

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association
Board of Directors (2015-2016) Third Meeting
Best Western – Stroud, OK
February 21, 2016 @ 2:00pm**

MINUTES DRAFT

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:13 p.m. by President Hamiter. The agenda was reviewed, and President Hamiter added one item to No. 14, regarding sponsorship of a golf hole in the spring.

2. Roll call of board members.

Members present: Jeff Boyland, Nikki Dieball, Randy Decker, Mike Freeman, Bill Hamiter, Margo Juergens, Cindy Maggert, Richard Mahoney, Shawn McCarty, Janice Roth, Craig Ruiz.

Members absent:, Jeremy Burton, George Freedman. Edgar Miraku, Jenny Pearson

Staff present: Libby McCarty and Jody Webber

Guests present: Cale Webber, Kinzee Goodno, Kim Bartlett, Taylor Kendrick

3. Review of November 15, 2015

The minutes were reviewed and approved as written.

REPORTS

3. Commissioner Report

Shawn McCarty submitted the Commissioner's report by e-mail prior to the meeting:

We hosted a boys' tournament on February 6, 2016. We had 21 teams from across the region (Houston, Austin, Dallas, Lubbock, New Orleans) travel to play in the tournament. We had all five of our boys teams in our region participate (Kaizen x 3, Charge and Peak). This was the biggest boys' tournament in region history. We are looking to expand it in future years. A special thanks for Margo Juergens for lining up officials for us on short notice.

High Performance coaches have been appointed. Jeff Boyland, Mike Freeman, Nikki Dieball and Drew McCarty will head our coaching contingent. Tryouts will be the Friday night of Regionals. We will take up to 4 girls teams and 1 boys' teams if we have enough quality athletes' tryout.

Libby and I will attend national meetings in Orlando in May.

We have attended several tournaments this season throughout the state. Things seem to be going smoothly. No major injuries have been reported.

As of today we have 10 teams entered in our 18's bid qualifier tournament being held March 19th. We have fourteen 18's team active this season. We will accommodate all of them if they want to play.

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

We will send follow-up emails and website updates regarding Regionals and HP information.

The USA Men's' Team has a new head coach, Greg Walker. He was a former assistant coach for the team. He is also the Head Coach for Sacred Heart University. Joe Skinner is the new Resident Program Coach. He was previously an assistant for the Men's' Team as well as an Assistant Coach for Fresno State before moving to Oklahoma.

Coach who was indicted for lewd, indecent acts with a child under 16 and distribution of a CDS has third pre-trial conference on April 13th.

Shawn advised that he will ask the region to host a reception for the sitting teams that will be playing in Rio. Jeff Boyland suggested these type of events be scheduled earlier so that publicity can be generated in support of the athletes? Boyland wonders if the Tulsa Attack has been billed as a tournament to benefit the sitting teams? Bill Hamiter suggested the Region obtain a banner that can be signed over several days by the athletes and coaches at the tournament.

4. Registrar Report

Libby McCarty reported the region has 3040 members, which is approximately 150 more than last year (not counting daily/single event memberships). The number may increase some with Crusader VBC starting play after basketball season ends.

5. Treasurer's Report

Margo Juergens distributed a report and check detail. The Region has approximately \$75,000 in checking and \$54,000 in investments.

6. Junior/SafeSport Reports

Jody Webber reported two SafeSport incidents occurred since the last meeting. Parents intervened in both cases and no action was required by the Region. The first incident involved inappropriate relationship not substantiated, but parents requested further contact if future questionable conduct is observed. The second incident involved contact was handled within the club. Parents of several players checked player phones and allegations were not substantiated.

7. Beach Report

No report.

8. HP Update

HP tryouts will be the Friday evening before Regionals at the TCC. Jeff Boyland, Nikki Dieball, Mike Freeman and Drew McCarty have been appointed as coaches. The Region

will fill youth teams (born in 2002) and a select teams (2000 birthdays).

9. Officiating Reports

Margo Juergens reported 272 attended referee clinics this season and 273 attended scoring clinics. Margo has received many calls with difficulties figuring out the on-line training courses and testing features.

Jody Webber reported that she instructs coaches to R1, rather than Junior Players at Charge tournaments. Jody reported a lot of problems with Juniors properly completing score sheets this season.

Jeff Boyland recognized the efforts to keep tournaments running on time, but suggested the Region and tournament directors look at the time between finishing a match and starting/finishing score sheet responsibilities. Likewise, Bill Hamiter noted the time required by coaches speaking to players after a match that delays work teams from reporting to their assignments. President Hamiter recommended anyone with ideas for improvement on this issue contact Margo.

Margo announced Terry Bryan and Jen Boyd were promoted to Regional Officials.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

10. Executive Committee Item

The Executive Board approved a junior player transfer request from Creek VBC to _____. Creek VBC granted a release in good standing. Motion to approve action by the Executive Board by Roth. Second by Hamiter. APPROVED.

11. Player Transfer Requests

Kinzee Goodino spoke on behalf of 5 players requesting an open transfer from Enid Elite to a club that can accommodate the players. The players are from Ponca City and were invited to play at Enid Elite. It has become apparent the goals of Enid Elite do not match the expectations the players had when they tried out. Enid Elite has released all the players in good standing. Motion by Mahoney to approve an open transfer for the five players. Second by Randy Decker. APPROVED

Kim Bartlett spoke on behalf of junior 17s player Taylor Kendrick's request to transfer from Stingray VBC to Dynamite VBC. Stingray has release Kendrick in good standing. Motion by Mahoney to approve transfer of Kendrick from Stingray to Dynamite. Second by Roth. APPROVED.

12. Transfer of Players Discussion

Shawn McCarty asked to establish a committee to identify criteria to evaluate transfer requests, and appeal procedures. President Hamiter directed McCarty to appoint a committee and report at the May meeting.

13. Region Rankings

Jody Webber explained and illustrated the highs and lows of using AES for rankings. Pluses are that out of region results can be considered nationally to rank OK region teams. Lows that in-region only rankings are not reliable. Illustration, Peak 15-1 beat Charge 15-1 at Redlands. That is the only time they have played. AES ranks Peak at 12 in the nation, Charge at 23. But in Oklahoma, Charge is ranked ahead of Peak.

Jody recommends AES disable the OK only region rankings, it is too confusing and not reliable. Jody will consult with members of the ranking committee to consolidate methodology of ranking for regionals.

Motion by Ruiz that rankings criteria be gathered and forwarded to Shawn by March 1, 2016. Second by Decker. APPROVED.

14. Extra Item added at beginning of meeting
Bill Hamiter moved \$200 be donated to sponsor a hole at the UCO golf tournament on April 15, 2016, at Coffee Creek Golf Course. Noon lunch and 1 p.m. shotgun start. Second by McCarty. APPROVED
14. Set Date for May 2016 Meeting
The next meeting will be at UCO Wellness Center in Edmond, at 10 a.m.
15. Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.