

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2025-2026) First Meeting
Best Western, Stillwater, OK
August 17, 2025 Time 3:00pm**

Minutes

1. Call to Order David Blakemore
Meeting called to order 3:36pm

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 Conventon, Asa Freeman, Randy Decker, Jeff Boyland, Sammy Head, Missy Frette

Members Absent: Ector Berrera, Bill Hamiter

Guests Present: Ryan Webber, Corey Harp, Ross Tyler

Staff Present: Jody Webber, Libby McCarty

3. Setting of Agenda David Blakemore
Shawn requested to add Executive Committee Item to be listed at #5 and addition of 15-18's Tryouts Discussion to be before 10-14's tryout dates. With this new change, please see renumbered items of New Buisness.

Motion made to approve minutes by Janet Tyler and second by Jeff Boyland

4. Election of BOD Officers for 2025-2026 Season David Blakemore
 - Shawn McCarty appointed David Blakemore to be President for 2025-2026 Season by Acclamation
 - Shawn McCarty appointed Randy Decker to be Vice President for 2025-2026 Season by Acclamation
 - Shawn McCarty appointed Margo Juergens to be Treasurer for 2025-2026 Season by Acclamation
 - Shawn McCarty appointed Cindy Maggart to be Secretary for 2025-2026 Season by Acclamation
 - No objections, all BOD Members in favor
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 - New Business (Cmtes - #10) -
 - 2025-26 Standing committees to be assigned by President (David) as soon as possible to account for BoD changes (Missy not automatically put in Steph's place)
 - Special 15s-18s tryout committee has been assigned by Commissioner (Shawn) - members include Jody Webber (chair), Lee Johnson, Janet Brannon, Ector Berrera, Darin Thompson, Corey Harp, Missy Frette

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

5. Executive Committee Item Shawn McCarty
Executive committee met and approved the following for the new 2025-2026 year:
 - Increase in \$5.00 for coaches membership fee
 - Increase by \$0.50 cents for chaperones membership fee
6. 2025-2026 Carry Over Budget & Approval Juergens/Committee
Motion made by Shawn McCarty, seconded by Janet Tyler to carry over the budget and proposal for new year to November to be voted on then.
7. 2026 Rankings/18's Bid Qualifier/Regionals Update Shawn McCarty
Shawn provided verbal updates for the following dates:
 - Rankings tournament will be held Feb 21- 22, 2025 at the Pavilion
 - 18's Bid Qualifier will be held February 28, 2025 at Score
 - Commissioner tasked with proceeding w/Regional Championships in Tulsa (not official/committed/final yet).
8. 15-18's Tryout Discussion Shawn McCarty
Motion proposed by Randy Decker, seconded by Sammie Head for the below guidelines effective immediately. (see below). Shawn, Commissioner to draft up letter of communication to all OKRVA members. Club Directors to be made aware as well this week.

Dead Period For 15's - 18's OKRVA Girls' Teams

At the August 17 OKRVA Board of Directors' Meeting, the board voted to approve a "dead period" for 15's-18's players. Below is the purpose as well as specific rules:

PURPOSE: The OKRVA believes the high school volleyball season has value and supports players in representing their respective schools. The region also believes that club activities occurring during the HS season can create fatigue, injuries, and stress during a time when players are already committed to school activities.

The purpose of the 15's-18's dead period is to reduce the stress and anxiety of players during the fall HS season. In addition, the region does not want the 15's-18's club season to be extended year around by allowing team practices and activities during the fall.

To accomplish these goals, the OKRVA has approved the following rules:

- *Teams may not begin practices as a group before November 1.*
- *Coaches may not practice with, coach, supervise, instruct, assist, or oversee their players—whether paid or unpaid—before November 1. This restriction applies to private lessons, group sessions, open gyms, or any other activity the OKRVA board deems to violate the dead period.*
- *This dead period is in effect from the OKRVA signing date, for the respective age group, until November 1.*
- *Coaches, teams, or players who violate these rules will be subject to sanctions, and/or suspension up to a year, as determined by the OKRVA board of directors.*

9. 10s-14's Tryout Dates Shawn McCarty
Motion made by Missy Frette, seconded by Darin Thompson to approve NEW tryout dates for Tulsa area only. See below for approved dates
- Tryouts can start Sept 27 (10-12 age group) with signing starting Oct 4
 - Tryouts can start Oct 11 (13-14 age group) with signing starting October 12
10. Assignment of Committees & Review Committee David Blakemore
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11. Boys Camp/Clinic Janet Tyler
Janet provide verbal report out that there is new Boys college team and would like to promote this with New Boys Clinic. Randy Decker volunteered facilities in OKC if needed and would like to help.
12. Rankings Tournament Policy Jr Committee/Jody
Jody presented Motion by Junior Committee.
Motion made by Asa Freeman, seconded by Darin Thompson to remove # 3 that states *"Teams turning down their Rankings Tournament invitation are disqualified from having their Nationals entry fee of any bid level paid for by the Region if it is earned at the Regional Tournament the same year."*
- Motion made by Darin Thompson, seconded by Shawn McCarty to amend #2 to state *"All division winners"* not just *"Non-Bid earning division winners"* at the Rankings Tournament get free entry into Regionals.

See below for full motion passed.

Motion Proposal for the Rankings Tournament:

- Award our Freedom Bid to the winner of the Rankings Tournament in each age group that has the bid to offer.***
-Currently, This would only apply to ages 14s-17s (we don't currently get Freedom bid for 11s-13s just yet but would if we get more bids- as of 8/10/25).
-Rationale – Encourage participation in Ratings Tournament plus allow teams who get Freedom Bid a head start in getting rooms for GJNC
-Teams that win Freedom Bid can upgrade the bid to National/American at Regionals.
The Freedom Bid is a Region Bid and would stay in region and can/will trickle down only at OKRVA Regionals.
- All division winners at the Rankings tournament get free entry into Regionals***
-Rationale - Encourage participation in Rankings Tournament even though a bid is not available. They will have \$350 to attend another tournament or two. (Currently 10s-13s as of 8/17/25)

3. ***(Keep) Teams participating in the Rankings Tournament only have to play in this ONE OKRVA sanctioned event instead of two OKRVA sanctioned events to qualify to play in Regionals.***
- This has always been the case, no need to change as it is a valued incentive already

13. Set Date for November 2025 Meeting David Blakemore
November meeting set for Nov 2, 2025 at 1:30pm at Best Western, Stillwater, OK

14. Adjournment David Blakemore
Motion made by Jeff Boyland, seconded by Janet Tyler to adjourn meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm