

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association  
Board of Directors (2024-2025) Second Meeting  
Best Western Stillwater  
November 17, 2024 - 2pm**

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order David Blakemore  
Meeting called to order by David Blakemore at 2:16pm
  
2. Roll call of board members – Guest Intro David Blakemore  
Members present: Cindy Maggart, Shawn McCarty, Margo Juergens, Janet Tyler, Randy Decker, Jeff Boyland, David Blakemore, Lee Johnson, Kristin Convention, Bill Hamiter  
  
Members absent: Mike Freeman, Asa Freeman, Ector Berrera, Stephanie Kane, Darin Thompson, Missy McCaw Frette  
  
Staff Present: Jody Webber, Libby McCarty  
  
Guests Present: Ross Tyler
  
3. Setting of Agenda David Blakemore  
Agenda set no additional agenda items
  
4. Review/Approve Minutes from August 18<sup>th</sup> Meetings David Blakemore  
Motion made by Janet Tyler, second by Randy Decker to approve the 2023-2024 Minutes from August 18, 2024 meeting. All approved  
Motion made by Randy Decker, second by Lee Johnson to approve the 2024-2025 minutes from August 18 meeting. All approved

**REPORTS**

4. Commissioner Report Shawn McCarty  
Highlights since the August 18, 2024 meeting
  - Attended USAV/RVA Meetings in Boston
  - Visited the International Volleyball Hall of Fame in Holyoke Mass.
  - Met new USAV CEO John Speraw.
  - Nationwide membership is growing and was up 6.8% through June 2024
  - Hired a new Education Director (Jenny Johnson). She is focusing on better access to USAV Academy.
  - Background screening times are down from 5.2 days last year to 3.8 days
  - Insurance premiums went up 2%. However, with more members, the rate per person actually went down \$.13.
  - HUDL is offering discounts for services at the regional level
  - We are one of the 10 regions remaining to meet ROAS Compliance Policy. David, Margo, Libby, Jody and I have been working on update reports and website. We will be bringing up some policy discussions to Structure and Function for review.
  - Steve Bishop, Exec Director of Florida Region gave a presentation about the opportunities for regions to partner with local YMCAs

- Regions who participate in All Star Championships were asked to vote for the 2026 host site. The 2026 All-Star Championships will be in Columbus Ohio.
- Created working group to brainstorm ways to get boys teams reengaged with BJNC.
- RVA endorsed proposal to increase substitution limit from 12 to 15. This will have to be vetted by Officials Committee and USAV.
- RVA endorsed proposal to allow two libero players to be designated for each set by indicating the players' number on the lineup sheet or the set. Only one libero is allowed on the court at a time and only one is allowed to serve.
- RVA voted to eliminate weighted voting in RVAA. Previously, larger regions were given additional votes based on size. All regions will now get one vote. This is positive for us as we are a smaller region comparatively.
- The RVA recommended that USAV move all USAV beach events from current "DOB" to model the Graduation Year" model.
- Attended and spoke at reception honoring US Women's Sitting Team for winning Gold at 2024 Paralympics.
- Attended multiple tryouts.
- Had several phone conversations with Tulsa Sports Commission and Traveling Teams regarding 2025 Regionals.
- Executed contract with Tulsa Public Facilities Authority for 2025 Regionals.
- Executed contract with OKC Fairgrounds for 2025 Rankings Tournament.
- Attended several local high school and college volleyball matches
- David Blakemore and I attended meeting with Boombox Beach Volleyball regarding 2025 Beach Regionals.
- Finalized details for Boys Clinic in December. Penn State Associate Head Coach, Collin McMillian and Culver Stockton College Head Coach Jeffery Lipton will be running boy's clinic in December. We are currently working on registration and other details.
- We have a new Communications Committee. This will be chaired by Steph Kane. Members include Cindy Maggart and Asa Freeman
- **Safe Sport Report update - WE have one pending case at this time and one case recently finalized resulting in a 3 month probation of a coach in the Tulsa Area.**

Motion to approve Commissioner Report by Janet Tyler, second by Kristin Convention. All approved.

5. Beach Report

Shawn McCarty

- We will be hosting Beach Regionals at the new Boombox Beach Volleyball facility in OKC.
- The event will be held the second weekend of June. We are moving weekends to get off the OSSAA's "dead period".
- We are anticipating a really good turnout based on being off of dead week and the event being held in a new facility will exceptional amenities.
- We are looking to host a Beach Officials clinic in conjunction with the event and possibly Para Beach Volleyball programming.
- We are hoping to have a clinic from college or possibly pro players.
- We have created a Beach Standing Committee consisting of the following –
  - Lee Johnson, Chair

- Ector Becerra
- Sarah Kling
- Mia Burge
- Clairra Warren

Motion made by Bill Hamiter, second by Janet Tyler to approve Beach report out. All approved

