

**Arizona Region
Executive Board Meeting**
April 16, 2013
Minutes

1. Call to Order (Time: 6:20 p.m.)

2. Roll Call

Commissioner -	Harold Cranswick
Secretary/Treasurer -	Becky Hudson
Officials Division Coordinator -	JR Salima - absent
Adult Division Coordinator -	Ron Pelham – via phone
Junior Division Coordinator -	Charlotte Pottle

Guests – Jason Watson

The relationship with the AZ Region is important.

Biggest challenge is creating an event at the matches that people want to come see. Moving seats closer to the court.

Rate of admission to ASU Matches for AZ Region members.

Region provided tickets to the kids that participate in the fall league.

Group rate at ASU is \$20 for any number – give the roster to ASU Ticket office and they mark the name off the list.

Club Night is great. Stanford copied it in the bay area.

3. Guest Presentations

Long overdue opportunity for Jason –

- Expressed appreciation and wish to partner together in our relationship.
- It is important that he communicate with us directly.
- Wants to be a resource and asset to our program. Jason wants us to feel comfortable calling him for info and for things regarding volleyball.
- There is some recruiting info coming out that will be very informative for our junior clubs and coaches.
- Want to better reach the volleyball community, have the members come to their matches and support their program. Putting a better product on the floor that all can be proud of.

Fall General Assembly – discussion on recruiting – if someone from their staff is not available, they can send someone from the compliance department. Could put together a synopsis of changes and how the new regulations will affect the junior athletes.

Club directors and coaches are in a powerful position regarding the recruiting of athletes. We need to present the information to our club directors and coaches as to how best to use the influence in a positive way. A club that understands the recruiting rules and can communicate them are in a much better position to deal with their athletes. Valuable info for everyone – not just Open athletes. There is a lot of miscommunication and misinformation out there – mostly parent to parent.

What can we do to help get the info out? Forward questions to Jason or staff or compliance office. If a club wants someone to come discuss recruiting they can do that. They are happy to do that.

Ideas to help dispel rumors about recruiting, etc: You make the call – video clips between sets that could help educate the fans/parents in the stands. Trivia questions on the video board.

Concern – university coaches talk to each other. If there is misinformation that is out there please call to get it straight.

Collegiate Corner – in the Region newsletter

Practices are open to the public. People are encouraged to come out on the floor and hear the interaction between coaches and athletes.

4. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Move to approve the agenda. (Pottle/Pelham/MC)

5. Approval of the Minutes

Motion: Move to approve the Minutes of February 19, 2013.

6. Old Business:

- a. SafeSport Policy – tabled till after May meetings

7. New Business

- a. Sand HP Proposal -

Motion: Move to approve the expenditure of \$3,000 according to the Proposal for HP Beach as amended to pay for expenses related to the Arizona Region HP Beach Team for summer 2013. (Pelham/Pottle/MC)

2 coaches –

Stipend - \$2000 – divide it equally between the two coaches. 6 teams – need 2 coaches.

Our process to hire coaches is to post the job opportunity and let those apply that are interested. We need to make sure this is being done across the board. This was not done for Beach HP this year. This will allow coaches to put their name in the hat. HP is an opportunity to our coaches as well as our players. Transparency is key.

One coach will be named to attend meetings, etc. They will have the same responsibility on the court.

- b. AZAHPERD Convention -

Motion: Move to provide support for the Arizona Region to participate in the AZAHPERD Convention.

The Region will continue to support our attendance at the AZ AHPERD convention on an annual basis.

- c. Proposed Age Definition Change by Jennifer Lake

Motion: To support/not support the age definition change requested by Jennifer Lake
From an office standpoint the Board supports this. However we would like to hear from the Junior Forum before we state a Region response. The Junior Forum meets on May 5th.

- x. Next meeting will be held August 20 at 5:30 pm

8. Officers' Reports

Commissioner

- a. Information/News -

- i. National Meetings in Louisville, KY in May

The cost to travel to Louisville is very high. The numbers are down – changed format and put in a location that is not easy to get there.

- ii. Phoenix Convention Center and Venues
Harold wants to share with the restaurants what is coming next summer. Not just the chain restaurants but the other type restaurants.
 - iii. Lease Agreement for the Arizona Region Office
Our lease is up in October 2013. Mitch Brown has offered \$999 per month for what we currently have in office space. This is an 11% increase in office rent. Utilities, phone, long distance, internet service are included in the rent. The office in the Court One building obligates us to use the courts at \$35/hour.
- b. Region Office Information – Becky Hudson
- i. Ex Board election set to start voting on April 27th. Voting will end on May 11th. One office has 2 candidates. All others are unopposed.
 - ii. Working to collect the last of the fees due to the Region before the Region championships. There is currently still over \$40k still due to come in. Some clubs have arranged payment schedules - more than normal amount.
 - iii. Retreat
The retreat is set for July 12 – 14 in Lakeside, AZ at Lake of the Woods Resort. We have the cabins Thurs – Monday as 4 day minimum was required. However the 4 days in Lakeside is cheaper than 2 days in Flagstaff. We will be cooking or bringing in our own food this time. Steve Crook will be nearby and can come by for a time as well.
- c. Region Outreach Director – Eric Hodgson

