

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2020-2021) Third Meeting
Cattle Country Lodge, Stroud, OK
February 20, 2021 @ 2:00pm**

Minutes

1. Call to Order Bill Hamiter

Meeting called to order by Bill Hamiter at 2:14pm

2. Roll call of Board Members/Introduction of Visitors Bill Hamiter

Members present: Nikki Dieball, Randy Decker, Jeff Boyland, David Blakemore, Darin Thompson, Shawn McCarty, Margo Juergens, Bill Hamiter, Dick Mahoney, Janet Tyler, Missy Frette, Gant Ward.

Members Absent: Edgar Miraku and Mike Freeman

Staff Present: Libby McCarty and Jody Webber

Guests Present: Ross Tyler

3. Setting of Agenda Bill Hamiter

Bill Hamiter requested review of agenda. Approved by all.

4. Review of November 8, 2020 Bill Hamiter

Bill Hamiter requested review of the minutes. Motion to approve was made by Dick Mahoney, second by Margo Jurgens. Minutes approved

REPORTS

- 5.-8. Commissioner Report/SafeSport/HP/Beach Reports Shawn McCarty

- Attended the following tournaments:
 - Redlands – January 2-3rd
 - Volley at the OAC 14's – January 16th
 - Score OKC 16's – January 16th
 - Adidas Open - January 23rd
 - Score Roundabout 14's - January 30th
 - Volley at the OAC 17's/18's – January 17th
 - Midwest Open – February 6th
 - Volley at the OAC 11's/12's – February 13th
- We have canceled some events due to weather and some for loss of facilities due to COVID.
- I was asked to serve on the USAV High Performance Steering Committee. We have met once and have future meetings scheduled.
- Have attended virtual RVA meetings.

- Meeting with State Fair and OKC Convention & Visitor's Commission on February 19th to discuss Regional Championships.
- Executed contract with State Fair Board for Bennett Center.
- Finalized dates for 2021 Beach Regionals with City of Tulsa Parks Department (July 9-11th).
- 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 2021 High Performance Championships will be in Phoenix.
- Confirmed with USAV that they have purchased D&O insurance for our region.

SAFESPORT REPORT

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

HIGH PERFORMANCE REPORT

- The 2021 HP Championships site is Phoenix.
- Tulsa is in the running for the 2022 Championships.
- We will use an on-line application process to select HP coaches for 2021. This will be live early next week.

BEACH REPORT

- The City of Tulsa has agreed to let us utilize Helmerich Park the weekend of July 9-11, 2021 for our Beach Regionals. Our site visit scheduled for February 19th is being rescheduled due to weather. We reached out to the Tulsa Sports Commissioner who confirmed their commitment to assist with the event.

Motion to approve report: Darin Thompson, second David Blakemore. Report approved.

9.. Registrar Report

Libby McCarty

As of February 19, 2021, we have 4,474 members. This is up from 3,466 reported at the November 8, 2020 meeting and also up from the overall 2019-2020 season. This is at least the 17th continuous year with an increase in memberships. 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. We had three individuals fail their background screening. Two of these were reprocessed and approved. The third is ineligible at this time. We do not know the reason why they are ineligible. Upon direction of Executive Committee, two players were transferred in January 2021.

Motion to approve report: Randy Decker, second Missy Frette. Report approved.

10. Treasurer's Report – Finance Committee Report

Margo Juergens

Reports and financials were distributed via email before and also at meeting. Margo will communicate with the accountant for the region that executive committee needs copies of tax

returns. Budget revisions were suggested. Finance committee will revise the budget and send back out.

Motion to approve: Darin Thompson, second David Blakemore. Report approved.

11. Officiating Reports

Margo Juergens

Discussions from Virtual Officials Chair meeting that are being held monthly

- New USAV Web page ready: usavolleyball.org
- Scroll to bottom
- Information about Coach Resources, Athlete Resources, Official Resources, Club Resources.
- Click on your choice for more detailed information.
- New USAV Academy-worked well over Winter break.
- Extremely late with the referee test and scorer test. Was supposed to be ready January 15th. It was released February 1.
- National Officials dues were payable in January
- National Coursework has been loaded in USAV Academy for National Officials
- National Officials Certification Program
- Toni Slagle will apply for Junior National Referee certification
- She is working on the application now.