6. HP/All Star Report Janet Tyler/McCarty  
 2025 All-Star Championships will be in Madison Wisconsin  
 2026 All-Star Championships will be in Columbus Ohio. Tulsa put a bid in for 2026 but was not selected.  
 Janet Tyler will lead our All-Star Delegation for 2025  
 We will have application process for coaches on line in the next few weeks.  
 Motion to approve HP/All Star Report made by Margo Juergens, Second by Janet Tyler, All Approved.
7. Registrar Report Libby McCarty  
 As of November 14, 2024, we have 5,416 members. We had 5795 members at the conclusion of last season. All indications are will surpass the membership total from last season.  
 We have been working with several new clubs this season.  
 Motion to approve Registrar made by Janet Tyler, Second by Lee Johnson All Approved.
8. Treasurer's Report Margo Juergens  
 See attached the reports:
- 20241110 Transaction Detail by Account YTD
  - Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison as of 20241110
  - 20241110 Profit & Loss Previous YTD Comparison
  - 2024-2025 Budget with Actuals as of November 10 2024
  - The Finance Committee is working on the 2025 Budget. Currently, the 2024 Budget is repeated for 2025.
  - Motion to approve the treasurers report made by Janet Tyler, second by Lee Johnson, All approved.
9. Officials Committee Report Bill Hamiter
- Updated Professional and Junior Guidebooks
  - Officials Chair distributed Professional Guidebook by email to Officials registered last season and to new officials that have notified Officials Chair.
  - Shawn emailed the Club Directors with the updated Junior Guidebook.
  - Officials Chair has assigned the USAV Course for new officials to Junior Players that have notified Official Chair of their interest in officiating. Must be 18 years of age to assign themselves to the USAV Course.
  - Officials Committee is submitting a Motion to BOD that has been approved by the Officials Committee to match fee increases for OKRVA managed tournaments based on the USAV Match Pay and to maintain future match pay increases with USAV. The Match Pay table is listed below.

<b>2024-2025 USA Volleyball Indoor Officials Match Pay</b>	
Certification	New Match Pay
R1/R2 - FIVB/Continental International Referee	\$57
R1/R2 - National Referee	\$55
R1/R2 -Jr National Referee	\$53
R1/R2 - RETIRED (Natl/JN) Referee	\$49
R1/R2 -Regional Referee	\$48
R1/R2 -Foreign Guest Official	\$48
R1/R2 - Provisional Referee	\$45
National Scorer	\$53
Non-National Scorer	\$45
Assigned Asst. Scorer	\$43
Assigned Line Judge	\$43

Motion made by Janet Tyler to approve the Officials Committee Report, second by Bill Hamiter, All Approved.

10. Junior/Rankings Committee Reports Jody Webber
- Tournaments are scheduled. Our schedule is full.
  - Rankings Committee is Jody, Nikki, Cindy, Janet, Jeff, and now Lee. Rankings will be our first tournament to rank and seed.
  - Shawn can update us on how clubs/teams get invited
  - Junior Committee is Jody, Janet, Randy, Asa, Cindy and Jeff.
  - No action was taken on the private lessons/clinic rule. Nothing about the rule being on hold was ever sent out by Randy/Shawn. So, there was no committee work done on this (supposed to work on the FAQ's pertaining to this rule)
  - Motion made to approve Junior/Rankings Committee by Randy Decker, second by Kristin Convention. All Approved.
11. Structure and Function Committee Report Darin Thompson  
Tabled and nothing to report and will be reported at next meeting
12. Finance Committee Report Margo Juergens  
Proposal for increased rates for OKRVA officials. See below:
- Provisional officials increase from \$31.00 to \$35.00
  - Regional officials increase from \$33.00 to \$45.00
  - Jr. National officials increase from \$35.00 to \$53.00
  - National officials increase from \$38.00 to \$55.00
- Motion made by Janet Tyler to increase the officials rates as proposed. Second by Bill Hamiter and All Approved.
13. Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report Mike Freeman  
Tabled and nothing to report and will be reported at next meeting.

14. Website/Social Media Report Blakemore/McCarty  
Tables and nothing new to report and will be reported at next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS**

15. Budget Approval Randy Decker  
Paid Positions  
Overall Budget  
Budget reviewed. Motion made by Shawn McCarty for invest in CD of \$100,000, second by Janet Tyler. Budget approved by all
16. Juniors Fall Season Guideline Committee Shawn McCarty  
Motion made by Shawn McCarty to have a 9 member committee for Juniors Fall Season Guidelines, Second by Lee Johnson. All Approved. The members will be as follows: Asa Freeman, Jeff Boyland, Janet Brannon, Randy Decker, Darin Thompson, Peter Valient, Ector Berrera, Cindy M., Jody Webber. Committee is to come back with proposal at February meeting.
17. 2025 Rankings/18s BQ/Regionals Update Shawn McCarty
- Ranking's tournament will be February 22 – 23, 2025 will held in Oklahoma City at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. It will be a two-day event same as last season.
  - 18's Bid Qualifier will be held in Edmond, OK at Score OKC March 1, 2025
  - OKRVA Regionals will be May 3-4, 2025 will be held in Tulsa at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds
18. Set Date for February 2025 Meeting David Blakemore  
Date set for next meeting for February 2, 2025 @5pm. Motion to have this meeting virtual made by Randy Decker, second by Janet Tyler. All approved. This will be held via Teams or Zoom. Link to be sent out.
19. Adjournment David Blakemore  
Motion made to adjourn meeting by Janet Tyler, second by Cindy Maggart. Meeting adjourned at 4:11pm