High School Sand:

The Arizona Region paid for the courts used to conduct the 8 team tournament. Xavier won their second in a row topping Fountain Hills H.S. Valley Vista was third. The sport grew from 5 to 8 teams with the potential next season of adding 6 teams from Tucson. We have been invited to speak with the AIA to two different Athletic Director's meetings in the fall to help push the sport along. With the advent of GCU's program starting up this season, U of A next year and the imminent announcement of ASU starting a program for 2014, the sport and scholarships are growing. Pictures are on the Outreach page of the website.

Vulture Peak Challenge:

We finished the second weekend of the tournament with several teams having to go to Valley Vista HS in Surprise because the Middle School's two courts were made unavailable. The tournament has grown from 20 to 40 to this year's 61 teams. We will hold a meeting in the fall to see if the Middle School will support us going forward or if new courts at the old school can be renovated. If not, we may look to the take the tournament elsewhere. We have been in talks with Prescott and Sierra Vista for similar tournaments. Pictures are on the Outreach page of the website.

2013 Women's Collegiate Sand Championships:

Twenty teams from 5 different schools competed at Victory Lanes, again the Region defraying the cost of the courts in our fourth annual event. With U of A and (imminently ASU) adding programs, this may be the last time we can run this tournament for the Universities and may look to focus it on the Community Colleges and smaller College's in the state. ASU took first and third, U of A second. Pictures are on the Outreach page of the website.

Gallegos Family Fitness Night:

Over 800 people attended this annual event at Gallegos Elementary School in Tucson in which USAV was invited for the first time this year. In a two hour period, over 200 kids served, passed and played with their parents and class mates. We gave away over 250 coloring books and stickers. We found this event through our AzAPHERD convention booth and have already been asked to come back next year. Pictures are on the Outreach page of the website.

Secretary/Treasurer – Becky Hudson

- a. Treasurer's Report: March 2013
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| Income: | | | \$ | 191,349 |
| Expenses: | | | \$ | 117,064 |
| Balance in checking account as of | 3/31/13 | = | \$ | 124,419 |
| Balance in High Yield Savings Account as of | 3/31/13 | = | \$ | 301,729 |
| Balance in Grant Development Fund as of | 3/31/13 | = | \$ | 6,434 |
| Balance 4 Wells Fargo CD's | 3/31/13 | = | \$ | 80,103 |
- b. Marketing/PR Update – Eric Hodgson
- i. Fundraisers – Crisis Nursery is a possibility for 2014 season
April is Stop Abuse Month.

Officials Division Coordinator – JR Salima

- a. Information/News –
- i. While JR is out of the country, Ron Pelham will be handling issues related to the ECO position, Earl Capps will be handling any officials items. JR will return on May 2nd.
- ii. Need to go on a recruiting drive to grow the officials division. We are short this year – not enough to go all day. Possibly form a relationship with AIA officials to grow our ranks. Leadership in AIA has been a hindrance to officials working club tournaments.
- iii. JR, Earl and Ron should schedule a meeting with AIA official leadership to forge a relationship between the organizations and help each other grow the ranks. Need to start some dialogue.

Adult Division Coordinator – Ron Pelham

- a. Information/News –
- i. Complements from the men on Sunday.
Men are on a more even plain. Competition is good.
Women just want to play. The women don't want to carry extra players so by the end of the season they don't have enough to play.

Approved 8/20/13

- iii. Golf Tournament – 18 teams. Former NFL players on board. Steve Hogan – join with a charity to put the tournament on. We would make a donation and open the event up to more people. Need to reach out to junior community to draw in more people.

Eight holes will have sponsor signs. Some of the signs are for our HP and Sizzle programs.

Junior Division Coordinator – Charlotte Pottle

a. Information/News

- i. Spring forum agenda is set.

- ii. Tournament issues – approached by staff at Court One for having trail mix in the gym. Players confronted when writing on the score tables at SMCC. Be reasonable about the use of the facility.

- iii. High Performance – Ron Pelham

A couple of people have said they would sponsor HP. The sponsorship needs to be free from strings of their daughter making the team. Ron will wait until the team has been picked before accepting those types of sponsorships.

Beach HP

- iv. Junior Beach Program -

9. Committee Reports

- a. Ethics and Compliance Committee – JR Salima – no report

10. Adjournment of the Meeting (Time: 8:20 pm)Cranswick/Pottle/MC

11. Review of Decisions/Duties/Responsibilities as a result of today's meeting

- JR, Earl and Ron should schedule a meeting with AIA official leadership to start a dialogue and forge a relationship between the organizations and help each other grow the ranks.
- Contact Jason Watson about a recruiting session at the General Assembly
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