

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2024-2025) Third Meeting**

February 2, 2025

5:00pm – 6:44pm via Zoom

Minutes

1. Call to Order David Blakemore
Meeting called to order at 5:04pm.
2. Roll call of board members – Guest Intro David Blakemore
Members present: Cindy Maggart, Shawn McCarty, Margo Juergens, Darin Thompson, Janet Tyler, Randy Decker, Jeff Boyland, David Blakemore, Stephanie Kane, Bill Hamiter, Lee Johnson, Ector Berrera

Members absent:, Kristen Conventon, Mike Freeman, Asa Freeman

Staff Present: Jody Webber, Libby McCarty
3. Setting of Agenda David Blakemore
Agenda set at 5:07pm. No additional agenda items
4. Review/Approve Minutes from November 17th Meeting David Blakemore
Motion made to approve minutes by Lee Johnson and second by Janet Tyler

REPORTS

4. Commissioner Report Shawn McCarty
Motion by Jeff Boyland and second by Janet Tyler
Report from Shawn below:
 - Highlights since the November 5, 2023 Meeting
 - Attended the following tournaments
 - 12-16-2023 Cowboys Rankings Tournament
 - 1-6/7-2024 Redlands
 - 1-13/14-2024 DFW Invitational
 - 1-20-2024 Broncho Classic
 - 1-20-2024 Score Roundabout 15s
 - 1-20-2024 Storm Showdown 12s
 - 1-21-2024 Boom Goes the Dynamite 13s/14s
 - 1-21-2024 Broncho Invitational
 - 1-28-2024 Broncho Blast 13s
 - 2-3-2024 Score Roundabout 14s/15s
 - Ordered, received and delivered court markers to tournament directors
 - 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.
 - Attended US Men's Sitting Team Camp with Kazakhstan

SafeSport Report below:

- We have one pending case at this time

5. Beach Report Shawn McCarty
Motion by Randy Decker and seconded by Lee Johnson
6. HP/All Star Report Janet Tyler/McCarty
Motion by Janet and seconded by Margo Juergens
See report below:
 - 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.
7. Registrar Report Libby McCarty
Motion by Margo Juergens seconded by Randy Decker
See report from Libby below:
 - As of 2/2/2024, we have 5,555 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
8. Treasurer's Report Margo Juergens
Motion by Randy Decker seconded by Janet Tyler

Margo presented Financial reports(please refer to attached financial reports margo sent)
 - 20250201 Balance Sheet Previous YTD Comparison
 - 20250201 Transaction Detail by Account YTD
 - 20250201 Profit & Loss Previous YTD Comparison
 - 2024-2025 Accepted Budget with Actuals as of February 1 2025
 - BOK account balances
9. Officials Committee Report Bill Hamiter
Motion by Bill Hamiter second by Janet Tyler
Report from Margo :
 - Recent evaluations indicate that OKRVA has forty-three new officials joining us. Out of these, seven have successfully completed all requirements, while eighteen are still in need of ratings. Further assessments and support will be provided to ensure that they meet all necessary criteria. Out of thirty-three experienced Provisional officials, two have completed all requirements, and twenty-five still need to complete their ratings. Of nineteen Regional level officials, seventeen have completed all requirements except ratings. Three Provisional officials have registered to be evaluated as Regional officials: Joey Fitz, Dale Peters, Erin Roden. Joey will be evaluated at Rankings Tournament, Dale and Erin will be evaluated at OK Regionals. Nathaniel Hutson has been accepted to the

USAV National Officials Development Program. The MISSION of the National Officials Development Program (NODP) is to identify, recruit, and accelerate the development of high-potential referees for the purpose of strengthening our Regions and our National and International referee programs to achieve sustained excellence. NODP is the USAV Training and International evaluation program for officials pursuing National-level and International certifications. The efforts of NODP Referee Coaches are focused on helping our officials be the best they can be and assisting the Officials Development Team in placing officials in USAV-owned Qualifiers and National Championship events where they are exposed to the highest level of play. Officials in attendance at designated USAV-owned Qualifiers and National Championships are eligible to receive referee coaching, as well as work with other top-level referees. This includes evaluations conducted by a head official at USAV-owned Qualifiers and National Championships. Michael Goodall has expressed interest in pursuing National Official certification.

