

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2025-2026) Third Meeting
February 1 2026 – 6:30pm – Teams Call**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order David Blakemore
Meeting call to order 6:36pm

2. Roll call of board members – Guest Intro David Blakemore
Members present: Margo Juergens, Darin Thompson, Janet Tyler, David Blakemore, Lee Johnson, Kristen Coventon, Randy Decker, Ector Becerra, Jeff Boyland, Sammy Head, and Shawn McCarty, Danielle Newsom, Asa Freeman

Members Absent: Cindy Maggart, Missy Frette,

Staff Present: Jody Webber, Libby McCarty

Guests Present: None

3. Setting of Agenda David Blakemore
Add Executive Committee tryout guideline changes by Juniors Committee.
Add number 18 subsection new funding items Oklahoma Region sitting volleyball teams for Adult Opens

4. Review/Approve Minutes from November 1st Meeting David Blakemore
Minutes of November 2, 2025 reviewed with changes noted. Correction 17a change from Communication Review Committee to Commissioner Review Committee, and correct board member name from Misty Frette to Missy Frette.

Motion made to approve minutes by Jeff Boyland and second by Ector Becerra. All approved.

REPORTS

4. Commissioner Report Shawn McCarty

Highlights since the November 1, 2025 meeting -

- Attended the following tournaments
 - Cowboy Holiday Ratings Tournament – 12/13/25
 - Redlands – 1/3/26
 - Tulsa Attack – 1/10/26
 - UCO Broncho Invitational – 1/11/26
 - Winter Chill – 1/17/26
 - Stars Classic – 1/17/26
 - Storm Showdown – 1/17/26
 - Superbowl Mania 1/31/26
 - Score Roundabout 1/31/26
- A major shakeup at USAV with 10+ employees being released including Executive; SafeSport; Education staff. No Region Services staff were affected.
- USAV is pausing the creation of a Local Affiliated Organization Agreement for the 40 Regions.
- USAV will be implementing a new membership system for the 2026-2027 season. We are in a small working group to test the system.

- Signed contracts for Rankings and Regionals. Several phone calls/emails with OKC Fairgrounds, Tulsa Expo, Courts Galore, etc.
- Ordered and received awards for Rankings and 18s BQ
- Engaged a trainer for Rankings and 18s BQ
- Coordinated 2026-27 tryout meetings. Tryouts for next season are now posted on our website.
- Attended Teams call with Kerri Walsh Jennings P1440 Foundation staff about participation in two events they want to bring to Oklahoma.
- Visited with US Sitting Teams Director about OKRVA participation in Sitting Division at US Opens (Orlando) in May. Moreover, discussed bringing USMST to Regionals for exhibition match and possibly intra-squad scrimmage. We have made arrangements to have equipment for the matches.
- 2026/27 USAV Championship Events are as follows:
 - Indoor Championships for 2026
 - GJNC 18s – Reno – May 1-3
 - Adult Opens – Orlando – May 22-27
 - Girls Junior Club Championships (fmr. Patriot Div.) – 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
 - All-Star Championships – Columbus – July 22-26
 - Indoor Championships for 2027
 - GJNC 10s-13s – Chicago
 - GJNC 14s -17s – Las Vegas
 - Adult Opens – Chicago
 - BJNC – St. Louis
 - All Star Championships – Phoenix

Motion by Lee Johnson seconded by Kristen Conventon to approve Commissioner Report. All approved.

SafeSport Report

- No new SafeSport cases since last meeting.

5. Beach Report David Blakemore
OKRVA Beach Regionals June 12-14, 2026 at BoomBox

P1440 is hosting another event at BoomBox. We are very excited that Kerri Walsh Jennings will be here again in Oklahoma City for this event.

Motion by Ector Becerra seconded by Asa Freeman to approve Beach Report. All approved.

6. HP/All Star Report Janet 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 be sending email notice regarding coaching/volunteer application the week of February 1st.

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

7. Registrar Report

Libby McCarty

As of January 31, 2026 we have 5,398 total members (4,337 athletes – 1,061 adults). We are on pace to set a new membership record.

We are in a small working group to evaluate the new USAV membership system. We will be meeting in the near future.

We have assisted several new clubs in the OKC and Tulsa areas so far this season.

