

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2021-2022) Second Meeting
Cattle County Lodge, Stroud, OK
November 21, 2021 – 2pm**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order Bill Hamiter 2:05pm
2. Roll call of board members. Bill Hamiter
Members present Shawn McCarty, Randy Decker, Nikki Dieball, Janet Tyler, David Blakemore, Margo Juergens, Bill Hamiter, Missy McCaw-Frette, Jeff Boyland, Darin Thompson, Dick Mahoney, Cindy Maggart

Members absent: Mike Freeman, Gant Ward, Edgar Miraku

Staff Present: Jody Webber, Libby McCarty
3. Setting of Agenda Bill Hamiter
4. Review of August 7, 2021 Meetings Bill Hamiter
Minutes presented from August 7th, 2021. Motion to approve minutes from the fourth meeting of 20-21 made by David Blakemore, second by Darin Thompson. Motion was approved.
Motion to approve minutes from the first meeting for 21-22 by Margo Juergens, second by Darin Thompson. Motion was approved.

REPORTS

5. Commissioner Report Shawn McCarty
Highlights since the August 7, 2021, Meeting
 - All three USA Women's teams (Beach/Indoor/Sitting) take gold at the Tokyo Olympics & Paralympics.
 - Attended RVA meetings in Denver.
 - Meet with representatives of the OKC Convention and Visitors Bureau about room blocks for Regionals and pre-event planning.
 - Attended the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce/Sports Commission/USAV Press Conference on November 2nd announcing Tulsa as the host city of the 2022 Region All Star Tournament.
 - Attended several local tryouts.
 - Completed tournament schedule with the assistance of Darin and Jody.
 - Completed job descriptions for the following paid positions: Official's Chair; Junior Coordinator-Rankings Chair; Registrar; High Performance Coaches; High Performance Coordinator and submitted to Structure and Function Committee for review/comments.
 - Confirmed courts for 2022 Regionals.
 - Planning to attend the Olympic and Paralympic Celebration on Friday, November 18th.
 - Met with Tulsa Sports Commission about 2022 Beach Regionals.

- We have moved the date of the Rankings Tournament to February 26th at Titan Sports Center. We moved the date to accommodate a large contingent of teams that are traveling to out of state events on President's Day weekend.

SAFESPORT REPORT

- We currently have one SafeSport case pending.

Motion to accept commissioners report by Randy Decker, second Missy McCaw-Frette. Motion approved.

6. Beach Report

McCarty/Blakemore
Chartier

- Beach Regionals
 - We are looking to move our Beach Regional Championships to June 17-19, 2022, at Helmerich Park in Tulsa
 - Beach Coordinator, David Blakemore, met with Tulsa Sports Commission staff. We are working on a list of items we will need for the event.
- Other Beach Programming
 - USAV has announced a strategic alliance with the AVP to focus on the growth and enhancement of beach volleyball in the United States.

Motion to approve beach report by Janet Tyler, second by Jeff Boyland. Motion approved.

7. HP/All Star Report

Shawn McCarty

- USAV has announced Tulsa as the host city of the 2022 Region All Star Tournament. The event will be on July 19-23rd. USAV has asked up to help as a local affiliate. We will work with USAV Events staff as we get closer to the event.
- We will be posting an online application form for coaches who are interested in coaching for us.
- Tryouts for the 2022 Region All-Star Team will be on Friday, April 29th at the Bennett Center.

Motion to approve HP/All Star report by Janet Tyler, second by Jeff Boyland. Motion Approved.

8. Registrar Report

Libby McCarty

- As of November 18, 2021, we have 2,755 registered members. This is comparable to previous years. We are getting several new members every day.
- Customer service from Sports Engine has improved from last year. We have several liaisons at Sports Engine who assist us daily.
- We have several new clubs in both the OKC and Tulsa areas.

Motion to approve registrar report by Jeff Boyland, second by Margo Juergens. Motion Approved.

9. Treasurer's Report

Margo Juergens

The Balance Sheet as of Nov 14, Transaction Detail by Account YTD, Profit and Loss Year Comparison NOV 15, and 2021-2022 Budget with Actuals NOV 14 along with Approved 2021-2022 OKRVA Budget with updates from the August meeting were presented to the Board. Prev the

Motion to approve treasurer's report Randy Decker, second Cindy Maggart. Motion approved.

10. Officials Committee Report

Darin/Margo

USAV Academy for Oklahoma Region

- Courses have been set up for Juniors, Coaches and Professional Officials

Guidebooks

- The OKRVA 2022 Junior Club Officials Guidebook completed.
- The OKRVA 2022 Professional Officials Guidebook completed.
- Waiting on final approval from the Officials Committee.
- Will send Juniors Guidebook to Club Directors.
- Will send Professional Officials Guidebook to OKRVA referees from last season and will send it to new referees that are joining this season.

Courses for OKRVA

- The Junior courses are new courses from USAV that have all the coursework in one module.
- The Coach courses have one course removed, so basically the same.
- The Professional Officials courses have one or two courses removed.

Monthly Referee Chair Meetings:

- Printing the Rulebook is facing challenges due to the same issues facing every industry, the supply chain. Paper and ink are the hold up. Due to the pandemic, machines used to make paper were converted to other uses, like packaging. The USAV timeline has now been moved to late January, possibly as late as March 1.
- OKRVA does have some 2019-2021 Rulebooks that we will use.
- The rule changes for new rulebook are attached.
- The Uniform Submission link is repaired. Coaches and clubs are encouraged to use it if they have any questions regarding legality of uniforms. The 2021-2022 USAV Uniform Requirement PDF will be available online shortly and for your convenience is attached to this email. Here is a direct link to the location of these documents, scroll down to Indoor Uniform Approval: <https://usavolleyball.org/resources-for-officials/rulebooks-and-interpretations>.

11. Junior/Rankings Committee Reports

Jody Webber

- The tryout committee will be meeting in May this season to set tryouts for next season... will help with planning and facilities
- The Tournament sanctioning will happen in June right after this season for planning purposes and ease of schedule for Shawn and me for the 22-23 season
- Tournament schedule is as up to date at this point as far I know
- The Ranking committee will seed the ranking tournament based off of this seasons results.

- The same group will seed Regionals in May
- No talks on sanctioning on double booking tournaments has taken place to date

12. Structure and Function Committee Report Dick Mahoney
Nothing to report. Commissioner submitted job descriptions to the committee.
13. Finance Committee Report Margo Juergens
Nothing to report and no questions for the committee.
14. Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report David Blakemore
Official Recommendations for the Board to Consider:
Punitive Guidelines for Violations of the existing OKRVA Tryout Guidelines
- Should a club be found to have violated OKRVA tryout guidelines, the specific team or teams from the offending club may be prohibited from receiving a bid allocated to OKRVA for USAV Nationals. In more severe cases, the entire offending club may be prohibited from receiving a bid allocated to OKRVA for USAV Nationals. Clubs may request a review of any decision through due process as stated in the OKRVA By-Laws.
 - Should a club be found to have violated OKRVA tryout guidelines, the specific team or teams from the offending club may be prohibited from participating in the OKRVA Regional Championships and/or OKRVA 18s Qualifier. In more severe cases, the entire offending club may be prohibited from participating in the OKRVA Regional Championships and/or OKRVA 18s Qualifier. Clubs may request a review of any decision through due process as stated in the OKRVA By-Laws.
 - Should a player be found to have violated OKRVA tryout guidelines, the specific player may be prohibited from participating in the OKRVA Regional Championships and/or OKRVA 18s Qualifier. Player may request a review of any decision through due process as stated in the OKRVA By-Laws.
 - Goal is to give OKRVA some punitive guideline options to use when they encounter violations.
 - Other topics still under discussion by E&E committee.....
 - Additional requirements to de-incentivize teams invited to the OKRVA Rankings tournament from declining the invitation.
 - Goal is to improve comparison data options for the Rankings committee members. ○ Additional guidance from OKRVA to members that are offered financial assistance that is NOT need-based. I
 - Goal is to provide members with more information (only....no opinion/guidance expected) of how assistance may impact opportunities at the collegiate level. ○
- Additional requirements/details for OKRVA tryout guidance.
- Goal is to maximize FAIRNESS to ALL members with what is, and may always end up being, an imperfect system.
 - ii. Tryout process is responsible for vast majority of the complaints received by board members serving on the E&E committee. List includes (but not limited to):
 - Clubs requiring players to make decisions on offers before a reasonable chance to explore options. Reports of some giving as little as 24 hours, or even end of the day, and having offer revoked if not accepted by the deadline given.
 - Players verbally accepting multiple offers.
 - Clubs continuing to recruit players knowing they have already verbally accepted an offer from another club.
 - Non-members attending OKRVA events, attempting to inappropriately influence player decisions.
 - School coaches (both OKRVA members and non-members) pressuring kids to make decisions, using team status as an incentive/consequence

The action item is if an official report is filed and whoever from the OKRVA who is investigating can verify that a guidance was violated then a punitive response can be issued following the above criteria. Motion by David Blakemore, Second by Missy Frette, Motion approved.

15. Promotion Committee Report Shawn McCarty
The committee consisting of Gant Ward, Janet Tyler, Mike Freeman, Missy McCaw-Frette and Shawn McCarty did not meet prior to the November 21, meeting. We will work together before the February 2022 meeting and have an updated report then.

16. Boys Promotion Report Shawn McCarty
We received grant applications from six high school club teams and one OKRVA club team.
- Grant requests totaled \$14,250.
 - Amount funded by OKRVA BOD was \$2,500.
 - All the teams requested balls/carts (among other things).
 - We negotiated a special rate for ball and carts from Molten and were working on a plan to spend the \$2,500 allocated to Boys High School Grant Program or ask the BOD for additional funds.
 - Further conversations with Molten indicated there are completely out of stock for the Flistatec balls until January 2022 due to supply chain issues.
 - We propose to table the funds until the next boy's season. We will look at the possibility of increasing the budget for this program.

Committee Members are Gant Ward, Jody Webber, Nikki Dieball, and Shawn McCarty

Shawn added Janet Tyler to the Boys Promotion Committee. This special committee will be extended. Board would like to look at us sponsoring the All-Tournament and MVP awards for Boy's State.

17. Website/Social Media Report Blakemore/McCarty
Thompson
Darin updated the OKRVA website 2 years ago. David Blakemore will take over website updates and social media posts. Darin is still willing to help with bigger issues. More content is being pushed out over social media. All posts need to be on all three platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Website).

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

18. Officials Assistance with Membership Fees Shawn McCarty
Darin Thompson
There is a shortage of officials for the upcoming season. In an effort to remove barriers and attract new officials, Darin Thompson made the motion to appropriate up to \$2400 for the purpose of offsetting USAV membership fees for new officials. Second by Randy Decker. Motion was approved. Darin and Margo will work on language to get to Shawn to distribute to membership who are 18 years or older.
19. Tryout Parameters Missy Frette
Discussion on how we as a region can do tryouts earlier. Problems are arising with uniforms and tournaments opening for registration earlier than our tryouts prohibit some teams from getting in to the tournaments they want. Proposed that tryouts be held a week after nationals. Shawn McCarty created a special committee to report at the next meeting. Tryout Parameter Committee: Randy Decker (Chair), Missy Frette, Darin Thompson, Jeff Boyland, Shawn McCarty, Jody Webber and Nikki Dieball. Committee will look at the feasibility to move tryout dates up along with pros and cons in doing so.

20. GJNC Bid Allocation Update Shawn McCarty
Bid allocation to GJNC is expanding. We've been given an extra bid for some divisions.
11's 1 National Bid
12's 1 National Bid and 1 American Bid
13's 1 National Bid and 1 American Bid
14's through 18's 1 National Bid, 1 American Bid, and 1 Freedom Bid
*Freedom bid is a region only awarded bid.
21. AVCA Proposal Shawn McCarty
The AVCA is trying partner with regions in order to distribute coaching education to the region coaches. The fee is \$699/year (includes a membership to the AVCA). With USAV not hosting CAP this year, this could be good information to distribute to the clubs. We will have to sign an agreement with the AVCA. We have \$1500 in the budget for coaching education. Motion to approve the AVCA proposal for 1 year made by Randy Decker, second by Missy Frette. Motion was approved.
22. 2022 Rankings Tournaments Update Shawn McCarty
Rankings tournament was moved off of President's Day to February 26th at the Titan facility.
23. 2022 Regional Championships Update Shawn McCarty
Courts are contracted. Several registrations are coming in. Meetings continue with the Chamber and OK Fairgrounds. Looking at adding a non-bid division for 12s. Several requests for waived players have been coming in. Many are being granted with the caveat of what happened with these teams when it comes to regionals.
24. 2022 Beach Regionals Update Shawn McCarty
Regionals moved to Father's Day weekend. Tulsa is having budget issues and can't put much in to the beach courts. There is need for a water source by the courts. Shawn wants to visit with the city and possibly have the region pay to get a tap for a hose. Gant Ward is looking at awards
25. Coaches Education Update Shawn McCarty
There is no Cap this year. Will be joining the AVCA for coaching education. See point 21 above.
26. Set Date for February 2022 Meeting Bill Hamiter
February 27th at 2pm at the Cattle Country Lodge in Stroud, OK.
26. Adjournment Bill Hamiter
Meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.