

OKLAHOMA REGION VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors
2008-2009 Fourth Meeting
Quality Inn - Stillwater, OK
May 3, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Meeting called to order at by Vice President Allison Silveira at 2:08 pm.

Directors present were Shawn McCarty, Randy Decker, Kelli Geiger, Jes Wesley, Janice Roth, Larry Taylor, Dane Hendrix, Jon Batley, Allison Silveira, Bill Hamiter, Margo Juergens, Edgar Miraku, and Richard Mahoney.

Directors not in attendance – Darryl Perkins and Mike Freeman.

Guests in attendance – Brittany Hendrix and Eddie Redden.

Vice President Allison Silveira declared quorum of the Board present for the purpose of doing business.

Review of meeting minutes from meetings on February 1, 2009.

- Under Registration Report on the first page should read – This number does not include “Adult Players only”.
- Second page under Adult Report, first line should read that “2 adult women’s tournaments both held at *Shawnee* schools”.
- Last change, on page 3 under Executive Committee Action Items, last name should be changed to “Arndt” not Arch.

Motion #1 by Allison Silveira, second by Larry Taylor, to accept third meeting minutes of 2008-2009. All were in favor, motion passed.

REPORTS

Administrative Committee Report (Bill Hamiter):

- Bill Hamiter not present at this time in the meeting.
- Nothing to report.

Commissioner Report (Shawn McCarty):

- Since our last meeting, one of our former junior coordinators Jody Webber had her second baby. Shawn sent them flowers on behalf of the Region.
- Shawn is attending national meetings in May. Hot topic will be fee increases. Doug Beal was trying to contact Shawn to get enough people to agree with this fee increase. Not a popular idea at this time. Will certainly affect the okRVA region with them wanting a \$10 increase.
- Shawn passed around the Olympic books that USAV sent with information on the Beijing Olympics.
- Nothing further to report.

Registration Report (Allison Silveira):

- Currently 2007 registered members (broke the 2000 member goal). Total membership counts, does not include tryout kids or camps/clinics. Only full memberships or one day memberships.
- Allison is still finalizing some outstanding background screening and loose ends.
- The date that membership is in effect has changed. It is now October 1st and not November 1st. Allison will be having a Registrar meeting at the beginning of the club season for 09-10.
- Nothing further to report.

Treasurer's Report (Margo Juergens):

- Passed out treasurer's report. The board reviewed the amount of checking and savings account.
- Handed out report of profit and loss with the transactions since last meeting.

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- Does not have all regional information included in the report yet.
- Nothing further to report.

Motion #2 by Allison Silveira, second by Larry Taylor, to accept the Treasurer's Report as previously mentioned. All were in favor, motion passed.

Junior Report (Jes Wesley and Shawn McCarty):

- All good, nothing to report.
- HP UPDATE:
 - HP Tryout are May 16th at UCO. Very excited for the team. Late July is the date for HP Championships in Ft. Lauderdale. Two teams will be put together (Select and Youth). Flier is posted on the website.

Communications Committee Report:

- Nothing to report.

Secretary Report (Kelli Geiger):

- Nothing to report.

Newsletter Editor (Allison Silveira):

- Send Allison any information that you would like her to include in the next newsletter.
- Nothing further to report.

Officiating Reports (Margo Juergens):

- Believes to have all ratings ranked.
- Region has about 175 certified refs (660 attended clinics) 170 certified scorekeepers (635 attended clinics).
- Believes she is going to change some of the classification rules for sending in certifications. Change the amount of ratings for a scorekeeper to 2 ratings which will put it as the same for referees.
- We have 2 officials going for Junior national (Rich Cooper and Junior Calton).
- Archie Scott and Jerry Brands considering going to boys nationals to ref and try to get national certification.
- Nothing further to report.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

Tryout Policy Committee (Randy, Jes, Kelli, and Janice):

- Met back during Volleyfest to assign looking at tryouts for different regions.
- Came to an agreement to set a date when tryouts can begin and also set a date for signing "parties" to take place after all tryouts for that age group have been completed.
- One idea was the First come, first serve basis for tryout dates which was not liked by the committee. Combined tryouts were also an idea brought forth by Shawn McCarty, committee dismissed that idea as well.
- Larry Taylor proposed idea for an appointed member for each of the larger clubs to come together and try to work through tryout dates.
- Dane brought to the table an idea of making tryouts during a 2 week window in which the age groups were assigned certain dates to hold their tryouts and then be given a window to begin signing their players.

