

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2023-2024) Second Meeting
Best Western, Stillwater OK
November 5, 2023 – 2pm**

MINUTES

Call to Order

Bill Hamiter

Call to order at 2:11pm

Roll call of board members.

Bill Hamiter

Members present: Bill Hamiter, Shawn McCarty, Margo Juergens, Janet Tyler, Randy Decker, Jeff Boyland, David Blakemore, Cindy Maggart, Steph Kane, Kristen Coventon

Members absent: Missy McCaw Frette, Lee Johnson, Darin Thompson, Mike Freeman, Asa Freeman

Staff Present: Jody Webber, Libby McCarty

Setting of Agenda

Bill Hamiter

Review of Minutes from August 6, 2023 Meeting

Bill Hamiter

Motion made by David Blakemore, second by Jeff Boyland to approve Minutes from August 6, 2023 meeting Approved by all

REPORTS

Commissioner Report

Shawn McCarty

Highlights since the August 5, 2023 Meeting

- Multiple conversations with the Tulsa Sports Commission Traveling Teams Housing Company, Tulsa Fairgrounds officials about 2024 Regionals.
- Attended the following tryouts:
 - Charge 12s
 - Peak 12s
 - Kaizen 17s/18s
 - Rise 17s/18s
 - Peak 15s
 - Charge 17s/18s
 - Peak 16s
 - Rise 15s
- Attended USAV/RVA meetings in Denver. Some highlights include:
 - Overall USAV membership is up 10.1% from 2021-2022 to 2022-2023.
 - 38 of 40 Regionals experienced growth.
 - Membership Services is working on a Sports Engine Playbook to help club directors.
 - We will be required to complete a ROAS Report in the next two years. All regions are required to do so. We are working with other regions to get this accomplished.

- NCSI (background check vendor) reports delays nationwide. They report it takes 3-5 days to get a background screening completed. Our experience is it usually takes longer than that.
- USA Women's Sitting was the first USA team to qualify for the Paris Paralympics in 2024.
- Recommend USAV keep EPIC as our insurer for the next season.
- USAV Championships for the 2023-2024 season are as follows:
 - GJNC 18s – April 26-28th – Baltimore
 - GJNC 11s-13s – June 21-24 - Dallas
 - GJNC 14s-17s – July 3-11 – Las Vegas
 - BJNC – June 26-July 3 – Dallas
 - Adult Opens – May 24-29 – Columbus Ohio
 - All-Star Championships – July 18-21 - Des Moines
- We have received new allotment of rulebooks for 2023-2025.
- We have several silver licenses for USAV Education modules.
- USAV Education Services Director Dave McCann resigned in September.
- The USAV Indoor WNT is currently ranked #2 in the world.
- The USAV Indoor MNT is currently ranked #2 in the world.
- The USAV Sitting WNT is currently ranked #1 in the world.
- The USAV Sitting MNT is currently ranked #8 in the world.

SafeSport Report

- We have one pending case at this time and one possible case upcoming.
- USAV received a perfect score on the 2023 SafeSport Event Audit.

Beach Report

McCarty/Blakemore/Chartier

New beach facility is currently in Oklahoma City. However, will not be available for the 2024 Beach Regionals. Which will be hosted in Tulsa for 2024.

All Star Report

Shawn McCarty

- The 2024 All Star Championships will be held in Des Moines Iowa on July 17-21st.
- The 2025 All Star Championships will be held in Madison Wisconsin. Dates are TBD.
- Our plans are to send 5 teams (4 girls and 1 boys) to the 2024 All Star Championships.
- We will be sending out notices for coaches to apply to part of the OKRVA delegation.
- Janet Tyler will serve as our Technical Director for All Star.

Registrar Report

Libby McCarty

As of 11/03/2023, we have 4519 total members so far this season. The total members for the 2022-2023 season was 5590. At this time, we do not have the breakdown of memberships.

Several clubs do not have all of their players registered. Background screenings are taking approximately five business days to process.

We had 10 new clubs this season that we have assisted. A few more individuals who plan to start a club this season have also approached us.

Treasurer's Report

Margo Juergens

Report reviewed by all in attendance.

Recommendation made by OKRVA BOD for Finance Committee to review moving funds to a higher interest CD for short term at Bank of Oklahoma.

Motion made by Randy Decker, second by David Blakemore. All approved.

Officials Committee Report

Jeff Boyland

Rule Books have been received for 2023-2025 seasons. The Committee will schedule clinics in Tulsa area and OKC area for Juniors. Clinics for new Professional Officials and existing officials will be scheduled so that they can get their ratings completed before the season starts.

The Officials Committee approved the OKRVA 2024 Professional Officials Guidebook and the OKRVA 2024 JUNIOR CLUB OFFICIALS GUIDEBOOK. These documents are attached to this email. The documents are also available on okrva.com under Officiating, then Guidebooks.

The Junior Officials Guidebook will be emailed to Club Directors in the next few days. The Professional Officials Guidebook will be emailed later today.

There are several new officials interested in officiating Club Volleyball.

Junior/Rankings Committee Reports

Jody Webber

Recommendation made by OKRVA BOD for the junior committee to review the policies and penalties for club activity policy. To review and report any updates to ethics and eligibility committee.

Structure and Function Committee Report

Missy McCaw-Frette

Nothing to report

Finance Committee Report

Margo Juergens

Nothing to report

Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report

David Blakemore

Nothing to report

Recommendation made by OKRVA BOD for the ethics and eligibility to review the recommendations from the junior committee for any updates regarding policies and penalties for club activity policy.

Website/Social Media Report

Blakemore/McCarty

Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

2024 Rankings Tournament Update

Shawn McCarty

Ranking's tournament will be hosted at the Pavilion at the OKC Fairgrounds for this year's tournament. It will be a 2-day tournament with pool play on Saturday and bracket play on Sunday for all teams.

2023/2024 Regionals Update

Shawn McCarty

Previously information was discussed in Commissioner report .

Set Date for February 2024 Meeting

Bill Hamiter

February 4, 2024 4:00pm via zoom

Adjournment

Bill Hamiter

Meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm