

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2024-2025) Final Meeting
Best Western, Stillwater, OK
August 17, 2025 – 1PM**

Minutes

1. Call to Order David Blakemore
Meeting called to order 1:14pm

2. Roll call of board members. David Blakemore
Members present:, Shawn McCarty, Margo Juergens, Darin Thompson, Janet Tyler, David Blakemore, Bill Hamiter, Cindy Maggart, Lee Johnson, Kristen Coventon, Asa Freeman, Randy Decker, Ector Becerra, Jeff Boyland

Members Absent: Mike Freeman, Stephanie Kane

Guests Present: Ryan Webber, Corey Harp, Ross Tyler, Sammy Head, Missy Frette

Staff Present: Jody Webber, Libby McCarty

3. Setting of Agenda David Blakemore

4. Review of Minutes from May 10th 2025 Meeting David Blakemore
Motion made to approve minutes by Janet Tyler and second by Jeff Boyland

REPORTS

5. Commissioner Report Shawn McCarty
 - Highlights since the May 10 meeting
 - Attended USAV/RVA meetings in Denver
 - USAV is looking to create additional zones
 - Adding two new requirements to ROAS report
 - Education Dept. will be rolling out a new Body Confident Sport Program in the near future.
 - USAV Admin Council Compliance Committee requested a one-time allocation to fund
 - stipends for experts for RVAA Best Practices
 - RVAA passed motion to allow additional of staff to an official roster at NQs.
 - RVAA passed motion to increase American Bids to 96. Additional bids to both NQs and Regions.
 - RVAA passed motion to delete the rule penalizing teams for having wrong numbers.
 - RVAA passed motion to increase USAV membership fees by \$5.00 on full memberships.
 - The last increase was in 2011.
 - Facilitated OKC area Club Director Tryout Meeting for 15s-18s

- Will facilitate OKC meeting for 10s-14s. Date is TBD.
- Attended GJNC in Dallas. Oklahoma Peak won the 17 USA National Championship!
- Planning to attend RVA/USAV meetings in October.
- USA Deaf Volleyball has reached out to meet. We will work with them on a time.

Motion by Randy Decker seconded by Janet Tyler to approve Commissioner Report

6. SafeSport Report Shawn McCarty
- We received 2 cases from SafeSport where they declined to take jurisdiction. These will go to Ethics and Eligibility Committee for review.

Motion by Margo Juergens seconded by Janet Tyler to approve SafeSport Report

7. Beach Report David Blakemore
- 2025 Beach Regionals in OKC June 14-15 @ Boombox.
 - 37 team entries (down from 2024)
 - Overall beach #s down from 2024, particularly in # of players in OKC, and # of team entries for tournaments in Tulsa. Best educated guess is beach season being crowded out w/indoor programming (Nationals practices and/or school summer leagues).
 - New sanctioning group in OKC - p1440. As of 2025, USAV is not sanctioning events w/p1440 (p1440 is willing/interested). Still only AVPAmerica as dual-sanction option.
 - Kerri Walsh-Jennings visited OKC on August 1-3 to promote "Way of the Athlete" series, with junior clinics for both beach vb and indoor vb players. Sponsored by p1440 Foundation and OKRVA.

Motion by Randy Decker seconded by Lee Johnson to approve Beach Report

8. All Star Report Janet Tyler
- Our 13U team won the All-Star Championships
 - 2026 All-Star Championships will be in Columbus Ohio. Tulsa put a bid in for 2026 but was not selected.

Motion by Lee Johnson seconded by Jeff Boyland to approve All Star Report

9. Registrar Report Libby McCarty
- As of August 15, 2025 we have 6,040 total members. This is a new record number of members for OKRVA.
 - We have several new clubs in the OKC and Tulsa areas starting up this season. We are assisting these clubs as needed.
 - This is at least 21 straight years with record membership.

Motion by Lee Johnson seconded by Bill Hamiter to approve Registrar Report

- 10.. Treasurer's Report Margo Juergens

- Attached are the following reports:
- OKRVA Transaction Detail
- OKRVA Profit & Loss YTD Comparison
- 2024-2025 Accepted Budget with Actuals as of AUG 16 2025
- 2024-2025 Balance Sheet YTD Comparison
- There are a few items that have not been received:
 - Tulsa Sports Commission Donation
 - Volleyball Sales
 - Jr Team Fees
 - One half of the AES Tournament Management Fees have been paid due to change of CC

Motion by Bill Hamiter seconded by Janet Tyler to approve Treasurer's Report

11. Officials Committee Report

Bill/Margo

- Three officials attended All Star Championships – Mike Walling, Nathaniel Hutson and Dani Newsom. It was a great training event and they were all reviewed by the tournament staff. No major problems that needed attention. The matches did use some of the new rules that will be added for the 2025-2026 season. Also some International rules were used that will not be implemented for Club.
- No real development for Beach Officials. The Beach Volleyball Official training did not happen. Hard to get instructors and facilities together in the short amount of time.
- New rulebooks will be published this season. There are several new rules. Margo reported that new rule books have been ordered
- Michelle Goodall, Chief of Regional Operations & Development, spoke at the meetings at USAV Opens. There is a Referee Recruitment plan in the works – “Ready, Set Ref! Get Your Toolkit Today!”. This program is nationwide and there have been some Oklahoma people that have signed up.
- Margo will be working with the Officials Committee to work on the new courses and recruiting Officials.

Motion by Randy Decker seconded by Ector Berrera to approve Official Committee Report

12. Junior/Rankings Committee Reports

Jody Webber

Jody reported out that tournament schedule is not done yet. Here is where we are (see). Discussion held on how we (OKRVA) feel about a non-club affiliated group having 11 sanctioned tournaments, more than club affiliated groups. Unsure if this would be beneficial.

Motion by Randy Decker seconded by Bill Hamiter to approve Junior Rankings Committee Report

13. Structure and Function Committee Report

Darin Thompson

Nothing new to report

14. Finance Committee Report

Margo Juergens

Nothing new to report

15. Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report

Mike Freeman

Nothing new to report

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

15. Election of 6 BOD Members – Five 3-year terms & one 2-year term (Asa/David/Lee/Margo/Steph 3-year Mike 2-year

David Blakemore

The following members have served their 3-year term and were up for re-election in August 2025 : Asa Freeman, David Blakemore, Lee Johnson, Margo Juergens, Steph Kane. Members present for election of the BOD members were: Shawn McCarty, Margo Juergens, Darin Thompson, Janet Tyler, David Blakemore, Bill Hamiter, Cindy Maggart, Lee Johnson, Kristen Coventon, Asa Freeman, Randy Decker, Ector Becerra, Jeff Boyland. Voting Occurred with 13 members.

In order to have majority vote, each member chosen must have 7 votes or more. The candidates running were as follows: Asa Freeman, David Blakemore, Lee Johnson, Margo Juergens, Steph Kane, Missy Frette, Sammy Head, Corey Harp, Sarah Kling.

First round results with 7 or more votes were as follows: Asa Freeman, Margo Juergens, David Blakemore, Lee Johnson. These were for the 3 year terms. Runoff for remaining position required.

Motion made by Janet Tyler, seconded by Jeff Boyland to take only top 2 vote-getters for another runoff IF no candidate gets 7 or more votes in next vote.

Remaining candidates (runoff) : Steph Kane, Missy Frette, Sammy Head, Corey Harp, Sarah Kling.

Second round results: Missy Frette with 7 or more votes. Now 5th open 3-year term is filled.

The next election of eligible candidates to fill remaining term of Mike Freeman (2-years remaining). In order to have majority vote, each member chosen must have 7 votes or more. The candidates running were as follows: Steph Kane, Sammy Head, Corey Harp, Sarah Kling.

Motion made by Lee Johnson, seconded by Asa Freeman to take only top 2 vote-getters for additional runoffs IF no candidate gets 7 or more votes in next vote.

First round results: No candidate receives 7 votes. Eligible candidates for runoff (w/ties): Steph Kane, Sammy Head, Sarah Kling

Second round results: No candidate with 7 votes. Eligible candidates for 2nd runoff: Steph Kane and Sammy Head

Third round voting Results: Sammy Head receives majority votes for open 2-year term.

16. Adjournment David Blakemore
Motion made by Janet Tyler, seconded by Margo Juergens to adjourn meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 3:21pm