

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2021-2022) Fourth Meeting
Cattle County Lodge, Stroud, OK
May 14, 2022 – 9am**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Bill Hamiter 9:03am

Roll call of board members.

Bill Hamiter

Members present: Bill Hamiter, Shawn McCarty, Gant Ward, Dick Mahoney, Missy Frette, and Margo Juergens, Darin Thompson, Nikki Dieball, Janet Tyler

Members absent: Jeff Boyland, Mike Freeman, Randy Decker, David Blakemore, Cindy Maggart

Staff Present: Jody Webber, Libby McCarty

Setting of Agenda

Bill Hamiter

Bill addressed the vacancy to the board and asked if the board wanted to fill that position now or wait to elect at the annual board meeting. Bill added items to the committee reports of items that each committee said they were going to do just to keep everyone on track. Gant wanted to add a discussion about a budget cap, but it will go through the finance committee first then back to the board.

Review of February 27, 2022, Meeting

Bill Hamiter

Motion made by Gant Ward, second Missy Frette to approve minutes from previous meeting. All approved.

REPORTS

Commissioner Report

Shawn McCarty

Highlights since the February 27, 2022, Meeting

- Met with representatives of the OKC Convention and Visitors Bureau, OKC Fire Marshal, State Fairgrounds staff regarding Regional Championships.
- Met with USAV Events Staff and Tulsa Sports Commission regarding upcoming All-Star Championships and NORCECA tournaments in Tulsa. USAV has asked us to find a volunteer manager and assist with recruiting volunteers for the events.
- Corresponded with Tulsa Sports Commission about 2022 Beach Regionals.
- We were awarded a \$10,000 grant from the OKC Visitors and Convention for hosting Regionals in Oklahoma City.
- We received a \$2,500 donation from Tinker Federal Credit Union for bag tag sponsorship at Regionals.
- I attended the following tournaments/events:
 - o 2/26/22 – Rankings Tournament
 - o 3/5/22 – 18's Bid Qualifier
 - o 3/6/22 – Volleyball at the OAC
 - o 3/12/22 – Crusader Challenge
 - o 3/19/22 – Crusader Open
 - o 3/26/22 – Score OKC 14's
 - o 4/2/22 – Volley at the OC 13's

- o 4/2/22 – Score OKC 15’s
- o 4/9/22 – Score OKC 16’s
- o 4/16/22 – Crusader Championships
- o 4/23/22 – Score OKC 15’s
- o 4/30/22 – Regional Championships
- o March 2022 – RVA Mid-Year meeting in Kansas City
- o April RVA Marketing & Branding Meeting (Virtual)
- o May 2022 – RVA Competition Committee Meeting (Virtual)
- o May 2022 – USAV/Tulsa Sports Commission Meeting (Virtual)
- The following teams earned bids from National Qualifiers
 - o OP2 14 EP (Open & USA)
 - o Charge 14 UA (Liberty)
 - o Tulsa Power14-1 (Liberty)
 - o OP2 15 EP (USA)
 - o Tulsa Power 15-1 (Liberty)
 - o UPVBC 17 Open (Open)
- We currently have two adult teams registered to play in the USAV Open Championships (1 male and 1 female).

Tulsa is showing some interest in having regionals again. Shawn will look at starting a 2-year rotation and agreement with the State Fair and Tulsa. 2023 Regionals will be held in OKC.

Motion to approve made by Dick Mahoney second by Janet Tyler, all approved.

6. Beach Report McCarty/Blakemore/Chartier
- o We have confirmed facility availability with the City of Tulsa Parks Department and are holding our Beach Regional Championships on June 17-19, 2022, at Helmerich Park.
 - o Beach Coordinator, David Blakemore, is working with the City of Tulsa and the Tulsa Sports Commission staff. We are working on a list of items we will need for the event
 - Other Beach Programming
 - o USAV has announced a strategic alliance with the AVP to focus on the growth and enhancement of beach volleyball in the United States. We have a few clubs that are dual affiliating events with USAV and AVP sanctioning.
 - o We have kicked off our beach season and several events have already taken place
 - o USAV is holding a Beach Club Championships as well as the USAV Beach National Championships. They are sending me info on this event. We will distribute this info to our beach clubs once we get it.

