

OKLAHOMA REGION VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors

2007-2008 Second Meeting

Stillwater High School - Stillwater, OK

November 4, 2007

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Meeting called to order at 2:15 pm. **Directors present** were Bill Hamiter, Larry Taylor, Margo Juergens, Ryan Webber, Allison Silveira, Shawn McCarty, Janice Roth, Kelli Geiger, Mike Freeman, and James Ward.

Directors not in attendance – Edgar Miraku, Brooke Taron, and Skip Freeman.

Guest in attendance – Jody Webber and Darryl Perkins

President Bill Hamiter declared quorum of the Board present for the purpose of doing business.

Review of Minutes of the 4th Board Meeting of 2006-2007 on August 5, 2007

- Correction on second page under membership committee report. Background screening forms that are accepted are the most current originals of the online form.
- Correction under Junior Report on second page – Should read new structure instead of new business.

Motion #1 by Bill Hamiter, second by James Ward, to accept the minutes previously mentioned. All were in favor, motion passed.

Review of Minutes of the 1st Board Meeting of 2007-2008 on August 5, 2007

- Correction on second page under tryout forms. Should read any registration form agreement to team before November 1st are NON-binding.
- Also, under tryout forms, make okRVA tryout form mandatory to be handed to girls at tryouts.

Motion #2 by Bill Hamiter, second by James Ward, to accept the minutes previously mentioned. All were in favor, motion passed.

President Bill Hamiter asked for elections to be voted at beginning of meeting rather than end.

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS (Nominating Committee):

Election for one 2-year term expiring 2009 (replacing Jen Loeswick)

- Nominees for 2-year term are Dave Juergens, Darryl Perkins, Karen Nolan, and Jen Salmans.

Motion #3 by Bill Hamiter, second by Shawn McCarty, that if a single nominee does not receive majority of 6 votes for election, the nominating committee will drop the lowest vote getter and continue with the process till one candidate receives the majority. All were in favor, motion passed.

- Darryl Perkins received a majority of 6 votes and was elected to 2-year term on the okRVA Board of Directors.

Election for one 3-year term expiring 2010 (at large)

- Nominees for 3-year term are Dave Juergens, Karen Nolan, and Dane Hendrix.
- Dane Hendrix was elected to 3-year term on the okRVA Board of Directors.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT (Bill Hamiter):

- Discussion of what happens when players do not pay registration fees. According to okRVA bylaws, the player is not in good standing with the region. In order to be in good standing, the player must abide by all okRVA rules. James Ward asked if this carried over to other regions. President Bill Hamiter clarified that this rule is stated in the bylaws only to apply for okRVA and not for USA Volleyball as a whole.
- Margo Juergens clarified back to the issue on scholarships being given to girls in grades 9 through 12. She called NCAA and confirmed that it is legal only to those in grade 8 and below. According to NCAA, it is illegal to give scholarships of any kind to those in grades 9 through 12 as they are potential college athletes.

COMMISSIONER REPORT (Shawn McCarty)

- Shawn began by handing out National Qualifier Schedule for the upcoming club season along with the events schedule for okRVA.
- Shawn stated that he has 6 adult tournaments scheduled and there are at least 6 new junior clubs in this region so far.
- Shawn attended 7 junior tryouts in the region this year and next thanked Allison Silveira for her great registration meeting.
- Tournament directors guide has been uploaded to the okRVA website and Shawn has asked the webmaster to put a counter on the website for curiosity purposes.
- Update on OK Wind – Everyone is up to date and in good standing with the region. Almost all girls have been registered and Redlands is being held.
- Bill Hamiter asked Shawn if there has been an update on the bylaw handbook yet.
 - Shawn informed the board that there is no update and that he is working on finding time to get it all done at once and bring it to the board for approval.
- James Ward then asked if there were sanctions for those coaches not getting registered before they begin coaching.
 - Allison replied that it is not usually a problem and that the best way for this to be handled is on a case by case basis.

REGISTRATION REPORT (Allison Silveira)

- Registration meeting with club directors went very well. 43 people there and around 24 clubs in attendance for the region. Only 3 clubs in the region did not have a representative at the meeting.
- Allison stated that the bulk of registration has not begun. The season opened on November 1st.
- There was a little confusion on the New Tryout form being used but found the feedback to say it was useful.
- Allison received good feedback on tryout receipts. Issue of social security number on Junior Tryout Application was brought up. Allison stated that this number is not needed. We really just need to make sure to get the kids insurance and medical information. Allison suggests

taking social security number off tryout application form because we are liable for the number if filled out!

- Allison informed the board that only most current originals will be accepted for background screening. Absolutely no faxes.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Margo Juergens)

- Margo handed out okRVA balance sheet as of November 4, 2007 and the board reviewed the numbers.
- Margo states that bills are paid up to date.

Motion #4 by Bill Hamiter, second by James Ward, to approve Treasurer's Report. All were in favor, motion passed.

- Discussion of Shawn's honorarium. Shawn and Margo have talked to a CPA about the easiest solution. CPA believed it would be easy and less costly to increase pay by 9.2% to cover taxes. We wouldn't have to have payroll quarterly. Shawn really wants to get away from an Honorarium.
- Nothing further to report.

