

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association  
Board of Directors (2023-2024) Fourth Meeting  
Best Western Stillwater  
May 18, 2024 10am**

**MINUTES**

Call to Order

Randy Decker

Call to order at 10:10am

Roll call of board members.

Randy Decker

Members present: Asa Freeman, Mike Freeman, Shawn McCarty, Margo Juergens, Janet Tyler, Randy Decker, Jeff Boyland, Steph Kane, Kristen Coventon, and Lee Johnson

Members absent: Missy McCaw Frette, Darin Thompson, David Blakemore, Cindy Maggart, Bill Hamiter

Staff Present: Jody Webber, Libby McCarty

Guests Present: Elliott Blake, Ross Tyler

Setting of Agenda

Randy Decker

Review/Approve Minutes from Feb. 4, 2023

Randy Decker

Motion made by Janet Tyler, second by Asa Freeman to approve Minutes from February 4, 2023 meeting

**REPORTS**

Commissioner Report

Shawn McCarty

Highlights since the February 4, 2024 meeting

- Attended the following tournaments
  - 12-16-2023 Cowboys Rankings Tournament
  - 2-10-2024 Volley at the OAC 11s/12s
  - 2-11-2024 February Fiesta 14s-18s
  - 2-17-2024 Bison Blast 11s-12s
  - 2-25/25 2024 Rankings Tournament
  - 3-2-2024 18s Bid Qualifier
  - 3-3-2024 Volley at the OCI 16s
  - 3-9-2024 Crusader Classic 13s-16s
  - 3-23-2024 Score OKC 14s
  - 3-24-2024 Scissortail Invitational 12s/13s
  - 3-30-2024 Crusader Classic 12s/16s/17s
  - 4-6-2024 Score OKC 16s/17s
  - 4-6-2024 Volley at the OAC 13s
  - 4-13-2024 Score OKC 13s
  - 4-20-2024 Oklahoma Open
  - 5-4-2024 Regionals
- Multiple site visits to Tulsa to prepare for Regionals
- Worked on Rankings Tournament to include
  - Multiple calls with State Fairgrounds official regarding event

- Sport Courts shipping/installation
- Ordered awards
- Ordered bag tags/wristbands
- 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.
- We are planning to meet with Tulsa County Commissioner and Fairgrounds staff in the next two weeks for a Regionals debriefing meeting.
- Libby and I will be attending USAV meetings and US Open competition in Columbus next week.
- Libby and I will be attending GJNC in Las Vegas

Shawn will create a Competition committee to review penalties for not attending rankings committee, possible review V Star for rankings of tournaments, is Ranking's tournament relevant? Address potential issues that could develop.

### **SafeSport Report**

- We have one pending case at this time

### **Regionals Recap**

- We ended up with 341 teams. This is up from last year and shows 20+ consecutive years of new record attendance.
- There were several challenges to overcome but nothing major.
- We met with Tulsa County Commissioner, Stan Sallee and Mark Andrus, CEO of Tulsa County Public Facilities Authority. Both expressed a desire for us to bring the event back in 2025
- We received a lot of positive feedback from parents, officials, coaches and club directors.

Highlights include:

- Room to maneuver throughout the space
- Outstanding customer service by staff
- Outstanding food choices for concessions
- Outstanding food choices for hospitality room
- All courts under one roof
- Ample free parking
- I concur with the aforementioned feedback and will add that the administration, catering, janitorial, security, were outstanding and very easy to work with.
- I recommend we return to Tulsa for 2025 Regionals.
- OKRVA had to return 2 17's age division bid's

### Beach Report

Shawn McCarty

14 clubs registered for USAV/OKRVA programming for 2024 (up from 12 active groups last year). All known clubs in Tulsa are operating with either OKRVA sanction or dual-sanction w/OKRVA included. OKC still has some AAU-only operations.

2024 tournaments to-date seeing increase in

- total # of team entries
- # of out-of-region entries (encouraging sign, means tournaments are being run well enough to draw other regions)

USAV now using a new application for tournament management. A few minor challenges as tournament directors using it for the first season are accustomed to it, but no significant problems so far.

- Beach Regionals tentatively scheduled for June 28-30. Concerns on the condition of Helmerich Park in Tulsa. If the facility can get needed improvements, Regionals may be 3-day event. Sarah Kling from Blue Beach will be 2024 tournament director.
- New indoor/outdoor beach facility scheduled to open in NE OKC in 2025.