Motion to approve made by Janet Tyler, second by Missy Frette, all approved.

HP/All Star Report Shawn McCarty

- We had a three-person committee vet applications from 12 coaches for the All-Star Championships. We hired the following coaches:
 - o Nikki Dieball and Anna Howle for the Future Select Team
 - o Mike Freeman and Lee Johnson for the Select Red Team
 - o Drew McCarty and Joe Skinner for the Select White team
 - o Jeff Boyland and Shelby Swanson for the Youth Team.
- After visiting with stakeholders, the Finance Committee, and the Executive Committee, we have added two boy’s teams (Select & Youth) for the All-Star Championships. Asa Freeman will coach one team. The coach for the second team is TBD

- We hosted tryouts for both boys and girls on Friday April 29th at the Bennett Center. We had 134 total athletes attend the tryouts.
- There are currently 70 teams registered for the All-Star Championships. This is up from 44 last year.
- I have been attending virtual meetings with USAV, Tulsa Sports Commission, Cox Business Center about the NORCECA U19 Championships that are being held in conjunction with the All-Star Championships. We will be disseminating information about volunteer opportunities for this event.

Motion to approve made by Janet Tyler, second by Dick Mahoney, all approved.

Registrar Report

Libby McCarty

As of May 13, 2022, we had 4940 registered members with active memberships. For the last season 2020-2021 we had 4520.

Here is the breakdown by registration:

- 567 - Adult coaches
- 19 - Adult players
- 187 - Chaperone
- 3807 - 17 and under junior players
- 222 - 18s only junior players
- 28 - Oklahoma Junior Aged Coaches
- 8 - Oklahoma Outdoor/Summer Junior 18s Player
- 20 - Oklahoma Outdoor/Summer Junior 17 & Under Player
- 4- Oklahoma NTDP Participant
- 81 - Oklahoma Officials/Tournament Directors

Below is the list of new clubs for the 2021-2022 Season.

- Tulsa Power Volleyball
- Oklahoma PWP
- OKVA
- Southwest Attack
- Synergy Volleyball
- Oklahoma Boys Volleyball Association
- PC Legacy
- City Club
- CORE
- OSSM Volleyball Club
- Lady Rider Club
- Extra Effort
- 405 Drive Volleyball Club

Motion to approve made by Janet Tyler, second by Gant Ward, all approved.

Treasurer's Report

Margo Juergens

Report reviewed by all in attendance. There are still some big-ticket items that have not come out including courts and shipping. Those will be updated as transactions happen.

Motion to approve report made by Janet Tyler, second by Missy Frette, all approved

Committee Actions

- Kayla Stevenson is now on the committee.
- Officials completed training:
 - OK22_012 USAV Junior R2 Training – 25 completed
 - OK22_013 USAV Line Judge Training – 1493 completed
 - OK22_014 USAV Junior Scorer Training – 54 completed
 - OK22_015 USAV Junior Asst. Scorer / Libero Tracker Training – 1221 completed
 - OK22_110 Jr. Coach Scorer Only Training – 5 completed
 - OK22_111 Jr. Coach Referee Only Training – 19 completed
 - OK22_201 New Adult Referee Training – 15 completed
 - OK22_202 Re-certifying Provisional Referee Training – 7 completed
 - OK22_203 Re-certifying Regional Referee Training – 11 completed
- Regional certification applicants not successful at Regionals
 - Main reasons that the candidates were not successful was because the matches were easy, and the candidates made some errors.
 - Committee is planning more on-court training next season with competitive matches. This will allow interruption of play/violation so that the official/evaluator will have the opportunity to discuss the play as it develops.

Future Topics for Committee Discussion

- Further discussion on In Good Standing for officials
- Validating officials for tournament directors to know exactly who has completed all requirements through USAV verify eligibility
- Purple card
- Sanction Fee imposed by OKRVA for a team that fails to fulfill its officiating duties.