ADULT REPORT (Shawn McCarty)

- Shawn begins by stating our region has a \$2,000 budget to promote adults and that so far we have 6 adult tournaments scheduled.
- Shawn asked the board to spread the word and get this side of volleyball in the region revived.
- 6 tournaments include co-ed and both men/adult tournaments.
- Shawn also reported that adults are down all over this part of the country and that he has sent the tournament information to regions around the area to try and get the tournaments filled.
- Allison posed questions of the fee for adult tournaments. She suggests we lower the adult fees to \$100. Believes that a nice round number will not scare anyone away.
- Discussion also brought up about sponsoring Oklahoma teams – maybe offer half price to those from okRVA region.
 - We could also pay the registration fees to help out of the \$2,000 budget.
- Shawn will discuss these thoughts with tournament directors and find options for financial help.
- No further questions.

JUNIOR REPORT (Bill Hamiter)

- YJOVD Meeting Recap (Kelli Geiger)
 - Kelli stated that a lot of the talk at these meetings dealt with the reorganization of the YJOVD. Overall, they are trying to allow Junior Reps within regions to have more direct say to the Board and USAV.
 - Other topics included whether the Assistant Coach was allowed to stand during matches, the libero jersey color, and whether or not girls should be allowed to wear

shirts during warm ups. Nothing was ever decided upon, however Kelli felt as though these were the more interesting discussions being held at the meetings that affected each of us.

- HP Update (Shawn McCarty)
 - Ryan Webber has come up with a job description of HP Director position. However, no director has been appointed yet, a few are in mind by members of the Board.
 - HP Coaches should attend the HP Coaches Clinic in Colorado Springs, however no date has been set for the clinic. Shawn talked to Tom Pingel at USAV and USAV can only guarantee each region 1 participant in the meeting.
 - No further questions.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

- Nothing to report.

SECRETARY (Kelli Geiger)

- Nothing to report.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR (Allison Silveira)

- Nothing to report.

OFFICIATING REPORTS (Margo Juergens)

- Margo confirmed that Tulsa and Stillwater officials clinics have been set.
- Check okRVA for details on time and location.
- No further questions.

NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Scholarship Program (Shawn McCarty/Margo Juergens)
 - Approved two \$750 scholarships. The Board is trying to come up with ways to determine the recipients. Should be given on a need basis. Possibility of having a coach recommendation and the girl write an essay. This idea is to make sure the kid actually wants to play.
 - The Board decided to form a committee of Janice Roth, Larry Taylor, and Shawn McCarty to review the candidates. The committee will then bring the options to the Board in the next meeting.
- US Sitting Team (Shawn McCarty/Bill Hamiter)
 - China and Netherlands will be here December 4th – 8th. Matches will be played.
 - Emails have been sent out to local club directors and okRVA members to encourage participants.

- Commissioner Compensation (Shawn McCarty/BOD)
 - Receives \$650 a month now. In 2006, Shawn was given a \$3,100 Honorarium.
 - Shawn asked the board if they would consider reimbursing his phone bill. He stated that around 90% of his minutes are devoted to volleyball related matters and his phone bill has been increasing. Issue turned over to Board for discussion.
 - Shawn also asked for the Board to consider sending him to the 2008 Nationals in Atlanta. He felt as though going last year was really beneficial for him to meet people in our region, other regions, and those who work for the National office. Issue also turned over to Board for discussion.
 - Shawn then left the room for the board to discuss Commissioner Compensation.

Motion #5 by Bill Hamiter, second by Ryan Webber, for honorarium of \$3,600 be given to Commissioner Shawn McCarty for completion of the 06-07 season. All in favor, motion passed.

- Discussion by board of a salary package for Shawn McCarty for 07-08 season.

Motion #6 by Margo Juergens, second by Ryan Webber, to increase Commissioner Shawn McCarty's salary to \$900 a month for 07-08 season. All in favor, motion passed.

- Boys Volleyball (Larry Taylor)
 - Charge tryouts for boys set for November 11th. Larry believes that more players will be there than coaches available.
 - Larry would like to host a 24 team boy's tournament at Charge's new facility and would like to have no entry fee at all for the teams to enter.
 - Officials would be needed for this boy's tournament, so Larry stated that the tournament would need funding from the region.
 - President Bill Hamiter asked for Larry to bring a proposal to BOD at the next board meeting in February.
- Other New Business (Bill Hamiter)
 - James Ward brought up his concern on the Code of Conduct when registering to be a member of the okRVA region. He is concerned with the fact that people can basically skip over the code when registering themselves.
 - Bill responded that if we want to accomplish anything for this concern, the region will need to separately address the issue.
 - Allison talked about each club going over their own code of conduct in parents meeting and other club meetings.
 - Nothing decided, issue will have to be addressed by individual clubs if a major issue.

Motion #7 by Allison Silveira, second by Ryan Webber, that okRVA will reimburse up to \$1000 expenses each for HP Director and one other Commissioner approved person to attend HP Coaches clinic in Colorado Springs. All in favor, motion passed.

Motion #8 by Shawn McCarty, second by Allison Silveira, to have region pay for \$150 registration fee for Margo Juergens to attend PAVO/NCAA clinic. All in favor, motion passed.

- CAP Clinic Discussion (Shawn McCarty/Bill Hamiter)

- okRVA is trying to get a CAP clinic in Oklahoma. The biggest issue right now is the fees to attend. Discussion of having out of state coaches come in for clinic and also discussion of a club possibly paying for their own coaches to attend.
- Bill Hamiter believes cost should not be an issue. The region should be more focused on getting 25 people committed.
- Issue tabled for later time.

SET DATE AND TIME FOR NEXT MEETING

February 3, 2008 at 2pm at Stillwater High School

Motion #9 by Bill Hamiter, second by Larry Taylor, to adjourn. All in favor, motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:02 pm.