Motion made by Steph Kane, second by Janet Tyler for beach regionals create budget line item \$ 7,000.00 for beach court improvements. To work in conjunction with the City of Tulsa

All approved.

Motion to approve by Janet Tyler, second Kristen Conventon. All approved.

#### HP/All Star Report

Janet Tyler/Shawn McCarty

- The following coaches were engaged to lead our delegation.
  - U12                Dani Newsom
  - U15 Red        Joe Skinner
  - U15 White     Patrick Ramirez
  - U17             Justin Marshal
  - Boys            Sammy Duncan
- Tryouts were Friday, May 3 at the Tulsa Expo Center. There was a good showing at the tryouts. All teams were filled within a few days.
- Janet will be our delegation leader for team camps and the All-Star Championships.
- The 2024 All Star Championships will be held in Des Moines Iowa on July 17-21<sup>st</sup>.
- The 2025 All Star Championships will be held in Madison Wisconsin. Dates are TBD.

Motion to approve by Margo Juergens, second Jeff Boyland. All approved.

#### Registrar Report

Libby McCarty

As of 5/16/24, we have 5,761 total members. The total members for the 2022-2023 season were 5590. At this time, we do not have the breakdown of memberships. This is 20+ consecutive years of record membership.

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.

We have heard from a few individuals who are interested in starting club's next season.

Motion made by Janet Tyler, second by Kristen Conventon. All approved

#### Treasurer's Report

Margo Juergens

Janet Tyler presented question about current 2023-2024 budget item for “Boys Camp”. Shawn McCarty will get with Asa Freeman for contacts for coaches and or players and will reach out to a contact for Boys to schedule.

Report reviewed by all in attendance.

Motion to approve made by Janet Tyler, second by Lee Johnson. All approved.

### Officials Committee Report

Jeff Boyland

There were approximately 15 new officials that completed the online training and officiated in 2024 season.

Both Regional candidates (Dani Newsom and Rachel McDaniel) were promoted at the Rankings Tournament.

The Officials Committee will meet before the 2024-2025 season begins so that we can plan how to train officials in person in an actual volleyball set. This scenario would provide the ability to demonstrate to officials, situations as they actually happen

Motion to approve by Janet Tyler, second Lee Johnson. All approved.

### Junior/Rankings Committee Reports

Jody Webber

Jody submitted rankings results for OKRVA Regionals to OKRVA BOD (see Exhibit A). Jody gave brief explanation of AES Power Rankings are all matches, USAV rankings are only USAV matches. Good lessons learned with rankings committee reviewing all ages this season.

Discussion of teams invited to Ranking’s tournament and not attending this tournament. It does not give the rankings committee additional important information. Also, discussion of possible other ranking systems to assist in rankings for tournaments.

OKRVA Rankings Procedure document published on OKRVA website.

OKRVA Rankings Procedure recommendations:

51: 30 In ranking teams for Regional, priority should be given based upon:

1. Head- to- head results (most recent victory would weigh more heavily)
2. OKRVA Rankings Tournament results
3. Common Opponent results
4. Secondary Information that could be used to break ties
  - a. Finishes at qualifiers if teams are in the same qualifier. However, this should only be consideration if finishes are significantly different. (Example: if two teams finished 4-5 spots different but did not play each other and had no common opponents, this should not be a large factor. However, if one team finishes 5<sup>th</sup> and the other 45<sup>th</sup>, more weight should be given
5. Other factors to accurately rank:
  - a. Find the top four or five teams and compare their records against each other. For instance, what is team 1’s record against the 2-5.
  - b. Establish a second person to review the rankings of the top 4-5 teams, as no team, below a four seed, has ever won regionals.

Motion to approve by Mike Freeman, second Steph Kane. All approved.

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**

Executive Committee Action Items

Randy Decker

- Gracy Vance transfer – Premier – 405 Drive (approved)
- Logan Hines transfer – Premier to Griffins (approved)
- Makayla Alexander- OK Dynamite to OKC Heat (approved)
- Phoebe Neighbors – Stingray to Griffins (approved)
- Macie Emery – UPVBC to Tulsa Power (denied)

Motion to approve by Janet Tyler, second Kristen Conventon. All approved.

2025 Rankings/18s BQ/Regionals Update

Shawn McCarty

1:43 Shawn states that the OKC Fairgrounds Pavilion building are currently on hold for Ranking's tournament in 2025. Score OKC is on hold for 18s Bid Qualifier and Tulsa State Fair Grounds verbally on hold for Regionals in 2025. Discussion was to possibly host 18s Bid Qualifier and Rankings tournament on the same weekend. Discussions as to why Ranking's tournament is important.