Motion by Ector Becerra seconded by Darin Thompson to approve Registrar Report. All approved

8. Treasurer's Report

Margo Juergens

Attached are the following reports:

OKRVA Profit & Loss YTD Comparison JAN 30 2026

OKRVA Transaction Detail Aug 1 2025 thru Jan 30 2026

OKRVA Balance Sheet Comparison JAN 30 2026

Motion by Janet Tyler seconded by Sammy Duncan to approve Treasurer Report. All approved

9. Officials Committee Report

Margo Juergens

Margo presented report stating there are 4 regional officials, 15 provisional and 18 brand new officials who have completed their 2025-2026 certification. Michael Goodall has expressed interest in applying for a national certification as well as Dani Newsom has expressed interest in applying for a national certification. Once they get applications are submitted and accepted by USAV. The nominations will be sent to Margo Juergens and Shawn McCarty, and accepted for nomination.

Sammy was asking about getting provisional ratings for officials and coaches what tournaments are available for that? Margo stated to let her know and she will make sure that an official reviewer is available to review.

Motion by Ector Becerra seconded by Sammy Duncan to approve Officials Committee Report. All approved

10. Junior/Rankings Committee Reports

Jody Webber 38:56

The Junior Committee was charged with "reviewing the Tryout Waiting Language". Below is what was sent to Shawn and David.

David also asked us to Review Boys Tryouts but after discussion and education, a Boys Committee was formed to take on the Boys specific items. I believe this is what's best for Boys Volleyball and OKRVA!

The Rankings committee will get started soon with Rankings approaching!

Statement from the Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association (OKRVA) Regarding Pressuring of Players • The Oklahoma Region intends for players to be able to try out for more than one club. • It is the Region's intent that players not be pressured into a verbal commitment due to a coach/club establishing an unreasonable date/time for a decision. • A decision to join a team/club is an individual decision that should be made by a parent/player alone free from club pressure. Gathering players together after a tryout, stating "this is their team" and asking for commitments should be considered pressuring. • When a player receives an offer to sign, she/he needs to make a decision within a reasonable amount of time. Delaying a decision affects many other players who are also waiting for an offer to commit. • Players/Parents should understand that teams/clubs need to know a player's decision in a timely manner in order to move on to the next player. • No player/parent should be asked to sign a contract before the region-approved signing dates. • If a player feels pressured into a decision before they have gone to other clubs' tryouts, she/he should contact the Region Commissioner, Shawn McCarty, at smccarty@cox.com.

Revised Date: 12/3/25

David also asked that we share this document too (see next motion listed). The Exec Committee voted to approve it and 26-27 tryout meetings have happened and tryouts have already been scheduled for next year

Motion to the Exec Committee for the 15-18s age groups for 2026:

Each Club may have no more than one Pre Tryout Clinic/Open Gym/Warm up (by whatever name) per age group, starting July 7th within the Tryout window between July 15th-26th

(info of note: USAV National Championships ends on July 3rd, Dead period is assumed to end on July 6 or 7th, HS Team camps can happen until July 14th- all of this keeps us off of the HS season as much as possible)

Warm Ups can be held anytime after July 7th but cannot overlap a Tryout in the same age division

(info of note: no overlapping should occur out of common courtesy and in response to complaints from our survey)

Signing Parties can start the 25th of July.

Clubs must give logical and reasonable time for offers to be accepted. Logical and Reasonable will differ from player to player and tryout to tryout.

(info of note: We have grown so much as a Region, waiting until the last tryout hurts the players who are “next in” creating a negative ripple effect)

Motion by seconded by to approve Officials Committee Report. All approved

11. Structure and Function Committee Report Darin Thompson
Nothing new to report out from this committee this meeting
12. Finance Committee Report Margo Juergens
Nothing new to report out from this committee this meeting
13. Ethics & Eligibility Committee Report Lee Johnson
Lee Johnson report a situation reported on a coach and meeting occurred between committee members and reviewed. The recommendation from the committee to OKRVA BOD is to recommend 1 practice suspension for sanction violation of get together prior to quiet period before November 1, 2025.