Report approved.

Junior/Rankings Committee Reports

Jody Webber

Committee Actions:

- Reconfigured Ranking Data Instruction Sheet: approved by committee and sent to Bill, attached to this email
- Started and stalled the discussion with a lack of solutions/ideas for how we should include new impact clubs within the Region in the Rankings tournament. We stalled trying to find a way to fairly determine their invitation or lack of invitation so early in the season.

Future Topics for Committee Discussion:

- Freedom Bid: Does it qualify you for the Rankings Tournament-Yes
- Come up with a duty/job list we believe a “Region Employee” would be responsible for
- Tournament structure for the future... Handbook will be updated with recommendations and sent to the S&F committee.
- Should we have a Boys Junior Committee? Shawn and Jody will discuss.

Report approved.

Discussion about rankings. Should we look at a round robin format to give us “actual” rankings.

Structure and Function Committee Report

Dick Mahoney

Did not meet. Nothing to report.

Finance Committee Report

Margo Juergens

Registrar and commissioner are paid quarterly.

Motion comes out of the committee for the region to reimburse Liberty and Freedom division bids.

Motion approved.

Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report

David Blakemore

Nothing to report currently. Shawn had a couple of issues brought up to him. He will submit to the committee for review.

Promotion Committee Report

Shawn McCarty

We have received several rolls of banner with our logo

- We have received two pop-up tents with our logo. We will park two in OKC and two in Tulsa for beach events.
- We are still working on artwork and pricing on court markers and Safe Sport & Code of Conduct retractable banners.

All approved

Boys Promotion Report

Shawn McCarty

We have reached out to all the boys high school coaches about reapplying for grant assistance for the 2022-2023 season.

Motion to increase boys' promotional budget for 22-23 high school season to \$12,500 by Shawn McCarty, Second by Darin Thompson. Amendment to motion by Janet Tyler to increase the budget to \$13,700. The \$1200 increase would be to pay for facilities for the boys' state tournament.

All approved.

Website/Social Media Report

Blakemore/McCarty
Thompson

Shawn stated that David Blakemore is the main OKRVA website updates and doing an excellent job on region website updates and social media updates. Darin Thompson does assist if necessary. Any region website updates, or social media updates are to be sent to Shawn McCarty for approval.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

Executive Committee Items

Shawn McCarty

(Player Transfer/Boys All-Star Funding)

Player transferred from HOA after the season. Had permission from HOA to join the Ponca City Rowdies. -All Approved.

Boys All-Star Funding-came to the executive committee twice to add 2 boys' teams and increase the budget by \$5100 per team. -All Approved

Safe Sport Liaison

Bill Hamiter

We do not have a Safe Sport Liaison. All safe sport complaints go straight to Safe Sport Office. Safe Sport investigates almost all issues and those get adjudicated at the Safe Sport Office. OKRVA is not involved in the process anymore. If there are smaller issues that Safe Sport does send back to the region, those go to the ethics and eligibility committee.

2022 Regionals Recap

Shawn McCarty

- We hosted 304 teams in 17 Divisions (both records) including two Boys Divisions and for the first time, a 10's Division.
- There were several people who offered their time/effort/expertise who made the event run well.

Special thanks to the following:

- o Elliot Blake
- o Margo Juergens
- o Jody Webber and the Rankings Committee
- o Cale Webber
- o Jay Brannon
- o David Blakemore
- o Janet Tyler
- o Ross Tyler
- o Mike Freeman
- o Artheia Freeman
- o Libby McCarty
- o Lauren McCarty
- o Drew McCarty
- o Julie McCarty
- o Pam Dean
- o Kristi Wrasse
- o Brooke Calhoun
- o Dex Lanno
- o Gianna Lanno
- o Shawnda Pennington
- o Chad Pennington
- o Kenzie Pennington
- o Jayden Knight

