

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2020-2021) Fifth Meeting
Cattle Country Lodge, Stroud, OK
August 7, 2021 @ 10:00 am**

Minutes

1. Call to Order Bill Hamiter 10:15am

2. Roll call of Board Members/Introduction of Visitors Shawn McCarty

Members present Shawn McCarty, Randy Decker, Nikki Dieball, Janet Tyler, David Blakemore, Mike Freeman, Margo Juergens, Bill Hamiter, Missy McCaw-Frette, Gant Ward

Members absent: Jeff Boyland, Edgar Miraku, Dick Mahoney, Darin Thompson

Visitors: Ector Becerra Jared Donahoo

Staff Present: Jody Webber, Libby McCarty

3. Setting of Agenda Bill Hamiter

4. Review of May 14, 2021, Minutes Bill Hamiter
Minutes presented from May 14, 2021. Motion made to approve minutes by David Blakemore, second by Missy McCaw-Frette. Approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Shawn McCarty

5. Commissioner Report

Highlights since the May 14, 2021 Meeting

- Attended RVA meeting and several associated committee meetings. All meetings were virtual.
- Attended both weekends of HP/Region All-Star Camp (Tulsa/OKC).
- Attended both days of Beach Regionals.
- Attended Region All Star Championships in Orlando.
- Attended GJNC in Las Vegas.
- Attended Regionals post-event meeting with State Fair Park and OKC Visitor & Convention Bureau.
- Signed contract for 2022 Regionals to be held at OKC Fairgrounds. We have the Bennett Center and Pavilion reserved. We may have access to the Arena if needed. The dates for Regionals are April 30 – May 1st, 2022.
- Working with Courts Galore to get courts reserved for 2022 Regional Championships.
- Working on room block agreements with OKC Visitor and Convention Bureau for 2022 Regionals.
- Corresponded with Tulsa Sports Commission about hosting 2023 Regionals in Tulsa.
- Corresponded with Tulsa Sports Commission about sponsorship and community partner opportunities for 2022 Beach Regionals.
- Attended several virtual meetings with Region All Star Tournament stakeholders.
- Attended and worked at USA Women's Sitting Team matches with Canada at UCO Wellness Center.

- **18's Bid Qualifier**
 - We have Score OKC reserved March 5th, 2022, for the 18's Bid Qualifier.
- **Rankings Tournament**
 - We are working with Titan Sports Center to host the 2022 Rankings Tournament. Projected date is February 19, 2022.
- The USA Men's Sitting Team attended the Men's Final Paralympic Qualifier tournament in Germany on June 1-5, 2021.
- The USA Women's Sitting Team will be attending the Tokyo Paralympics later this month.
- The USA Women's Olympic Team is in the gold medal match at the Tokyo Olympics. Former OKRVA athlete Micha Hancock is on the Women's Olympic Team.
- The USA Men's team finished tied for 5th.
- The USA Women's Beach team won the gold medal at the Olympics.

SAFESPORT REPORT

Both of our pending SafeSport cases have been administratively dismissed.

Motion to accept report made by Randy Decker, Second by Missy McCaw-Frette. Motion was accepted.

6. Beach Report

David Blakemore

Beach Regionals

- Were held on July 9-11 at Helmerich Park in Tulsa
- We utilized 10 courts for the event.
- Overall attendance was lower than expected. The Beach Committee is looking at ideas to foster growth for 2022 to include moving the event to June.
- We used USAV Grant funding to purchase items needed for the event to include: pole pads; antenna; courts lines and a small generator. We rented a storage unit in Tulsa to store these and other items (i.e., speaker system; ice chests, canopies with USAV branding). The plan is to allow Tulsa area beach clubs to use this equipment as needed when running events under USAV/OKRVA sanctioning.
- We are working with Tulsa Parks Department and Tulsa Sport Commission for next years event.
- A special thanks to David Blakemore, Lee Chartier who set up the tournament, Toni Slagle, our Head Official and Libby McCarty and Drew McCarty who assisted with set up and tear down.
- Other Beach Programming

We had 10 teams participate in USAV Beach National Championships

Motion to accept report made by Janet Tyler, second by Missy McCaw-Frette. Motion was approved.

7. HP Report

Shawn McCarty

- We sent four teams to the USA Regions All Star Tournament in Orlando, Florida. The Select Red and Youth teams both finished 3rd. Arriana Brown from the Select Red Team and Brooke Tyler from the Youth Team both made the all-tournament team. We received a lot of positive feedback from our parents/players/coaches. I attended a stakeholder's meeting with other region HP/All Star

representatives. The consensus was the event was a success. HP/All Star Championship locations for 2022 are unknown currently. We will plan to have tryouts for next years teams on Friday, April 29th in conjunction with Regionals. We will utilize the same vetting process utilized this year to select coaches for next year.

Motion to accept HP report made by David Blakemore, second by Janet Tyler. Motion approved.

8. Registrar Report

Libby McCarty

As of August 6, 2021, we have 4,639 registered members. This is up from 4,578 reported at the May 14th meeting and represents the most members ever registered with OKRVA.

We have had virtual meetings with our SportsEngine liaison and are working out the membership details for the upcoming 2021-202 season.

Motion to approve report by Randy Decker, second by Janet Tyler. Motion approved.

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 report by Shawn McCarty, second by David Blakemore.

Motion approved.

10. Officials Committee Report

Darin/Margo

Item #1 – In Good Standing Policy – The committee supports an “In Good Standing” policy. At this time, the minimum requirements will be those set forth by USAV. The committee will continue to discuss possible additions to be presented at a later date.

Item #2 – Fan Behavior – The committee supports the implementation of a third card (perhaps purple) to sanction spectators. The committee will develop criteria by which officials may use a card to manage fan behavior.

Due to the lack of officials, committee will explore lowering the age restriction to officiate from 18-16.

Motion to approve by Shawn McCarty, second by Janet Tyler. Motion approved.

11. Junior/Rankings Committee Reports

Jody Webber

Everything had been reported on.

12. Structure and Function Committee Report

Gant Ward

Bylaws were accepted as corrected. Shawn will be writing job descriptions for paid employees.

13. Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report

David Blakemore

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

14. Executive Committee Items

Bill Hamiter

The following item was approved by the Executive Committee:

Funding for storage unit in Tulsa to hold beach equipment.

Motion to approve by committee. Approved unanimously.

15. Election of BOD Members (Five 3-year terms)

Shawn McCarty

9 candidates ran for the five seats: Darin Thompson, Janet Tyler, Mike Freeman, Randy Decker, Cindy Maggart, Brittany Hendrix, Ector Becerra, and Jarrod Donahoo.

Cindy Maggart, Darin Thompson, Janet Tyler, Mike Freeman and Randy Decker were elected.

16. Adjournment

Bill Hamiter

Meeting adjourned at 11:15am