

**Oklahoma Region Volleyball Association  
Board of Directors (2014-2015) Last Meeting  
Best Western – Stroud, OK  
August 23, 2015 @ 1:00pm**

**MINUTES** (draft)

1. **Call to Order**

President Hamiter called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

2. **Roll call of board members.**

Members present: Nikki, Dieball, Randy Decker, George Freedman, Mike Freeman, Bill Hamiter, Margo Juergens, Richard Mahoney, Shawn McCarty, Pete Mills, Edgar Miraku, Jenny Pearson, Janice Roth.

Members absent: Lisa Baumann, Jeremy Burton, Mike Christie.

Staff present: Libby McCarty, Jody Webber

Guests present: Cindy Maggart, Craig Ruiz, Patty Mills.

3. **Review of June 20, 2015 Minutes**

Approved by acclimation with no corrections.

**REPORTS**

4. **Commissioner Report**

The Commissioner's report was distributed prior to the meeting and entered into the record as follows:

I attended the last practice of the USA Men's Sitting Team before they left for Toronto. The Men's team took Silver in the Parapan Am Games and have qualified for the 2016 Paralympics in Rio.

USA Women's Sitting Team won the Parapan Am Games in Toronto. They had previously qualified for 2016 Paralympics

I'm meeting with Sales Manager of Tulsa Convention Center on August 24<sup>th</sup> to execute contract for 2016 Regional Championships. These will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

Our bid qualifying tournament for 18's will be held on March 26<sup>th</sup> at the UCO Wellness Center. The 18's GJNC will be held the same weekend as our Regional Championships. Hotel contracts with Holiday Inn Downtown and Doubletree Downtown have been executed. I'm still working on contracts with other hotels.

Contract for courts is pending.

I am proposing we do away with the free wristbands for parents staying in our hotel block at Regionals. The rationale for this is as follows:

- It's a very difficult process managing who gets the wristbands from the hotels. Even after being advised to only give two per room reserved in our block, the hotels routinely give out more than that which leaves us in a tough spot trying to manage this the day of the event.
- The price for teams to enter the event has remained static for the last 5 years (\$275/team). However, our cost to rent the facility, bring in courts/court managers, awards etc. has risen over the last five years.
- I believe that most parents are already used to paying to get into events. \$5.00 per day is very reasonable to get into the event.

Libby and I attended GJNC in New Orleans. It was an enjoyable experience. We visited with several players, parents and coaches. Thanks to the BOD for allocating funds to send me to this event. This is the first time we have had two teams compete in the Open Division in the same year.

Our teams finished as follows:

12's	OP2 12 Smack	23 <sup>rd</sup> National Division
13's	Club ONE 13 Black	39 <sup>th</sup> National Division
13's	OK Charge 13 Rox	38 <sup>th</sup> American Division
13's	OP2 13 Smack	23 <sup>RD</sup> Open Division
14's	OK Charge 14 Rox	51 <sup>st</sup> Patriot Division
14's	OP2 14 Smack	5 <sup>th</sup> National Division
14's	Club ONE 14 Black	19 <sup>th</sup> USA Division
15's	OP2 15 Smack	13 <sup>th</sup> National Division
16's	Club ONE 16 Black	23 <sup>rd</sup> National Division
17's	Club ONE 17 Black	34 <sup>th</sup> National Division
17's	OP2 17 Smack	27 <sup>th</sup> Open Division
18's	Club ONE 18 Black	11 <sup>th</sup> USA Division
18's	OP2 18 National	41 <sup>st</sup> National Division

We also had several teams attend the AAU National Championships in Orlando. Our teams finished as follows:

13's	OK Premier 13's	49 <sup>th</sup> Classic Division
14's	OK Premier 14's	91 <sup>st</sup> Club Division
14's	OP2 14 National	52 <sup>nd</sup> Premier Division
15's	OK Premier 15's	80 <sup>th</sup> Premier Division
16's	OK Charge 16 Rox	39 <sup>th</sup> Club Division
16's	OK Premier 16's	39 <sup>th</sup> Premier Division
16's	OP2 16 Smack	2 <sup>nd</sup> Premier Division
17's	Club ONE Red	99 <sup>th</sup> in Club Division
17's	OK Premier 17's	95 <sup>th</sup> Club Division

We had one Boys team, Kaizen 18's, attend BJNC in Columbus. They finished 47<sup>th</sup> in the Club Division.