Motion by Shawn McCarty second by Janet Tyler to allow Shawn negotiate with OKC Fairgrounds for Rankings tournament, 18s Bid Qualifier and OKRVA Rankings to be held around same weekend as current season 2023-2024 for next 2024-2025 season. All approved.

Summer Camp Policy

Randy Decker

Discussion if the current policy needs to be reviewed. Recommendation for the junior committee needs to review wording and clear areas and communicate it out.

Setting of tryout dates for 2024-2025 Season.

Randy Decker

The proposed dates for all ages for the 2024-2025 season are below:

11s - 12s – Tryouts can **begin no earlier than Tuesday September 24, 2024** – signing date begins no earlier than Saturday, October 5, 2024

13s - 14s - Tryouts can **begin no earlier than Tuesday October 8, 2024** – signing date begins no earlier than Saturday, October 19, 2024

15s - 18s - Tryouts can **begin no earlier than Tuesday October 29, 2024** – signing date begins no earlier than Thursday, November 9, 2024

Motion made by Shawn McCarty second by Margo Juergens, discussion for and against, 3 yes 4 no, motion did not pass.

15s - 18s - Tryouts can **begin no earlier than Monday October 28, 2024** – signing date begins no earlier than Thursday, November 7, 2024

Motion made by Janet Tyler, second by Jeff Boyland, to Monday October 28, 2024 and signing date Thursday, November 7, 2024, 5 yes and 2 no, motion passes. Dates for ages 11's – 14's all approved.

Shawn and Asa will discuss boys tryout dates for Oklahoma. Establish meeting with clubs that have boys teams.

**Statement Regarding Pressuring of Players** – The region continues to hear concerns from players/parents about feeling pressured by coaches/clubs to sign by a certain date/time. Below is a series of statements that could be inserted into region and club documents to make clear the region's philosophy on this issue:

It is the intent of the Oklahoma Region to encourage players to try out for as many clubs as they choose.

It is the regions intent that players not be pressured into a verbal commitment due to a coach/club establishing an unreasonable date/time for a decision

A decision to join a team/club is individual decision that should be made by a parent/player alone from club pressure. Gathering players together after a tryout, stating "this is their team" and asking for commitments should be considered pressuring

When a player receives an offer to sign, she/he needs to make a decision within a reasonable amount of time. Delaying a decision affects many other players who are also waiting for an offer to commit.

Players/Parents should understand that teams/clubs need to know a player's decision in a timely manner in order to move on to the next player.

No player/parent should be asked to sign a contract before the region approved signing dates. Contracts are not binding until the signing date.

If a player feels pressured into a decision before, they have gone to other club's tryouts, she/he should contact the Region Commissioner at ...

Creation of Junior Regionals Committee Discussion Margo Juergens

No action items deferred discussion to competition committee

Selection of Election Committee for August 2024 Randy Decker

(Randy Decker/Mike Freeman/Cindy Maggart/Darin Thompson/Janet Tyler, Missy Frette)

The election committee members are Asa Freeman, Steph Kane and Kristen Conventon

Set Date for August 2024 Meeting Randy Decker

August 18, 2024 1:00pm, place to be determined as board members want to look at other facilities. Shawn will get with all board members when this is determined

Adjournment Randy Decker

Motion to have meeting adjourned by Steph Kane and Asa Freeman. Meeting adjourned at 1:24pm