• Overall, I thought the event ran smoothly. We had one significant injury (high ankle sprain). According to our trainer, there were no other big issues. The food service personnel did an excellent job keeping up with the hospitality rooms. We added labor to assist with getting wristbands distributed once tickets were scanned. This helped expedite the entry process. Even with 10 more courts and additional teams/spectators in the Bennett Center this year, the entry process ran smoothly. Elliot created room on the floor plan to add an awards stage near the championship desk. This really made the awards process run efficiently. We noticed many teams and players getting their picture taken in front of our new banner. Jody Webber and Janet Tyler did an excellent job keeping up with the teams and the awards. After discussions with Jody, we feel like a Regionals Tournament Manual for future years would be helpful. We are working on this now. Jay Brannon took care of getting labor to install and tear down the courts. He had a large crew from Southmoore High School. The court installation/tear down went very smoothly. We currently have the Bennett Center, Pavilion and Centennial Buildings on hold for May 6-7, 2023. We will get a contract for review soon. Our contract with Courts Galore is up. They have asked us to sign a new agreement for the next three years. We have not received our bill from them for the court freight, but it is expected to be higher than last year (more courts and higher gasoline prices). We had paid attendance of 7,868 (4,070 two-day tickets and 3,098 one-day tickets). Our labor cost/hour for State Fair employees remained static from last year. We should expect an increase in these costs next year. Our catering increased by almost \$7,000.00. This is due to the cost for food and the increased volume to accommodate 40 more teams and additional officials.

- We awarded bids to GJNC's to the following teams.
 - o 11's – OK Charge 11UA (National)
 - o 12's – OP2 11 EP (National)
 - o 12's – UPVBC 12 Pink (American)
 - o 13's – OK Charge 13 UA (National)
 - o 13's – OP2 12 EP- (American)
 - o 14's – UPVBC 14 Open (National)
 - o 14's – OP2 14-2 (USA – reallocated from OP2 14-1 who qualified Open)
 - o 14's – Rise 14's (American)
 - o 14's – Charge 14 National (Freedom)
 - o 15's – Charge 15UA (National)
 - o 15's – UPVBC 15 Open (American)
 - o 15's – OP2 15-2 (Freedom)
 - o 16's – UPVBC 16 Open (National)
 - o 16's – UPVBC Pink (American)
 - o 16's – OK Charge 16 National (Freedom)
 - o 17's – OK Blaze 17's (National)
 - o 17's – UPVBC 17 Pink (American)
 - o 17's – UPVBC 17 Mint (Freedom)

There was an issue with an outside individual setting up room blocks outside of what Shawn had done. We did not see any kick back from those rooms. Early communication by the region about which block is the “Official OKRVA Block” will be sent out.

Board recommends that Regionals in 2023 be in OKC and look at the 24-25 Regionals being held in Tulsa then back to OKC from 26-27.

Shawn will sign a 3-year contract with Courts Galore.

Adding the Championship Stage was a good Idea but will for sure need at least 2 people working the awards table.

Beach Regionals Update
Update given in above report.

Blakemore/Chartier/McCarty

2022 Tournament Sanctioning

Shawn McCarty

Tulsa Attack is asking to be on the same weekend as Redlands again this year. Jody is asking for the same protocols for assigning officials as last year and Darin does not wish to do that. Shawn will speak to the executive committee to ask for some direction on this matter.

GJNC/BJNC/Open Teams Support
Update discussed above.

Shawn McCarty

Boys Grant Report/Motion
Update discussed above.

Shawn McCarty

Review Hiring of New positions for Region

Bill Hamiter

Committees need to bring recommendations to the board then those go to the Finance Committee for budgeting. Information can be sent to Bill.

Creating Nominating Committee for August Elections

Bill Hamiter

(Margo/David/Dick/Edgar/Cindy)

Nominating Committee: Janet Tyler, Missy Frette, Nikki Dieball. Committee approved.

Set Date for August 2022 Meeting

Bill Hamiter

Sunday, August 14th, 2022, at 1pm at the Cattle Country Lodge in Stroud.

Adjournment

Bill Hamiter

Meeting adjourned at 11:36am.