

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2020-2021) Fourth Meeting
Cattle Country Lodge, Stroud, OK
May 14, 2021 @ 2:00pm**

Minutes

1. Call to Order Bill Hamiter 2:14pm

2. Roll call of Board Members/Introduction of Visitors Shawn McCarty
Members present Shawn McCarty, Jeff Boyland, Randy Decker, Janet Tyler, David Blakemore, Darin Thompson, Mike Freeman, Margo Juergens, Bill Hamiter, Missy McCaw-Frette, Gant Ward,

Members absent: Nikki Dieball, Edgar Miraku, Dick Mahoney

Visitors: Larry Taylor, Justin McCowen, Kodi Lee

Staff Present: Jody Webber, Libby McCarty

3. Setting of Agenda Bill Hamiter
Addition of agenda item tabled motion from previous meeting added as 14a double book of tournaments. Agenda is set.

4. Review of February 20, 2021, Minutes Bill Hamiter
Minutes presented from February 20, 2021. Motion made to approve minutes by Randy Decker, second by David Blakemore. Approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Shawn McCarty

5. Commissioner Report
Highlights since the February 20th Meeting
 - **Attended the following tournaments:**
 - Score OKC 15's – February 27th
 - OKRVA 18's Bid Qualifier – March 6th
 - Volley at the OAC 16's – March 7th
 - Score OKC 16's – March 13th
 - Score OKC 17's – March 20th
 - Spring Smackdown – March 27th
 - Volley at the OAC 13's – April 3rd
 - Score OKC 15's – April 3rd
 - Score OKC 16's – April 10th
 - Score OKC 14's - April 17th
 - Score OKC 15's – April 24th
 - OKRVA Regional Championships – May 1-2

 - **18's Bid Qualifier**
 - Was held March 6th at Score OKC.

- Peak 18's won the event and took the National Bid to GJNC 18's
- Rise 18's took second and took the American Bid to GJNC 18's

- **Regional Championships**

- Regionals was held May 1-2 in three buildings at the OKC Fairgrounds.
- A total of 265 teams including 14 boys' teams.
- This was the largest Regional Championships in OKRVA history.
- There were a few challenges including the catering group not providing breakfast on Saturday morning. We also had a court that was unusable due to the seam in the floor. The biggest challenge was we had a group that was supposed to pull up courts Sunday night fail to show up. We had several friends who showed up late and worked to the early morning pulling up courts. A special thanks to the following:
 - Jay Brannon
 - Kayla Brannon
 - Janet Brannon
 - Nick Serowski
 - Tanner Serowski
 - Kami Bratcher
 - Elliot Blake
 - Traci Lanno
 - Dex Lanno
 - Drew McCarty
 - Lauren McCarty
 - Libby McCarty
 - Jaiden Knight
 - Julie McCarty
 - Pam Dean
 - Brooke Calhoun
 - Joe Skinner
 - Bryan Mosley
 - Holly McKamie
 - Mike Freeman
 - Jason Butch
- The following teams earned bids to GJNC at Regionals.
 - 11's National - OP2 11EP
 - 12's National – OP2 12EP
 - 12's American – OP2 12-2
 - 13's National - Club ONE 13 Black
 - 13's American - OP2 13-2
 - 14's National – Charge 14UA
 - 14's American – Club ONE 14 Red
 - 15's National – Charge 15UA
 - 15's American – OP2 15EP
 - 16's National – Charge 16EP
 - 16's American – Club ONE 16 Black
 - 17's National – Club ONE 17 Black
 - 17's American – TBD
- The results for all ages are posted on AES.