# EXHIBIT A

Team Name	Team Code	Division	USAV Ranking	Seed	Finish
UPVBC 17 Elite	G17UPVBC1OK	17 Girls	374	1	1
OP2 17-2	G17OP2VB2OK	17 Girls	144	2	2
Tulsa Power 17-2	G17POWER2OK	17 Girls	417	3	7
OK Charge 17 National	G17CHARG2OK	17 Girls	519	4	3
OK Charge South 17-1	G17CHARG5OK	17 Girls	527	5	6
OK Charge 17 Nat'l Tulsa	G17CHARG4OK	17 Girls	502	6	4
Rise 17's	G17RISEV1OK	17 Girls	1147	7	9
OK Premier 17 Diamonds	G17OKPRE1OK	17 Girls	1212	8	8
OK Charge 17 Stillwater	G17CHARG6OK	17 Girls	909	9	9
OK Charge 17 UA Tulsa	G17CHARG3OK	17 Girls	1287	10	5
Kaizen Girls 17 Black	G17KZNR1OK	17 Girls	1296	11	9
OK Redline 17-1	G17OKRED1OK	17 Girls	1303	12	9
Kaizen Girls 17 Gold	G17KZNR2OK	17 Girls	1354	13	9
OK Force 17-1	G17OKFOR1OK	17 Girls	1111	14	9
BAVC 17-1 Royals	G17BAVBC1OK	17 Girls	1440	15	15
Griffins 17U	G17GRIFF1OK	17 Girls	1307	16	15
Team Name	Team Code	Division	USAV Ranking	Seed	Finish
OK Charge 16 National	G16CHARG2OK	16 Girls	77	1	2
Tulsa Power 16-1	G16POWER1OK	16 Girls	333	2	8
UPVBC 16 Elite	G16UPVBC1OK	16 Girls	1325	3	5
OK Charge 16 UA Tulsa	G16CHARG4OK	16 Girls	372	4	7
Rise 16-1's	G16RISEV1OK	16 Girls	465	5	4
OP2 16-2	G16OP2VB2OK	16 Girls	360	6	1
OK Elevate E.61	G16ELVAT1OK	16 Girls	293	7	3
OK Charge 16 Nat'l Tulsa	G16CHARG5OK	16 Girls	912	8	6
VIRAGO 16-1	G16VIRAG1OK	16 Girls	474	9	9
OP2 16-3	G16OP2VB3OK	16 Girls	816	10	9
OK Charge South 16-1	G16CHARG6OK	16 Girls	579	11	9
OK Charge South 16-2	G16CHARG7OK	16 Girls	843	12	15
Club Ace 16 Black	G16BRTVL1OK	16 Girls	1146	13	15
OK Charge 16 American	G16CHARG3OK	16 Girls	1049	14	17
Tulsa Power 16-2	G16POWER2OK	16 Girls	1034	15	9
Rise 16-2's	G16RISEV2OK	16 Girls	1086	16	9
Team Name	Team Code	Division	USAV Ranking	Seed	Finish
OP2 15 Elite	G15OP2VB1OK	15 Girls	55	1	5
OK Charge 15 Nat	G15CHARG2OK	15 Girls	186	2	3
UPVBC Elite	G15UPVBC1OK	15 Girls	366	3	1
Virago 15-1	G15VIRAG1OK	15 Girls	353	4	9
OP2 15-2	G15OP2VB2OK	15 Girls	322	5	5

TPV 15-1	G15POWER1OK	15 Girls	382	6	5
OP2 15-3	G15OP2VB3OK	15 Girls	627	7	5
OK Charge 15 Amer	G15CHARG3OK	15 Girls	860	8	9
TPV 15-2	G15POWER2OK	15 Girls	460	9	3
OK Charge 15 Tul Nat	G15CHARG7OK	15 Girls	669	10	9
Kaizen 15 Black	G15KZNR1OK	15 Girls	571	11	9
UPVBC 15 Pink	G15UPVBC2OK	15 Girls	782	12	9
OP2 15-4	G15OP2VB4OK	15 Girls	754	13	2
Rise 15-1	G15RISEV1OK	15 Girls	1067	14	9
Stingray 15 Adidas	G15STRAY1OK	15 Girls	903	15	22
GPVBC 15-1	G15GPVBC1OK	15 Girls	1140	16	19
Team Name	Team Code	Division	USAV Ranking	Seed	Finish
Tulsa Power 14-1	G14POWER1OK	14 Girls	83	1	1
OP2 14-2	G14OP2VB2OK	14 Girls	270	2	2
OK Charge 14 UA Tulsa	G14CHARG4OK	14 Girls	625	3	3
UPVBC 14 Elite	G14UPVBC1OK	14 Girls	869	4	4
Wave 14 Tsunami	G14WAVEV1OK	14 Girls	482	5	9
Tulsa Power 14-2	G14POWER2OK	14 Girls	1146	6	7
Rise 14's	G14RISEV1OK	14 Girls	701	7	9
OP2 14-3	G14OP2VB3OK	14 Girls	783	8	5
OK Charge 14 Nat'l Tulsa	G14CHARG5OK	14 Girls	776	9	8
OK Charge 14 American	G14CHARG3OK	14 Girls	472	10	6
UPVBC 14 Mint	G14UPVBC3OK	14 Girls	1045	11	9
Kaizen Girls 14 Black	G14KZNR1OK	14 Girls	341	12	9
OK Charge South 14-1	G14CHARG6OK	14 Girls	1151	13	9
OP2 14-4	G14OP2VB4OK	14 Girls	1158	14	19
Stingray VBA 14 Adidas	G14STRAY1OK	14 Girls	311	15	17
OK Premier 14 National	G14OKPRE2OK	14 Girls	1259	16	23
Team Name	Team Code	Division	USAV Ranking	Seed	Finish
Tulsa Power 13-1	G13POWER1OK	13 Girls	49	1	3
OK Charge 13 UA	G13CHARG1OK	13 Girls	154	2	1
Tulsa Power 13-2	G13POWER2OK	13 Girls	233	3	5
OP2 13-1 Elite	G13OP2VB1OK	13 Girls	310	4	2
OP2 13-2	G13OP2VB2OK	13 Girls	267	5	5
OK Charge 13 National	G13CHARG2OK	13 Girls	333	6	3
OP2 13-3	G13OP2VB3OK	13 Girls	424	7	5
OK Charge 13 Nat'l Tulsa	G13CHARG5OK	13 Girls	710	8	15
OK Charge 13 American	G13CHARG3OK	13 Girls	568	9	9
Stingray 13 Select Megan	G13STRAY2OK	13 Girls	627	10	17
OK Charge 13 UA Tulsa	G13CHARG4OK	13 Girls	961	11	5
UPVBC 13 Pink	G13UPVBC2OK	13 Girls	721	12	9
OKC Ignite 13-1	G13OCIVB1OK	13 Girls	912	13	9
GPVBC 13-1	G13GPVBC1OK	13 Girls	956	14	21
OK Charge 13-1 Stillwater	G13CHARG10OK	13 Girls	967	15	21



OK Charge South 13-1	G13CHARG6OK	13 Girls	992	16	15
Team Name	Team Code	Division	USAV Ranking	Seed	Finish
OP2 12-2	G12OP2VB2OK	12 Girls	36	1	2
OK Charge 12 UA	G12CHARG1OK	12 Girls	128	2	4
Tulsa Power 12-1	G12POWER1OK	12 Girls	100	3	1
OP2 12-3	G12OP2VB3OK	12 Girls	267	4	5
OK Charge South 12-1	G12CHARG4OK	12 Girls	338	5	5
SPARK 12 Anna	G12SPARK1OK	12 Girls	282	6	3
Tulsa Power 12-2	G12POWER2OK	12 Girls	226	7	11
OK Charge 12 National	G12CHARG2OK	12 Girls	502	8	5
OP2 12-4	G12OP2VB4OK	12 Girls	672	9	9
Wave 12 Tsunami	G12WAVEV1OK	12 Girls	1674	10	0
OK Charge 12 UA Tulsa	G12CHARG5OK	12 Girls	1227	11	10
OK Premier 12 Diamonds	G12OKPRE1OK	12 Girls	723	12	5
Team Name	Team Code	Division	USAV Ranking	Seed	Finish
OK Charge 11 UA	G11CHARG1OK	11 Girls		1	1
OP2 11-1 Elite	G11OP2VB1OK	11 Girls		2	2
OK Charge 11 UA Tulsa	G11CHARG3OK	11 Girls		3	3
OP2 11-2	G11OP2VB2OK	11 Girls		4	5
OP2 11-3	G11OP2VB3OK	11 Girls		5	5
OK Premier 11 Diamonds	G11OKPRE1OK	11 Girls		6	4
OK Charge 11-1 Stillwater	G11CHARG5OK	11 Girls		7	5
OK Charge 11 National	G11CHARG2OK	11 Girls		8	9
Club Ace 11 Black	G11BRTL1OK	11 Girls		9	5
BAVC 11-1 Royals	G11BAVBC1OK	11 Girls		10	9
OK Charge South 11-1	G11CHARG4OK	11 Girls		11	11
SPARK 11	G11SPARK1OK	11 Girls		12	13
Team Name	Team Code	Division	USAV Ranking	Seed	Finish
OK Charge 10 UA	G10CHARG1OK	10 Girls		1	1
OK Charge 10 UA Tulsa	G10CHARG3OK	10 Girls		2	2
OP2 10-1 Elite	G10OP2VB1OK	10 Girls		3	3
UPVBC 10 Pink	G10UPVBC1OK	10 Girls		4	4
OK Charge South 10-1	G10CHARG2OK	10 Girls		5	5
OP2 10-2	G10OP2VB2OK	10 Girls		6	6