10. Junior/Rankings Committee Reports Jody Webber
Motion by Janet Tyler, seconded by Jeff Boyland
Jody report below :
 - Junior and Rankings combined: The Junior Committee specifically was not assigned anything specific to address at the last meeting. Darren will report on the special committee concerning moving 15-18 tryouts later. Things seem to be going along as expected with tournaments. For Rankings, we are getting more and more data which really helps with the USAV rankings which we use (softly in some cases) for seeding our tournaments. One thing to remember is when a team plays outside of their age group, it does not count for their Power Ranking or USAV Ranking. There has been a question or two about that and it's just the way the systems are currently set up. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me!
11. Structure and Function Committee Report Darin Thompson
TABLED for next meeting
12. Finance Committee Report Margo Juergens
Nothing new to report
13. Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report Mike Freeman
Nothing to Report
14. Website/Social Media Report Blakemore/McCarty
Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

15. Exec. Committee Item (Transfer) David Blakemore
Layla Jenkins (Great Plains to Conquerors) – approved by all members of executive committee;
Vote of adding Bill to executive committee no opposed.
16. Transfer Request – Madison Buck – Chaos to Dynamite Shawn McCarty
Came in on Jan 31, 2025. Release of good standing from Chaos and Dynamite ok
Motion to approve the transfer from Chaos to Dynamite by Shawn and second by Randy Decker.
All but one in favor. Transfer approved.
17. 2025 Rankings/18s BQ/Regionals Update Shawn McCarty
Update from Shawn. Shawn to send out proposals to Junior committees to vet and then come back with recommendations for May.

18. Fall Tryout Committee Report Blakemore/Thompson
Motion made by Randy Decker, second by Cindy Maggart to move 14's and under to begin Sept 23, 2025. All approved

Please see below for motion and proposal info:
2025 - Tryout Dates Proposal for 2025-2026 Season
(Feb. 2, 2025)

The tryout committee met in January of 2025 to discuss changes and possible options for tryouts for the 2025-2026 season. The committee approves and forwards to the OKRVA the following motion(s):

Motion 1: Set the tryout window for 15's-18's to open July 28 where tryouts start no earlier than 5:00pm on weekdays, and contract signing day opens Friday, August 8.

Motion 2: Practices for 15's-18's will not begin any earlier than November 1.

Motion 3: Clubs may host no more than one pre-tryout clinic per age group.

Motion 4: Set the tryout window for 10's-14's as:

- **10's/11's/12's** - Tryouts may begin Tuesday, September 23 with Signing Days beginning no earlier than Saturday, October 4.
- **13's/14's** - Tryouts may begin Tuesday, October 7, with Signing Days beginning no earlier than Saturday, October 19.

Other discussions:

- The 10's-14's tryout dates mirror the same dates as the 2024-2025 season.
- By setting the tryout dates in July/August, it is the desire of the committee that this create a dead period during the high school season so high school athletes can focus on their seasons.
- It may be necessary for teams to do other tryouts once the high school season to fill vacancies created by injuries, players moving, etc.
- Coaches should not be working with groups of players from other clubs during the current club season. This is difficult to manage, and suggestions were made that clubs would need to communicate this to their players and coaches.
- Need to move tryout dates meeting earlier (potentially in May).

19. Set Date for May 2025 Meeting David Blakemore
Meeting Set for May 10, 2025 at 10am in Stillwater
20. Adjournment David Blakemore
Motion to adjourn the meeting by Randy Decker seconded by Bill Hamiter
Meeting ended via Zoom at 6:44pm