

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association  
Board of Directors (2015-2016) Second Meeting  
Best Western, Stroud, OK  
November, 15, 2015 @ 2:00pm**

**MINUTES DRAFT**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by VP Decker at 2:07 p.m.

2. Roll call of board members.

Members present: Jeff Boyland, Nikki Dieball, Randy Decker, Mike Freeman, Cindy Maggart, Richard Mahoney, Shawn McCarty, Janice Roth, Craig Ruiz.

Members absent:, Jeremy Burton, George Freedman. Bill Hamiter, Margo Juergens, Edgar Miraku, Jenny Pearson

Staff present: Libby McCarty, Jody Webber

Guests present: Brittany Hendrix, Zoe Snegler, Mick Leslie

3. Review of August 2015 minutes

The minutes of the last meeting of 2014-15 on August 23, 2015 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Nikki Dieball, second by Mike Freeman. APPROVED

The minutes of the first meeting of 2015-16 on August 23, 2015 were approved with a correction to 4(g), the date for 2015 Qualifying bid tournament for 18s will be March 19, 2016 at UCO. The tournament can be expanded to two days if there are enough entries. Motion to approve as amended, Richard Mahoney, second by Janice Roth. APPROVED.

**REPORTS**

4. Commissioner's Report (distributed by e-mail prior to the meeting)

Libby and I attended the RVA Meetings in Denver. We both attended an advanced Webpoint training class.

We have been awarded an American Bid in every age division except 12's to go along with our current National Bid for GJNC.

Girls 18's GJNC in all divisions except American will be held the same time as our Regional Championships.

Our Bid Qualifier for the 18's National Bid will be held at UCO on Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please note this is a new date.

We will offer an 18's Division at Regionals. The winner will take the American bid.

I attended two of the USA vs. China Women's Sitting Teams Matches. It was a joy to see the team compete.

Regionals Update:

- Hotel contracts have been executed and rooms have been released.
- Contract Convention Center has been executed.

- Email to club directors has been sent out.
- The playing dates are April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 18's will be Sunday only and will be for American Bid.
- New for this year – we will hand out wristbands for families staying in our room block at the Cox Center. This should eliminate a lot of confusion. It will require some additional human resources but will be much, much more efficient.
- HP Tryouts will be held in conjunction with Regionals on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Cox Center in Tulsa.

Attended several high school and college matches this fall.

Coach who was indicted for lewd, indecent acts with a child under 16 and distribution of a CDS has his second pretrial conference on January 20, 2017.

We made a \$500 donation to the Heather Harkness Foundation.

I participated in the Heather Harkness Tournament. The number of teams in the Power Division was the highest ever. I reached out to the teams about participating in other possible adult tournaments.

The region will have 4 boys teams this year; 3 at Kaizen, and 1 at Peak.

Jeff Boyland inquired if additional courts could be in the TCC if the merchandise vendors were relocated to the halls outside of the play area. Shawn estimated two additional courts might be added.

Consideration of a rankings tournament has been put on hold.

Shawn noted a problem with unregistered players and coaches that are not registered or not safe sport certified. The region needs to develop a procedure to stop participation of players and coaches not fully registered.

5. Registrar Report

The region has 2938 registered members this year. Libby will send a list to club directors to identify those that need to register, get a background check, and SafeSport certification (which is required this season, and is a requirement of all USA sports, not just volleyball).

The new IMPACT certification class includes SafeSport certification. A class will be held tomorrow in the Tulsa area. An instructor is being sought for an OKC class.

The region had one coach fail the background screen this season, prior to any coaching activity.

6. Treasurer's Report

The balance sheet and transaction detail through November 14, 2015 were e-mailed to board members yesterday. The balance sheet shows \$117,171.60 on hand in checking and investment accounts.

7. Junior/SafeSport report

Jody Webber reported there have been no SafeSport incidents since last meeting. Jody emphasized the need for continued education and training in SafeSport for those associated with the sport, including finance people. Jody suggested more training modules of shorter duration would be more effective than long training sessions.

8. Beach Report  
No report
9. HP Update  
Tryouts will be at the TCC before regionals again this year. HP information will include the summer practice schedule and will be distributed before tryouts so athletes know the commitment necessary over the summer.
10. Officiating Reports  
No report

### **NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS**

11. Player Suspension  
Tulsa area player was suspended for the 2015-16 season by the Commissioner after discovery of registration of player with birth date of 8-28-2001 (per birth certificate supplied by parent) registered on USAV documents with birth date of 9-01-2001 . Club ONE provided birth certificate that shows birth date of 9-01-2015, and reported possible problem to the Shawn McCarty. Player appealed Commissioner's decision to Appeals Committee (Edgar, Nikki, Jody), who recommended suspension be upheld.

Player appeals recommendation of Appeals Committee. Mother appears and requests penalty be modified so player does not miss entire season. Mother says she was advised to register player with 9-01 birth date so player could play with school classmates, but does not identify person that provided said advice. Player played up in 2012 with birth date of 8-28, and played with school age classmates in 2013 and 2014 with 9-01 birth date.

Motion by Mahoney to deny the appeal, second by Ruiz. APPROVED 5-2

Player can appeal decision of Board of Directors to USAV within 30 days.

The Commissioner will investigate the question of who advised mother to register player with incorrect birth date.

12. Tryout date posting  
Discussion about tryouts that were not publicly posted and conflicted with tryouts posted by other clubs in the same age division. The Commissioner noted that all tryouts must be sanctioned, and in the future, tryouts will be posted on the Region website when they are sanctioned. Make up, follow up and supplemental tryouts are separate events and need to be sanctioned to be covered by USAV and Region insurance.
13. Proposed handbook changes  
The handbook currently allows open transfers from one club to another before 12-31, with no release required from the original club. Motion by Shawn McCarty, second by Janice Roth: After an athlete has signed with a club to play, the athlete must have a release from that club before a transfer will be granted. APPROVED.

Shawn McCarty moved for the establishment of a developmental membership for camps and practices for Under 11 for \$10. Second by Janice Roth. APPROVED.

Shawn was requested to update the current handbook, and bring age definitions into conformance with USAV age definitions.

14. Officials Pay

Pay for Jr. National and National officials was raised by \$2 per match at the June meeting. Motion by McCarty to grant the same \$2 per match pay increase for Provisional and Regional officials. Second by Janice Roth. APPROVED.

15. Tampering complaint from OK Premier

Three months after player signed with Premier, parent requested release from Premier so daughter could play with Charge. Premier alleges Charge was tampering with player; Parent advises request was for convenience so both daughters played with same club. No action taken on tampering complaint.

16. Set dates for February 2016 meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 21, 2016 at the Best Western in Stroud, OK at 2:00 p.m.

17. Adjournment

VP Decker adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.