

Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2025-2026) Second Meeting
November 2, 2025 – 1:30pm – Best Western Stillwater

MINUTES

1. Call to Order David Blakemore
Meeting called to order 1:46pm
2. Roll call of board members – Guest Intro David Blakemore
Members present: Margo Juergens, Darin Thompson, Janet Tyler, David Blakemore, Cindy Maggart, Lee Johnson, Kristen Coventon, Asa Freeman, Randy Decker, Ector Becerra, Jeff Boyland, Sammy Head, Missy Frette and Shawn McCarty via Zoom

Members Absent: None

Guests Present: Ryan Webber, Corey Harp, Ross Tyler, and Danielle Newsom

Staff Present: Jody Webber, Libby McCarty via Zoom
3. Setting of Agenda David Blakemore
Note by President to add an item to the agenda to be after #17 (2025-2025 budget review) and be #18, and the topic was 2026 Tryout Committee motion by the Committee team. All other topics are to be renumbered and as see below.
4. Review/Approve Minutes from August 17 Meetings David Blakemore
Minutes of last meeting of 2024-2025 reviewed. Motion made to approve minutes by Asa Freeman and second by Margo Juergens. All approved
Minutes of first meeting of 2025-2026 reviewed. Motion made to approve minutes by Janet Tyler and second by Kristen Convention. All approved.

BOARD VACANCY

5. Election for Vacancy Blakemore/Maggart
Informed by President that Bill Hamiter resigned his position on the board. This left a vacant seat on the board. Janet Tyler made motion to leave seat empty until next meeting, second by Margo Juergens, however not all in favor so this motion did not pass.

Election held for vacant seat. People running for vacant seat were the following: Corey Harp, Stephanie Kane, and Danielle Newsom. Prior to vote, a motion was made by Janet Tyler and second by Missy Frette that stated *“once votes are counted, if no one has the majority of the votes (need 6 votes), then they will take the top two people and the third would drop off and will need another runoff of the two candidates.”* All approved.

Runoff happened and there was not one person with majority votes and the two of the three candidates tied.

A second round of voting happened with the same three candidates: Corey Harp, Stephanie Kane, and Danielle Newsom. Motion made by Margo Juergens and second by Ector Becerra that stated *“during this second round of voting, should there not be a candidate with majority vote (need 6 votes) and there is a tie between any of the candidates, there will be a runoff of the tied candidates only and then another round of voting.”* All approved.

Runoff happened and no one had the majority votes. Two of the three candidates tied, so this led to a third runoff and a drop off of the third candidate.

Third and final runoff happened between candidates Corey Harp and Danielle Newsom. With seven votes, the candidate chosen was Danielle Newsom.

REPORTS

6. Commissioner Report Shawn McCarty

- Highlights since the August 17, 2025 meeting –
- Attended USAV/RVA meetings in Denver
- USAV is creating a Local Affiliated Organization Agreement for the 40 USAV Regionals.
- This is still a work in progress.
- Discussions are taking place about refunding a portion of the Southern California Region
- insurance premiums since they are no longer a region.
- Total USAV membership for the 2024-25 season was 459,854. This represents a 5.88%
- growth from the previous season.
- USAV is going to implement a new membership management system for the 2026-2027
- season. We are waiting for further direction from USB

Beach Tour

- 35 contracted Beach National Qualifiers for 2024-2025
- 84 Beach Regional Qualifiers
- U.S. Beach Club Championships in partnership with AVP will be held in
- Pompano Beach, Florida
- Indoor Championships for 2026
- GJNC 18s – Reno – May 1-3
- Adult Opens – Orlando – May 22-27
- Girls Junior Club Championships (former Patriot Division) – Columbus, OH – June
- 5-7
- GJNC 11s-13s – Minneapolis – June 19-22
- GJNC 14s-17s – Indianapolis – June 25 – July 3
- BJNC – Phoenix – July 8-11

Indoor Championships for 2027

- GJNC 10s-13s – Chicago
- GJNC 14s -17s – Las Vegas
- Adult Opens – Chicago
- BJNC – St. Louis
- All Star Championships – Phoenix
- World ParaVolley World Cup – Ft. Wayne Indiana
- USA Women took 1st
- USA Men took 6th
- Attended Several OKC area tryouts
- 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.
- Had phone call with USA Deaf Volleyball regarding us assisting them in finding any deaf

- Oklahoma athletes. I told them we were happy to assist. May also meet with representative from the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in the future.
- Made two site visits to Tulsa Expo Center regarding 2026 Regionals.
- Several conversations with OKC Fairgrounds staff regarding 2026 Rankings Tournaments.

Motion by Janet Tyler seconded by Asa Freeman to approve Commissioner Report. Approved by call.

