

**Arizona Region of USA Volleyball
Executive Board Minutes
December 6, 2005**

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Present: Harold Cranswick – Commissioner, Becky Hudson – Interim Sec/Treasurer, Peter Meyer – Official’s Division Coordinator, Justin Blake – Adult Division Coordinator, Jonathan Norris – Junior Division Coordinator.

Reading of Minutes of the meeting November 8, 2005. Motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2005 meeting as written – Justin Blake, Jonathan Norris. Minutes approved.

Officers’ Reports

Commissioner

a. Information/News

i. USA Volleyball Nationals in 2006 –

No information has been given from USAV on the location of the 2006 Open Championships.

ii. Facility Update

Justin Blake has met with Steve Michner of Pinnacle Sports. They are looking for a lot of land that will support two buildings – volleyball as a separate building from the soccer and baseball/softball facility. Justin expressed that a volleyball only facility would not be viable.

Bud Noble of Home Courts has contacted Harold. He indicated that they are close to starting construction on their building. It is scheduled to open in late spring of 2006. He wants to meet with Harold.

Harold, Becky and Ernie Vasquez attended at meeting at the Salvation Army Family Center at the request of Bob Wycoff. The meeting was a follow up on the progress of their facility. Attending the meeting was the architect and financial planner for the facilities that are proposed for building with the Kroc money. They are looking for the needs and wants of the community. Bob Wycoff asked us to attend to show support for a large gymnasium.

b. Office Update – Becky Hudson

i. There is a new system for ordering certificates of insurance. It is working real well. It allows us to generate the certificate within 30 seconds of completing the application online and then be able to email it directly to the club director.

Special certificates still have to be ordered and American Specialty has to create them.

- ii. Boy's registration is complete and cards have been mailed out.
- iii. Girl's registration is coming in and due on Friday. We have 117 teams as of today.
- iv. IMPACT clinics are FULL – we need to add more.
- v. We have had a lot of calls regarding new clubs. It looks like we will have 10 new girl's clubs this year.
- vi. The scheduling of the junior girl's score/ref clinics is being done through the office. It is taking a lot of our time right now. One reason for the crush is that the dates for the clinics did not go out until very late. Jim Feickert and Becky have discussed the scheduling of the available dates to be done in August so that we can give them out at the General Assembly. This could take a lot of pressure off the scheduling of the clinics.

Secretary/Treasurer – Becky Hudson

Treasurer's Report

Income:	\$5,295.00
Expenses:	\$16,359.90
Checking Account Balance – November 30	\$17,909.29
MMA Balance – November 30	\$142,038.15

Marketing/PR Update - No Report

Officials Division Coordinator – Peter Meyer

Boy's Regionals approaching. Season has run smoothly.

Jim Feickert touched base with the officials at the Official's Division Meeting and Training Session on Dec. 3rd. This meeting has already been scheduled for next year – Nov. 19th. The meeting was moved up to avoid a boy's tournament and a prime weekend for junior girl's clinics.

There is some concern about the number of officials showing up for this very important meeting. The new people showed up but not many veteran officials did. Discussion on incentives to entice officials to attend – possibly giving them their official's shirt for free if they attend the meeting or making it a part of being in good standing.

AssignByWeb – training is still needed for Peter to be able to see when an official has entered a restricted availability in AssignByWeb.

Adult Division Coordinator – Justin Blake

i. Information/News

3 teams from San Diego and 1 from Albuquerque have contacted Justin about playing in some of our tournaments. We would need to develop a new seeding system if we will have other teams come in to play without being a part of the ladder system. Discussion arose of putting on a Zonal type tournament and inviting teams from Regions in the Border Zone.

ii. Concerns/Problems/Issues

We need to put the word out to our Women’s reps to find a replacement for Jodie Larson – put it on the website.

Junior Division Coordinator – Jonathan Norris

i. Jonathan received an email from another club requesting reimbursement for expenses incurred in printing of materials used for their score/ref clinic when they had their own clinicians be trained. The rationale for the request was that the Region is collecting money from them for the training but no longer supplying the clinician or the materials beyond the initial training of their club clinician. The Region is still charging for the training but the club now bears the costs of: 1. paying their club clinician for their time at their clinic; 2. printing up the tests and score sheets that had been supplied by the Region; 3. paying for the official observer. After much discussion it was decided that the Club would bear the cost of the printing and paying their coaches as clinicians but the Region would pay for the official observer. The choice was the club’s to do their own clinics and therefore they took on the costs of the materials and the time of the club clinician. The club would be responsible to schedule the official observer themselves.

ii. High Performance – Eric is scheduled to attend the training session in Colorado Springs in January. He will evaluate the possibility of the Region offering a team after that session.

iii. Jr. Beach – No report

Old Business

a. Best Practices Revisions

A revised copy of the Best Practices Manual was distributed. Any changes and/or revisions to the Best Practices Manual should be sent to the Commissioner for completion of this manual in the spring.

b. Review/Revision of IRC

Harold Cranswick and Jane LaBrot are working on a new Due Process Policy. Harold is going to get with Jane to make sure he has all the information she collected from other Regions on their policies. He will create a new policy and give it to the Junior Board to discuss at their next meeting for input. It will then be brought before the Executive Board for finalizing and adoption.

Our Due Process has been criticized as being slow to respond to the issues brought forward. Harold Cranswick and Jane LaBrot have been working on this and will bring a revised Due Process Policy to the next Junior Board meeting for input and to the next Executive Board meeting for evaluation and adoption. An intermediate step that gets to the issue sooner is being worked into the process.

c. Returning to the court after an injury

When is an injured member allowed to return to the court? If a member sustained an injury during a USAV event, when is that person allowed to return to the court? Must a physician issue a release? Is this a question for the attorney?

Becky contacted Mike Price about any existing policy. He replied that he thought there was a policy at the National level. Margie Mara was copied but did not reply.

d. Plaques - tabled

Motion: Move to spend no more than \$_____ to purchase two plaques (one for the Executive Board and one for the Junior Board) to record the names of all past members of the Arizona Region Boards

New Business

a. Junior Board issue

At election time, should a minimum number or percentage of possible votes be established in order for the election to be considered valid? If so, what should we use for a number or percentage?

Board members should consider this question and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting. It will require an addition to the By-Laws.

b. Adult Teams from out of Region

Discussion of possible zonal tournament – maybe national tune-up tournament.

Next Meeting: Sunday, January 22, 2006, 2 pm – possible JB meeting at 12 noon same day.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm

Minutes recorded by Becky Hudson

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

- Harold and Justin to contact Steve Michner and/or Jay Williams about the status of the Valley Sports Center.
- The Officials' Division Committee to discuss incentives to attract more of the veteran officials to the Annual Meeting and Training Session.
- Peter Meyer to contact AssignByWeb for further training on the system
- New Women's Player Rep to be sought to fill position vacated by Jodie Larson
- Justin to investigate the possibility of a zonal tournament for adult teams
- Jonathan to report decision on reimbursement to clubs for ref/score clinic expenses to requesting club
- Region to pay official observers for observing the ref/score clinics run by clubs
- All board members to review the Best Practices Manual and report any suggestions/changes to Harold.
- Revised Due Process Policy to be presented to the Junior Board for review and then brought forward to the next Executive Board meeting
- Eric Hodgson to report on status of our HP program after returning from the HP Coaches Training
- Becky to follow up with Margie Mara on policy of returning to the court following an injury
- Board members to consider the idea of a percentage of votes or required number of votes received to consider an election valid