fees
- May meetings may be virtual
- National Officials Certification Program
  - Will allow 30 National and 60 Junior National candidates
  - Ref Chairs will rank their candidates and provide the entire application in the same email
  - Concerns about certification programs if Qualifier and/or National Tournament are canceled, or participation is greatly reduced.

Motion to approve officiating report made by Randy Decker; second Missy McCaw-Frette. Approved as reported.

### **Junior/Rankings Committee Report**

**Jody Webber**

With the departure of Cindy there is an open position on the rankings committee. Bill Hamiter will select a someone to fill that position. Motion to approve report made by David Blakemore; second Randy Decker. Approved as reported.

### **Structure and Function Committee Report**

**Gant Ward**

Edits to the existing Bylaws:

- Grammar
- Syntax
- Formatting
- Consistency of language – e.g., non-profit vs. not-for-profit

Major Revisions:

- Meeting Format/Platform – i.e., by electronic medium
- Expulsion from Membership – Related to Due Process Addition (see below)

Proposed/Contemplated Additions/Revisions:

- Due Process Guidelines
- Term Limits
- Requirement that Budget is submitted to BOD for review no fewer than seven days before Annual Meeting
- Decrease timeframe of Bylaws revisions being sent to President and Secretary from 20 days to 10 days before the BOD meeting in which they are to be considered for approval by the BOD.
- Quorum of 7. Should it be 8?
- Mechanism to hear Membership's voice on a particular matter – e.g., electronic poll
- Other items/proposals from BOD?

Approved as reported.

### **Ethics and Eligibility Committee Report**

**David Blakemore**

Nothing to report.

### **New Business/Miscellaneous**

#### **Executive Committee Items for ratification:**

**Bill Hamiter**

- Approved revised budget.
- Chose not to sanction a Tulsa tournament as the director is still a paid employee of the North Texas Region and there was no submission of the tournament to Shawn for date consideration and approval.
- Approved to send flowers to Margo

Board approved to accept the actions of the executive committee.

### **Tryouts-Recruiting**

**Bill Hamiter**

- Several issues with pressuring this tryout season.

- Athletes are beginning to give a “Yes” to multiple clubs to hold their spot and then waiting several days to give a final answer.
- Shawn set up a committee to look at and address both parent/player and club pressuring issues.
  - Committee Members: CHAIR: Randy Decker, Missy Frette, David Blakemore, Janet Tyler, Brittany Hendricks, Nikki Dieball, Jody Webber, Shawn McCarty and Gant Ward.

Motion to accept committee was approved.

### **Rankings Tournament**

**Jody Webber**

Historically we’ve taken the top 8 teams from Regionals and invited those teams to the rankings tournament. If a team qualified at a national qualifier, that team gets an automatic invite. Since there was not a regional tournament and most qualifiers were canceled, there is no data for this year.

3 options were given as a way to determine who would be invited to this years rankings tournament:

1. Invite the same teams from last year to this years tournament.
2. Use regional rankings from last season.
3. Use national rankings from last season.

Motion to use rankings tournament information from 2020 to invite teams to the 2021 rankings tournament made by Randy Decker, second Shawn McCarty.

Discussion for both sides of the motion included: national rankings give the most recent picture, national rankings don’t hold enough data to determine, process shouldn’t be changed.

Motion was approved.

Motion to invite the next highest nationally ranked team should an invited team decline was made by Grant Ward, second by Janet Tyler. Motion was approved.

Motion to reconsider the previous motion in regard to how invitations to the region rankings tournament are determined made by Randy Decker, second by Grant Ward. Motion was defeated.

Motion to use the March 2020 national rankings from AES to determine who is invited to the 2021 rankings tournament made by David Blakemore, second David Blakemore and Dick Mahoney. Motion was approved.

### **Adjournment**

**Bill Hamiter**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:32pm. Approved.

\*\*Following the meeting, Mike Freeman was moved from the Structure and Function Committee to the Ethics Committee.