We took two teams (Select and Youth) to the HP Championships in Des Moines. I attended the HP Camp and traveled with the team to Des Moines. The Select team took 21<sup>st</sup> and the Youth team took 14<sup>th</sup>.

High School season is underway. I've been to several matches and one tournament. I will continue to be at many matches and tournaments this season.

I attended a middle school and high school clinic in Clinton. I visited with coaches, parents and players about the benefits of USA/OK Region Volleyball.

I volunteered at the Peak Base Camp for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders.

A reminder that the USA Women's Sitting Team will be hosting China at UCO on October 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. We will post information on the website and inform club directors.

Coach who was indicted for lewd, indecent acts with a child under 16 and distribution of a CDS has his preliminary hearing scheduled for September 25, 2015.

Libby and I will attend USAV meeting in Denver in October. USAV is conducting advanced Webpoint training.

The report was accepted and approved by acclamation.

5. **Registrar Report**

No report.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Margo Juergens distributed a balance sheet as of August 23, 2015; a transaction detail since June 19, 2015; and profit and loss statements since June 19, 2015; and a profit and loss comparison to the previous year. The report was received and approved by acclamation.

7. **Junior Report**

No report.

8. **Beach Report**

No report.

9. **HP Update**

While 2 HP teams were authorized, the region ended up taking one teams in the two age groups. The older age group won one match, the younger age group won two.

Mike Freeman suggested the teams needed a few more days of practice before competition. Nikki Dieball noted the late practice schedule was impacted by conflicts with GJNC competition and VB camps attended by players.

10. **Officiating Reports**

Margo Juergens noted the *Safe Sport* materials need to be distributed to officials this year.

There has not been a final decision on the new uniform requirements. Edgar Miraku suggested clubs err on the side of the new proposed rule, rather than risk ordering uniforms that comply with current rules and have to re-order uniforms to comply with the new rule.

Elliot Blake is now a National Referee and National Scorekeeper

## **NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS**

11. **Coaches Ethics Status**

Shawn McCarty visited with USAV and discovered a lack of rules regarding the ethical conduct of coaches. President Hamiter will appoint a committee to consider ethical components of coaching

12. **USAV Clinic Insurance**

Shawn McCarty wants to apply USAV insurance to clinics for schools (i.e. elementary schools) instead of requiring individual memberships. Other alternatives under consideration are league memberships, church or school insurance.

13. **Election of BOD Members (Five 3-year terms)**

Mike Freeman, Janice Roth, Cindy Maggart and Randy Decker were elected on the first ballot.

No one was elected on the second ballot.

MOTION by George Freedman, second by Edgar Miraku: if no candidate gets more than 50% of the vote on the second ballot, then the two candidates with the most votes will proceed to the next ballot. PASSED.

No one was elected on the third ballot. The two candidates with the most votes on the third ballot will run off on the fourth ballot.

Craig Ruiz was elected on the fourth ballot.

**Election to replace Mike Christie (2-years remaining)**

President Hamiter announced Mike Christie will not be available to fill the remaining two years of his term.

MOTION by Richard Mahoney, second by Edgar Mirku: unelected candidates for 5-year terms are nominated to fill Mike Christie's term. PASSED.

No one was elected on the first ballot

MOTION by George Freedman, second by Edgar Miraku: if no candidate gets more than 50% of the vote on the second ballot, then the two candidates with the most votes will proceed to the next ballot. PASSED.

No one was elected on the second ballot.

Jeff Boyland was elected on the third ballot to fill the remaining term of Mike Christie.

14. **Adjournment**

President Hamiter adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.