7. Beach Report David Blakemore
 ○ Nothing new to report out this meeting

8. HP/All Star Report Tyler/McCarty

- 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 delegation for 2026. We will host tryouts the Friday night before Regionals
- We will ask for coaching applications in November.

Motion by Jeff Boyland seconded by Margo Juergens to approve HP/All Star Report. Approved by call.

9. Registrar Report Libby McCarty
 ○ As of October 29, 2025 we have 4,619 total members. We are on pace to set a new membership record.
- We are currently working on rosters. We have seen a number of rosters without registered athletes and
 - coaches. Please remind your coaches they need to be registered and complete SafeSport and background screening before beginning practices. Coaches/athletes will not show up on rosters until fully registered
 - We have assisted several new clubs in the OKC and Tulsa areas so far this season.

Motion by Ector Becerra, seconded by Janet Tyler, to approve Registrar Report. Approved by call.

10. Treasurer's Report Margo Juergens

Attached are the following reports:

- OKRVA Transaction Detail
- OKRVA Profit & Loss YTD Comparison
- Previous year Balance Sheet Nov 1 Comparison
- 2025-2026 proposed budget to be discussed and proposed in new business.

Motion by Asa Freeman, seconded by Randy Decker, to approve Treasurer Report. Approved by call.

11. Officials Committee Report Missy Frette/Margo Juergens
 ○ I have attached the email sent to potential new OKRVA Officials. I have also attached the Scholarship information sent to those interested officials. The email also included the OKRVA 2026 Professional Officials Guidebook.
- Two Provisional officials have expressed interest in being evaluated as Regional officials. I directed each to the OKRVA Professional Officials Guidebook for the procedure for applying for Regional Official certification.

- Nathaniel Hutson will continue his membership with the USAV National Officials Development Program. Dani Newsom will continue her membership with the USAV Junior National Officials Development Program.
- Next week I plan to start arranging for Rating Tournaments/Scrimmages with Clubs in Tulsa and OKC area to train these new officials and hopefully train existing officials.
- The USAV #REFVolleyball Campaign provided OKRVA with 21 potential officials. Nine of those candidates have little to no experience. The remaining twelve have limited experience. Approximately 33 people have contacted me, the Region Office or other OKRVA Officials to express their interest in OKRVA Officiating. Those recruits have varying volleyball experience, such High School Officiating, Volleyball coaching, Volleyball player.
- The USAV membership for Officials is the same membership as Tournament Directors. I would estimate that approximately 50 officials have purchased OKRVA/USAV membership.

Motion by Jeff Boyland, seconded by Missy Frette, to approve Officials Report. Approved by call.

12. Junior/Rankings Committee Reports

Jody Webber

Verbal report out by Jody Webber. Surveys for tryouts sent out to get feedback and tournament schedules released. Lots of feedback from clubs, players, coaches and parents about this year's tryouts.

Motion by Randy Decker, seconded by Janet Tyler, to approve Junior Rankings Committee Report. Approved by call.

13. Structure and Function Committee Report

Darin Thompson

Nothing new to report out from this committee this meeting

14. Finance Committee Report

Margo Juergens

Nothing new to report out from this committee this meeting

15. Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report

Lee Johnson

Nothing new to report out from this committee this meeting

16. Website/Social Media Report

Blakemore/McCarty

Nothing new to report out from this committee this meeting. Of note, looking to hire a position for this and include in new year budget

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

17. Review/approval of 2025-2026 Budget

Finance Committee

Motion made by the Finance Committee to review and approve the 2025-2026 budget. Approved by all.

17a. Request to have a "Communication Review Committee" that would include the following members: Randy Decker, Kristin Convention, Danielle Newsom, David Blakemore, and Missy Frette.

18. 2026 Tryout Committee Motion Jody Webber
Motion made by Tryout Committee to keep tryouts in July before the High School competition season starts, much like 25-26 for the 2026-2027 season, with parameters to come by November 15th, 2025. The committee surveyed clubs about this, and of the people who responded, 21 said yes, 13 said no, and some were unclear. All approved this motion. Recommendation to send communication to all OKRVA members, club directors, and coaches as soon as possible.
19. 2026 Rankings/18s BQ/Regionals Update Shawn McCarty
Shawn provided verbal report. Working on continuing to work with vendors and release hotel list.
20. 2026 Tryout Parameters Special Committee
See #18 above. Tryouts set for July 2026 and tryout parameters to go out by November 15, 2025.
21. Set Date for February 2026 meeting David Blakemore
Next OKRVA BOD Meeting set for February 1, 2025 via Zoom at 6:30pm. Link to be sent out for the meeting
22. Adjournment David Blakemore
Motion made by Janet Tyler, seconded by Cindy Maggart to adjourn meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 3:41pm