- **Qualified Teams**

- The following teams qualified for GJNC through National Qualifiers
 - Peak 13 EP – 1st at Northern Lights
 - Charge 13UA – 1st at MEQ
 - Club ONE 14 Black – 1st at Show Me and 2nd at Lonestar.
 - Peak 14EP – 2nd at Lonestar
 - Peak 16EP – 2nd at Show Me.
 - Ultimate Adidas National 17 – 1st at Lonestar and 2nd at Show Me.
- Attended several virtual USAV High Performance Stakeholders meetings.
- Have attended virtual RVA meetings with Border Zone, Competition Committee, and Marketing Committee. RVA meetings will be held later in May and will be virtual.
- Made site visit to look at beach courts in Tulsa.
- Made several site visits to OKC Fairgrounds to prepare for Regionals.
- The 2021 Opens are scheduled to be in Louisville, KY the last week of May 2021. USAV has cancelled several divisions, including the Sitting Division, and condensed the Opens to the four days over Memorial Day weekend.
- The 2021 GJNC are scheduled for Las Vegas, NV.
- The 2021 BJNC are scheduled for Kansas City, MO.
- The USA Men's Sitting Team will be attending the Men's Final Paralympic Qualifier tournament in Germany on June 1-5, 2021.

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. We received a SafeSport complaint that was sent back to us from SafeSport for review/action.

Beach Report

BEACH REPORT

- Beach Regionals
 - Scheduled for July 9-11 at Helmerich Park in Tulsa
 - 10 court facility
 - We'll have a 50-60% maximum capacity increase from 2019 Regionals at Lighthouse.
 - Schedule & registration opening soon.
- OKRVA Beach in general
 - First event was in April.
 - BRQ bids handed out at 3 events so far (as of 5/12)
 - Approx. a dozen or more additional events scheduled with BRQ bids available.
 - Nationals - July 10-15 in Florida

7. HP Report

- We sent a solicitation to all club directors asking them to share the on-line application form with any coaches that might be interested in coaching for the Oklahoma Region HP teams. We had 11 coaches apply including one from out of state. This coach was eliminated from the vetting process. The remaining coaches were vetted by a 3-person committee and ranked. We offered coaching positions to the following coaches:
 - Drew McCarty – Future Select
 - Jeff Boyland – Select Red
 - Shelby Swanson – Select White
 - Mike Freeman – Youth
- We had approximately 105 athletes and 25 coaches/evaluators at tryouts.
- All teams were filled within a few days.
- The 2021 HP Championships were cancelled by USAV. Lack of international entries was one of the reasons it was cancelled.
- A new event “2021 USA All-Star Championships” was created by the 40 regions of USA Volleyball. This event will be held in Orlando the same time the HPC’s were scheduled. There is broad support from the regions who were scheduled to attend the HPC’s. The teams attending would be the same teams that historically attend the HPC’s.

Motion made to approve all reports presented by Commissioner made by Randy Decker, second by Jeff Boyland, all approved.

8. Registrar Report

As of May 14, 2021, we have 4,578 members. This is up from 4,474 reported at the February 20, 2021, meeting. 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. Upon direction of Executive Committee, two players were transferred in after our February 20th meeting.

Motion to approve Registrar report made by David Blakemore, second by Margo Juergens. Approved unanimously.

9. Treasurer’s Report – Finance Committee Report

Margo Juergens

Presented by Margo Juergens Reports were sent out prior to meeting and copies distributed for reference at meeting as well.

Motion to approve Treasurers report by Randy Decker, second by Darin Thompson, all approved.

10. Officials Committee Report

Darin/Margo

The officials committee will meet to discuss the plan to evaluate current procedures. For the current season there are 8 new regional referees. There were 4 at the Rankings Tournament and 4 at Regionals. Toni Slagle has been accepted as a Junior National Referee candidate and she will be at the USAV Girls Junior Nationals Tournament.

Motion to approve by committee, Approved unanimously.

11. Junior/Rankings Committee Reports

Jody Webber

Jody sent out report that contained comparison rankings for all teams that attended the OKRVA Regionals. Jody expressed her appreciation for the rankings committee.

Motion to approve by committee, Approved unanimously.

12. Structure and Function Committee Report Gant Ward
Nothing to report.
13. Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report David Blakemore
Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

14. Election of Commissioner (two-year term) Bill Hamiter
Motion made for Shawn McCarty by acclimation by Darin Thompson, second by Jeff Boyland to remain commissioner for 2 years. Approved unanimously.
- 14a. Double Booking of Junior Tournaments Bill Hamiter
The agenda item will be referred to Junior Committee to discuss and present at the next OKRVA BOD meeting.
15. Executive Committee Items Bill Hamiter
The following items were all approved by the Executive Committee.
(HP Budget Approval presented by Finance Committee)
(Transfer – Zoe Pagonis from OKC Heat to Premier)
(Transfer – Payton Yarborough from Stingray to Tuttle Tigers)
(Transfer – Hannah Warlick – Not approved)
(Reimbursement of ½ of light cage expense at Fairgrounds)

Motion to approve by committee. Approved unanimously.
16. Allocation of Bids Motion Shawn McCarty
Motion made by Shawn McCarty second by Darin Thompson for Procedure for the award 17 American Bid to GJNC age Playoff between Oklahoma Charge 17-2 and Ultimate Performance 17-2 play off best 2 out 3 to 25 (15), coin toss to decide who will host match (possible site in Stillwater still pending), Match to be held between May 16-23, 2021, Region will provide work team for match. Rosters submitted at the time of the OKRVA Regionals, will be used for rosters as they are frozen. If neither team cannot accept to this match the bid will be returned back to USAV. Motion approved unanimously.
17. Court tear-up labor at Regionals Motion Shawn McCarty
Motion made by Shawn McCarty second by Darin Thompson. One group Newcastle Basketball did not show up for regionals court breakdown. Pay 21 workers \$40.00 per hour to work from 10:00pm – 4:00am Sunday night of regionals. The courts had to be broken down and packed up the Sunday evening after the tournament. It is \$ 3,480.00 - \$ 1,200.00 with over budget item \$ 2280.00 to pay individuals in addition to the 2 groups that did show and complete the job. Proceeds to pay this would be from regionals.

Motion approved unanimously.
18. HP Cancellation – USA All Star Tournament Motion Shawn McCarty
Shawn McCarty made motion, second by Randy Decker - Due to HP cancellation carry over budget items from HP to USA All Star tournament.

Motion all approved.

Shawn McCarty made Motion made 2nd by Darin Thompson request to add \$ 2,500.00 for budget overage for USA All Star Tournament

Motion approved unanimously.

19. Regionals Recap & Event Manual

Shawn McCarty

Relationship with State Fair Grounds, City of Oklahoma City Visitors Conventions Bureau is going well. Tentative dates for Regionals are April 30, 2022 - May 1, 2022, or May 7 – 8, 2022. Shawn is getting with both OK and Tulsa convention centers for dates available. Jody is getting with Junior Committee to review and decide asap.

Shawn to create working document for event manual and a separate tournament directors guide. The working document will be involved with the input with Structure and Function and Juniors Committee. For the event manual to include if a team is approved a waived player, they are to automatically play in non-Bid Division.

There was a shortage of referees that were able to work at Regionals. The officials committee is tasked to review any exceptions/waivers to allow members to referee at Regionals who are not certified but can correctly referee matches. This past season was an exception that there were several tournaments that there were shortages.

20. Set up Election Committee for August Meeting

Bill Hamiter

Motion made by Bill Hamiter 2nd by Shawn to create nominating committee. The committee chair David Blakemore, Missy McCaw-Frette, Jeff Boyland, Margo Juergens, Gant Ward. Nominees need to be submitted to Shawn McCarty 60 days prior to August 2021 meeting. The current board members up for election are Randy Decker/Mike Freeman/Cindy Maggart/Darin Thompson/Janet Tyler.

21. Set Date for August Meeting

Bill Hamiter

Motion made by Shawn McCarty August 7, 2021, 10am -12:00pm break for catered lunch 1:00pm – 4:00pm

22. Adjournment

Bill Hamiter

Motion made by to adjourn meeting at 405 by Jeff Boyland, second by Gant Ward. Motion Approved unanimously.