Motion by Darin Thompson seconded by Ector Becerra to approve Ethics and Eligibility Committee Report. All approved

14. Website/Social Media Report Blakemore/McCarty
Nothing new to report out from this committee this meeting

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

15. Executive Committee Item – 26-27 Tryout Guidelines David Blakemore
Request to review guidelines per David’s request. Information listed was from the juniors committee. This information is what has been listed on the OKRVA website with the exception of the first highlighted lines. After much discussion with the committee and the OKRVA BOD asked for what reasonable time is to be defined. There is not a best way to define this. As the ripple effect is negative for players and clubs. It also depends on what club they are trying out for and when they are trying out. Therefore, there is not a definition for this.

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Revised Date: 12/3/25

Executive Committee approved the above language approval for 26-27 Tryout Guidelines. All approved. Motion passes.

16. Special Committee Motion (Commissioner)

David Blakemore

David states that the Special Committee was in favor of moving forward with the OKRVA Commissioner full time position. Motion made to change the commissioner from contract to full time employee, with the purpose of essential duties and other duties as assigned, stipend, salary, schedules.

The taxes will now have to withdraw for withholding due to the Commission being a full time employee. The salary was previously approved at the November 2025 meeting will be adjusted down to include the taxes now being withheld. The position would be effective 2/1/2026. Governance duties will include investigation of any issues that may arise.

Special Committee motion presented by Special Committee Motion. All approved. Motion passes.

17. New Standing Committee (Boys)

David Blackmore

Motion for a new standing committee created by the President David Blakemore for new standing Boys Committee as Sammy Duncan chair, Janet Tyler, Jody Webber, Ector Becerra committee members.

Motion by Lee Johnson seconded by Ector Becerra to approve new Boys Standing Committee. All approved

18. New Funding Items

Shawn McCarty

Motion for P1440 Subsidy – This is a grassroots clinic at BoomBox being hosted in February 14, 2026. Asking to allocate \$ 5000.00 to subsidize with this clinic. Discussion regarding if there was any financial recovery from this clinic. There is no recoupment to expenses as this is offered to those who are not financially available to attend. This is only a portion of their requested donation. We are not aware of how many participants will be attending. What is involved for those who donate, what are the benefits we receive? Is it website recognition, branding and how is that presented.

Motion by Shawn McCarty second by Ector Becerra for P1440 Subsidy. Motion did not pass.

Legal Counsel for Ethics Issue We have an ongoing ethics investigation that is ongoing. Shawn is making a motion to establish a budget item of \$ 3,000.00 for legal fees.

Motion by Shawn McCarty second by Darin Thompson for budget request for legal counsel for ethics issue. All approved. Motion passes.

Associate Officials Chair - Shawn and Margo have made discussions to hire an associate official's chair for the remainder of the 2025-2026 season. Then transition into new officials chair in the upcoming seasons. The commissioner would assign/select the associate officials chair. At this time there are no set duties assigned but they would assist with all duties shared assignments. Discussion regarding the selection was made that the OKRVA BOD needs to select this chairperson. At this time per the OKRVA bylaws the commissioner is responsible for the assigning/selection of the officials chair. Shawn did say he would encourage the OKRVA BOD to reach out to him to discuss and make recommendations. But at this time the commissioner will make the selection.

At the time of this meeting the associate officials chair is going to be Elliot Blake. He has already been assisting Margo with ratings of officials and is familiar with all of the OKRVA championship events.

Motion made by Shawn McCarty second by Ector Becerra to set up budget line item of \$ 2000.00 for associate officials chair. All approved. Motion passes.

19. Sitting Volleyball Shawn McCarty
Shawn discussed with Bill Hamiter that last year at Adult Opens they did not have regional sitting teams due to an international event in conjunctions with Adult Opens in 2025. They will be having this division now at the 2026 Adult Opens. This will allow for team registration, uniforms, and travel expenses.

Motion made by Shawn McCarty second by Darin Thompson to set up budget line item of \$ 3,000.00 to participate in Sitting Adult Opens. All approved. Motion passes.

20. Set Date for May 2026 meeting David Blakemore
Next OKRVA BOD Meeting set for Sunday, May 31, 2026 2:00pm. Hampton Inn, 915 Ada Street, Stroud, OK.

21. Adjournment David Blakemore
Motion made by Lee Johnson, seconded by Darin Thompson to adjourn meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:41pm