

Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2023-2024) Third Meeting
Google Meets
February 4, 2024 – 4:00 pm

MINUTES

Call to Order

Bill Hamiter

Call to order at 4:04pm

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, and 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 Randy Decker, second by Kristen Coventon to approve Minutes from November 5, 2023 meeting

Approved by all

REPORTS

Commissioner Report

Shawn McCarty

Highlights since the November 5, 2023 Meeting

- Attended the following tournaments
 - o 12-16-2023 Cowboys Rankings Tournament
 - o 1-6/7-2024 Redlands o 1-13/14-2024 DFW Invitational
 - o 1-20-2024 Broncho Classic o 1-20-2024 Score Roundabout 15s
 - o 1-20-2024 Storm Showdown 12s
 - o 1-21-2024 Boom Goes the Dynamite 13s/14s
 - o 1-21-2024 Broncho Invitational o 1-28-2024 Broncho Blast 13s
 - o 2-3-2024 Score Roundabout 14s/15s
- Ordered, received and delivered court markers to tournament directors
- Worked on Rankings Tournament to include
 - o Multiple calls with State Fairgrounds official regarding event
 - o Sport Courts shipping/installation
 - o Ordered awards
 - o Ordered bag tags/wristbands
 - o Ordered catering for hospitality room
- Ordered awards for 18s BQ and Regionals
- Phone calls with Tulsa Sports Commission regarding 2024 Regionals
- Corresponded with Traveling Teams regarding room block for Regionals

- Attended US Men's Sitting Team Camp with Kazakhstan.

SafeSport Report

- We have one pending case at this time and one possible case upcoming.

Beach Report

Nothing to report

McCarty/Blakemore/Chartier

All Star Report

Shawn McCarty

- We had 11 coaches apply to be coaches with OKRVA Delegation. Discussion during meeting.
- 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 and Delegation Leader for All Star Championships.
- Janet and Shawn will be meeting with All Star coaches prior to tryouts to establish rules, protocol

Motion made by Shawn McCarty, second by Janet Tyler to offer All Star coaching for 2024 All Star tournament, Dani Newsom, Justin McCowan, Justin Marshall, Codi McCowan, Patrick Ramirez. Motion approved

Recommendation from the OKRVA BOD for Structure and Function to compile criteria for All Star Coaching delegation requirements.

Registrar Report

Libby McCarty

As of 2/2/2024, we have 5555 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 and coaches registered up until the Friday before attending their first tournament. Would also like to ask each club to make sure that their rosters updated/entered into AES prior to attending tournaments.

We have 13 new clubs this season that we have assisted. We had an individual ask how to plan to start a club this season have also approached us.

Recommendation from the OKRVA BOD for Shawn to report at next meeting for additional general information for new clubs standard requirements checklist

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 David Blakemore, second by Janet Tyler. All approved.

Officials Committee Report

Jeff Boyland

Junior Clinics for Scorers and R2s were held at Union Freshmen Academy on Friday, December 8 and at Classen Center on Tuesday, December 19. Neither clinic had a great turnout. The clinics need to be planned earlier; I will work on that for next season.

Official Rating Clinics were held on December 16 at Stillwater Cowboy Ratings Tournament and at Nienhuis in Broken Arrow. A small rating session was held at Titan on January 3.

The Officials Committee approved the application for Regional Certification at OKRVA Rankings Tournament for two officials – Rachel McDaniel and Dani Newsom.

Michael Goodall has notified the Committee that he plans to apply for National Referee Certification. The Region is not directly involved in the acceptance process; it is handled by USAV with structured requirements.

Many new OKRVA officials have been officiating at several tournaments in the Region. I evaluated several officials at the Midwest Open on Saturday, February 3, 2024.

The Committee met on Google Meets to discuss two situations that have been reported in the Region, both occurred at Adidas Classic.

1. Corey Harp sent an email about the assignment of officials for the Adidas Tournament. Toni Slagle also sent an email about the incident. An email was sent to the parties involved: Corey Harp, Missy Frette and Toni Slagle. (I will include a copy of the email response with this report.)

2. The other situation was an Official using profane language. This situation was reported by Toni Slagle, the head official, and by Lee Johnson, the assistant coach. I will research the USAV Training courses that are available and appropriate to recommend to the official. The Committee will discuss this again when I find appropriate Training Course.

This discussion brought up questions of the purpose and authority of the Officials Committee.

1. Is the Officials Committee a “clearing house” to investigate complaints/incidents about officials and bring the results to the attention of the Board?
2. Should the Officials Committee act on complaints/incidents that are reported to the OKRVA Commissioner and then reported to the Officials Committee?
3. If the Officials Committee is to act on complaints/incidents, do the OKRVA By Laws need to be updated?

Junior/Rankings Committee Reports

Jody Webber

AES/USAV has implemented a new ranking system. As a region, OKRVA is using the USAV Power Rankings to determine in region tournaments. We have had two teams qualify at this time at National Qualifiers, they are OK Charge 15 UA and Ultimate Performance 18s.

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

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. We will be hosting 10s- 17s. Every division 11s- 17a is full with five 10 U teams which the 10s division is new this year being offered at the Rankings tournament. We had three teams that choose not to participate in the Rankings tournament.

2023/2024 Regionals Update

Shawn McCarty

Previously information was discussed in Commissioner Report .

Set Date for May 18 2024 Meeting

Bill Hamiter

August 18, 2024 10:00am at Best Western in Stillwater

Adjournment

Bill Hamiter

Meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm