

**Arizona Region
Executive Board Meeting**
December 07, 2010
Minutes

1. Call to Order (Time: 6:15 p.m.)

2. Roll Call

Commissioner -	Harold Cranswick
Secretary/Treasurer -	Becky Hudson
Officials Division Coordinator -	Peter Meyer
Adult Division Coordinator -	Ron Pelham
Junior Division Coordinator -	vacant
Junior Board Members -	Charlotte Pottle

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion 1: Move to approve the agenda. (Meyer/Pelham/MC)

4. Approval of the Minutes

Motion 2: Move to approve the minutes of Sept 23, 2010 (Pelham/Meyer/MC)

Motion 3: Move to approve the minutes of Oct 28, 2010 (Hudson/Meyer/MC)

5. Old Business:

a. Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws – Harold Cranswick

Motion 4: Move to revise the Constitution by replacing the current Junior Division Board of Directors with a Junior Forum and a Junior Executive Committee. (Pottle/Meyer/MC)

Eric Hodgson sent out a survey to the club directors. A majority approved of the structure with a 3 person panel and a general forum that meets twice a year.

b. Team Camp Policy – Tabled for Paul Vitola

Recommend writing a team camp policy spelling out what is acceptable and what is not acceptable.

c. Court Costs

There are now more designated volleyball facilities available to us along with the schools that have traditionally hosted. All come with different costs structures. Should we establish a criteria or priority ranking for Region court use or should we leave it up to the Tournament Director?

No need to create the guidelines at this time.

6. New Business

a. Arizona Region Boy's 14s

Motion 5: Move to allow the boys 14's to hold their own Region Championships with awards and an identified champion for 2011 and beyond. This would create continuity and build for the future. (Hudson/Cranswick/MC)

- b. Motion: A massage therapist that has worked with the ATP tennis tour and a few AVP tournaments has contacted us about offering his services at our tournament locations. We will allow him to contact individual sites for permission to work on site. Contact Mitch Brown or Jaimie Hosfeld for access to Court One. He will be encouraged to have his own insurance. A certificate of insurance should be kept on file with the AZ Region.
- c. Motion: Move to approve the Policies section of the Handbook as amended via email from the board members no later than Friday, Dec 10th.

7. Officers' Reports

Commissioner

a. Information/News -

- i. RVA Zonal conference call on use of \$10 increase in fees
Harold Cranswick was involved in a conference call with the zonal chairs of the RVAA. This was to provide specific examples of how the regions would like to see \$5 of the USAV fee increase spent. A number of ideas were presented. Grassroots, official's development, VolleyVan, increased use of internet for education purposes. A large list was sent to the USAV Board.
- ii. Challenge of Volleyball Festival Registration
The Volleyball Festival flyer indicates it is for all comers – AAU, JVA, High school. It does not change the requirement for players to be registered with a region. There are a few regions that won't register them for less than a full member.

b. Region Office Information – Becky Hudson

- i. Office Update
Registration is overwhelming. We are moving our way slowly through the memberships. There is no way to know if a player has signed a contract with a club and then select a different club as their choice. We are looking at a Tryout membership that would expire; the club would then collect and pay the upgrade fee when they registered the team.

c. Region Outreach Director – Eric Hodgson

- i. Beach: The Region looked into hosting a USAV satellite event in conjunction with what they are doing with FIVB. Dave Williams, Director of USAV Beach said this year there was nothing that could be done but he would give Phoenix a long look for next year. Victory Lanes has agreed to host any event. The Region still might look into doing a Pro event on our own in the summer.

The Region will run the Arizona College sand tournament on April 16th. A Winter/Spring Beach series has been planned that will feature an Athlete/Parent/Family tournament on Dec. 18th, a Coed tournament on Feb. 13th, a free boy's tournament on January 23rd, and a series of tournaments that will pit Club v. Club at all age groups for a season ending Beach Club Championship. Summer Jr. Beach is on the schedule and will go forward as planned for it's 9th year.

- ii. Outreach: In the past month, the Region has done a Coaches clinic for the City of Higley, a Coaches clinic for the City of Peoria, a Coaches clinic in Flagstaff for Northern Az. Jrs.

Currently in the works is a YMCA coaches clinic this coming Sunday for all the valley YMCA coaches, an appearance at a local career fair in the west valley, two collegiate player drop in tournaments (February 18, March 11) at Court One, an "out of system" tournament for the Region that will be geared toward those teams that can't afford to travel called the Vulture Peak Challenge in Wickenburg April 2-3 that will also offer a grass tournament in conjunction with the all age event.

The Region is also working toward getting some interest and hopefully participation in starting Men's community college club volleyball.

The Region is also working/crafting the message for the PGS program called Parent's as Partners Initiative throughout clubs in the Region. To date, the program has been done at Zia Volleyball in the west valley (2 teams) and in Flagstaff (6 teams) to very good reviews. Changes in the powerpoint presentation and the exercises continue to find the best mix for Parents/Athletes/Coaches to best create a great atmosphere in our sport. East Valley is scheduled this week and two other clubs have shown interest in having presentations.

ii. Updates and Results

There were two applicants for the Outreach Director. One was just out of college and more interested in pr/marketing. She was looking for a full time paid position and was not interested in working as an intern or part time employee to work into the position.

Secretary/Treasurer

a. Treasurer's Report:	Nov 2010
Income:	\$ 84,461.22
Expenses:	\$ 47,646.45
Balance in checking account	= \$ 79,396.71
Balance in Money Market Account	= \$ 5,001.26
Balance in High Yield Savings Account	= \$ 214,771.97
Balance in Grant Development Fund	= \$ 1,125.78

b. Marketing/PR Update – Eric Hodgson

- i. PR/Marketing/Website: Work progressing on sponsorships and ads for the Vulture Peak Challenge in April. T-shirts, a program and sponsorships are being sold for this event.

We are looking into putting an app or specific webpage that would be available to smart phone users that would include upcoming tournaments schedules and sites, upcoming region events and contact information for the region. Steve Cecil is putting together a cost proposal for this.

Officials Division Coordinator

- a. Information/News –
 - i. Boys Region Championships is all that remains for the boy's season.
- b. Concerns/Problems/Issues
 - i. Some very good discussion with Jim Feickert and Alyson Parry regarding their accessibility for their positions. Clinics are lacking for this year. Committee will discuss other options for 2012 training of the clubs.
 - ii. There is an issue pending with a boys 18's player regarding behavior at tournament #4. A suspension is possible. JR will be contacted regarding a violation of code of conduct.

Adult Division Coordinator

- a. Information/News –

Junior College league is being introduced by Grassroots but will expand to Adult program. The program should come from the Adult programming and budget. This will take place during the spring dates the JC teams can play in. This league will be without coaches so that it does not count towards their number of tournaments. This type of program should be discussed for men and women. The attempt would be to start a club program at the community colleges for the men in the hopes of developing it into a collegiate sport at the junior college level. This is for the 18-24 age group – not just for community colleges – except for starting a club program at each college.

Ron Pelham and Eric Hodgson will discuss this program to go forward. This league play should also integrate beach for the junior college age kids.

Junior Division

- a. High Performance: Tryouts being finalized for girl's, boy's tryouts are March 12th at Grand Canyon University.

Eric Hodgson will resign effective 12-31-2010 as High Performance Director. By a hiring committee made up of Jason Watson of ASU, Craig Choate of NAU, Jeremy Price of GCU, Hodgson, Becky Hudson and Harold Cranswick, the following Coaches were selected for the upcoming Tucson based High Performance Championships July 26-30th:

 - Ryan Woodworth for Boy's
 - Amanda Burbridge for Girl's Youth
 - Patrick Mooney for Girl's Select

A.J. Malis was selected the new High Performance Director and has given the Region a gentlemen's agreement he will stay on the job for the next 3 years covering the second year of this 2-year cycle and the next 2 year cycle.

- b. Coaching Education: Working with Outreach, several coaching clinics have been completed for city programs and a club in Flagstaff and a YMCA camp is this Sunday. A Region Coaches clinic featuring NAU, U of A and ASU head Coaches as well as Tom Black from Loyola Marymount on Jan. 14th from 4-10 p.m. This will be an annual event and will grow from here. Wrapping up 16 IMPACT clinics since mid Oct. through January and expecting 100% compliance from all clubs and coaches again this year, the third in a row.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Ethics and Compliance Committee – JR Salima

No report

9. Announcements

Next meeting will be held on Wed, Jan 26 at 12 noon at the Region office.

10. Adjournment of the Meeting (Time: 8:05 pm) Motion to adjourn (Meyer/Pelham/MC)

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

- The Junior Division Structure to be laid out
- Boys 14's division to crown a region champion
- WebPoint registration process for Arizona to be thoroughly reviewed for a simpler process.
- Junior College league to be developed through the Adult division with the help of the Outreach Director.