Courses for OKRVA

- Junior Line Judge Training-1473 enrolled, 1383 completed
- Junior Libero Tracker Training-1302 enrolled, 1245 completed
- Junior Scorer Training-1334 enrolled, 77 completed
- Junior R2 Training-1082 enrolled, 13 completed
- Junior Coach Scorer Only Training-123 enrolled, 2 completed
- Junior Coach Referee Only Training-116 enrolled, 5 completed
- New Adult Referee Training- 41 enrolled, 4 completed (Professional: 1 needs test, 2 need rating)
- Recertifying Provisional Referee Training- 42 enrolled, 15 completed (Professional: 3 need test, 11 need rating)
- Recertifying Regional Referee Training-15 enrolled, 2 completed (Professional: 1 needs test, 2 need test/rating, 4 need rating)

Background Screenings for Officials

- Three officials did not pass
- One of them did officiate on Dec 12th. He submitted the request on Dec 8th and was notified on Dec 23. I sent him the info to appeal. He won the appeal and was approved on Feb 3rd.
- After that experience, I did not allow officials to participate until background screening was returned. All three had officiated High School volleyball so USAV background screening finds more.

Motion to approve report: Randy Decker, second Missy Frette. Report approved.

12. Junior/Rankings Committee Reports

Jody Webber

Discussion of how the seeding process works. More issues than last year due to the lack of data from last year and sports engine issues. Discussion to add people to help Jody seed tournaments due to the volume. Motion to approve report: Darin Thompson, Second: David Blakemore

13. Structure and Function Committee Report Gant Ward
Proposed revisions to By-laws will be presented at the May meeting.
Report approved.

14. Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report David Blakemore
Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

15. Executive Committee Items Bill Hamiter
(Transfer – Jaiden Maxwell from OK Storm to OK Ignite)
(Transfer – Addie Lowe from Wave VBC to Metro Legacy)
Ratified by the board.

16. Teams double-booking tournaments Shawn McCarty
Tabled to May

17. Officials Committee Bill Hamiter
Should be a standing committee composed of a mix of levels of officials. This will create a separation of duties and power. This will help alleviate some of the issues Margo and Shawn are having to take on. Motion by Bill Hamiter to make a standing committee for officials committee. Second Randy Decker
Motion was approved.

Officials and Scores Committee members selected by Bill Hamiter: Darin Thompson (Chair), Margo Jurgens, Elliott Blake, Rich Cooper, Herold Brooks, Jill Cooper, Archie Scott (3 national officials, 2 regional officials, and 1 junior national official)

18. Registration Questions for 2021-2022 Season Darin Thompson
Proposed education packet for OKRVA membership on sports engine registration. Darin will work with Libby on this.

19. Postponed Tournament Rescheduling Darin Thompson
Darin proposed that the 15-18 February Fiesta be moved to March 7, 2021. February Fiesta would not take teams that are already entered in another in-region tournament. Shawn will make the final decision.

20. High Performance Programming Gant Ward
Finance committee will meet and come up with budget allocation to send more teams to HP and submit to the exec. committee

21. Possible Budget Revision Shawn McCarty
Motion by Shawn McCarty: Finance committee will look at possible budget revisions and submit to exec. Committee by March 7th. Second: Janet Tyler. Finance committee will not cut any line items already established.

22. Club Pressuring commitment committee Randy Decker

Tabled to next meeting

23. Operations

Bill Hamiter

As a general rule, we need to protect the contact information of board members and region membership

24. Set date for May meeting

Bill Hamiter

Motion by Shawn McCarty to set the May meeting for May 16th, 2021. Second: Janet Tyler

23. Adjournment

Bill Hamiter

Motion by Darin Thompson to adjourn meeting. Second: Randy Decker.