Motion #3 by Larry Taylor, second by Bill Hamiter, to have the Tryout committee come up with a date for all junior tryouts to begin and also a signing date by May 16th and then bring those dates to the Executive Committee for approval. All were in favor, motion passed.

Junior Rankings (Shawn McCarty):

- Shawn was very pleased that this year he only had 1 complaint about seeding of Regionals. New rankings idea worked very well. Almost all finals were a 1 and 2 seed.
- Shawn stated he would like to continue the same rankings system next year and proposed idea of paying a few individuals to do the same thing through the next club season.
- Nothing further to report.

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Motion #4 by Allison Silveira, second by Larry Taylor, to have okRVA maintain the same ranking procedure for Regionals in the 2009-2010 season as we did in the 2008-2009 season. All were in favor, motion passed.

National Bid Policy (Committee):

- Issues dealing with a team qualifying at a qualifier and not wanting to accept an "American" bid and then coming into regionals and taking away the regions "national" bid.
- A lot of discussion took place with most everyone concerned about the region's size being too small to start passing up bids.
- Dane Hendrix made his statement on why that decision was made for his Club One 17s team.

Motion #5 by Edgar Miraku, second by Dane Hendrix, that the okRVA board will not subsidize any money for Nationals registration if a team turns down a bid from the National office. All were in favor, motion passed.

Regionals Update (Shawn McCarty):

- Shawn thanked Randy Decker, Will Ethridge, and Mike Freeman for their big helping in running the Regional tournament this year.
- 91 teams total entered. Up from 76 last year. Every age division grew except for the 13s division which was static.
- Next topic was the idea to move Regional's all under one roof for next year. Shawn had the idea of looking to rent the Cox Convention Center like for Redlands. It comes down to a financial decision to which venue would be cheaper and will it be too expensive to rent out courts.
- Board believed that there would be a lot of positives for this decision such as a more exciting atmosphere, families with multiple kids playing, and also the promotion of the region in general.
- Shawn has contacted many people regarded court rental and venue rental but has not heard anything at the moment. He will come back with more information and updates at the next meeting in August.
- Nothing further to report.

Website Update (Allison Silveira):

- Webmaster has started developing a new site including a searchable events database instead of PDF.
- The region is trying to update everything and make it more user friendly.
- New website needs to be online by the end of June (Allison gave our webmaster that deadline).
- Nothing further to report.

Transfers (BOD):

- Discussion of changing the bylaws where it reads that the "BOD" needs to approve the transfer. Needs to be changed to read the "Executive Committee".

Motion #6 by Shawn McCarty, second by Larry Taylor, that okRVA policy be changed to read that any transfer after January 1st must be approved by the Executive Committee. All were in favor, motion passed.

Membership in Good Standing (BOD):

- Larry Taylor brought the issue up that the term "member not in good standing" really means nothing. Nothing is enforced to keep these players from moving on to another club or just not solving the problem. The issue winds up falling back onto the club.
- The way to solve this problem is to inform all club directors of these certain members prior to tryouts.
- Larry asked to have Allison Silveira (Registrar) send out an email prior to tryouts letting all the club directors know who is not in good standing.
- Everyone agreed to keep this issue as confidential as possible.
- Nothing further to report.

Renters Insurance (Shawn McCarty):

- okRVA now has a new storage unit; 10*10 instead of 5*5. We do have renters insurance.
- Nothing further to report.

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Team Support for Nationals (Shawn McCarty):

Motion #7 by Shawn McCarty, second by Larry Taylor, that the region subsidizes 50% of the registration fee for all the teams going to Nationals and subsidizes 100% of the registration fee for all teams qualifying for Nationals through a National Qualifier. All were in favor, motion passed.

Motion #8 by Shawn McCarty, second by Bill Hamiter, that the region pays 100% of the registration fee for Club One 17 Black to attend the 2009 Girls National Championship in Miami, Florida. All were in favor, motion passed.

Election of Commissioner (BOD):

- Shawn McCarty nominated by Larry Taylor.
- Nominations closed.
- Shawn McCarty voted commissioner by the okRVA Board.

Other New Business (BOD):

- Bylaw handbook update will be done by August.
- Shawn McCarty asked for board to pay his way to go to Nationals and support the teams from our region including the boys team.

Motion #9 by Edgar Miraku, second by Dick Mahoney, for okRVA to give Commissioner Shawn McCarty \$2000 to use as needed to attend National Tournaments over the summer. All were in favor, motion passed.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING:

August 16, 2009 @ 1:00 pm in Stroud, OK.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:47 pm by President Bill Hamiter.