

**Arizona Region
Executive Board Meeting
March 31, 2009
Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:52 pm

2. **Roll Call**

Commissioner -	Harold Cranswick
Secretary/Treasurer -	Becky Hudson
Officials Division Coordinator -	Peter Meyer
Adult Division Coordinator -	Ron Pelham
Junior Division Coordinator -	Michelle Malis

3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

Motion 1: Move to approve the agenda as amended (Pelham/Malis/MC)

4. **Reading of Minutes from the last meeting**

Motion 2: Move to approve the March 3, 2009 minutes as amended (Meyer/Pelham/MC)

5. **Officers' Reports**

Commissioner – Harold Cranswick

a. Information/News -

- i. National meetings - ROD & YJOVD meetings in Minneapolis, MN in May
- ii. Facility Update – No real talk happening.
- iii. Meritorious Service Award suggestions – 2 Suggestions have been made

b. **Region Office Information – Becky Hudson**

- i. Office Update – Registration is done. Those still in process are not being allowed to participate. This is causing those still in process to contact the office to remedy what is outstanding.
- ii. Club with outstanding debt to the Region. We pulled their teams out of the tournament. This got the attention of the co-director and the parents. Both Directors came into the office and signed a payment plan. The teams have been reinstated unless they default on any of the payments.

Secretary/Treasurer – Becky Hudson

a. **Treasurer's Report:** - No new report since meeting March 3rd, 2009

b. **Marketing/PR Update – Eric Hodgson/Christy Naughton**

- i. Website – Christy Naughton has made 3 attempts to reach Steve Cecil regarding the donation link on the website.

- ii. Sponsorships – Christy Naughton met with Athletes’ Performance. They are interested in a reciprocal agreement.

Officials Division Coordinator – Peter Meyer

a. Information/News –

- i. No particular notes – We seem to be experiencing a dramatic reduction in the number of match comment forms/issues being forwarded to the office. Peter Meyer & Jim Feickert have been out keeping an eye on the officials and the National officials as leads are mentoring the new people. It is refreshing that there are not as many complaints about the officiating.

Site directors are more knowledgeable and handling issues better with the help of the lead officials.

- ii. Candidates - Paul Coltrin & Larry Neidich are going to Girls JOVC for their Jr National ratings. Chip Pop was accepted as a candidate for the National Scorekeeper. Matt Larsen applied as Scorekeeper and was not accepted due to the numbers of candidates.

Adult Division Coordinator – Ron Pelham

a. Information/News –

- i. Alcohol was suspected on site at the women’s BB tournament. The complaint came at the end of the day after the complaining team lost to the team suspected of having the alcohol. There was no proof that alcohol was ever present. Ron Pelham talked to the team rep, the site director and the lead official. He told the team rep that alcohol is not accepted at any tournament location and they will be out of the tournaments if there ever is alcohol present. No action will be taken on this since there is no proof it was there.
- ii. At the region championships Ron Pelham will hand out a flyer to the teams qualifying for the National’s entry reimbursement explaining the process to be reimbursed.

Junior Division Coordinator – Michelle Malis

a. Information/News

- i. The goal of the Jr Board is to release the changes for the new season before the end of this season. The start dates were established but are still dependent on the AIA schedule. The girls 14’s & Under will start a little earlier and get their registration done before the high school age players. The Jr Board is working on commitment dates/tryout period.
- ii. The Jr Board will meet next on April 9th.
- iii. Constitution & By Law changes –
 - 1. The Jr Board is in favor of adding a boy’s rep – mostly to give the Jr Board an odd number on the board and so the boys are represented. They would like to appoint someone temporarily and then elect the representative at the General

Assembly so that it is not a person we appoint for their representation. Harold Cranswick has asked the Jr Board to recommend a person so that he can appoint someone they would like. The Jr Board would like to get them on board right away so they are involved in the planning. We need to send the boys directors the information about the new position that someone will be appointed until the election at the General Assembly. The person needs to think more globally instead of what is good for their club.

2. The Jr Board would like to change the time of the elections from the spring to the General Assembly. There are some things to work through logistically. The hope is to get a better response.
3. The Jr Board would like to change the election process so that there are two positions each year with the boys' rep making three in one of the years. This would even out the terms and avoid an almost complete new board in one election with 4 new reps as we have right now.

iv. Matt Cohen and Michael Lindsay will be attending the Jr Assembly meetings in Minneapolis.

6. Committee Reports

a. Ethics and Compliance Committee – Dan Kaminskas

- i. Dan is working on one issue but is not ready to come forward just yet

b. Budget Committee – No report

7. Old Business:

a. Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws – Harold Cranswick Create of an outside position on the Executive Board.

Motion: Move to add a position on the Executive Board that is filled by someone who would be considered an independent board member. The position would receive the same compensation as a member of the Junior Board. Nominations would be made to the Commissioner and voted on by the Executive Board members.

No one feels this is necessary. It will be removed from the agenda and old business

b. Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws – Harold Cranswick Create of an additional position on the Junior Board.

Motion 3: Move to add a seventh position on the Junior Board that is specifically designed to represent the boys. The position would receive the same compensation as a member of the Junior Board. The position would be elected in the same manner as the rest of the Junior Board members except that the position would be the equivalent of an at-large position representing boys in the entire Region. Directors of boys only clubs will be electing the Boys Rep. Directors of girls only clubs will be electing the Girls Rep for the zone. Clubs with both boys and girls programs will be allowed to vote for the both Boys rep and the Girls zonal rep.
(Hudson/Malis/MC)

Rationale: Currently there is no one who represents the boys on the Junior

Board. Each of the 6 Junior Board members in the past has been a Club Director for a girls club and has represented girls' interests very well. Having a single Board member to represent the boys would give the boys program the attention it deserves.

c. **Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws – Harold Cranswick
Creation of a Nominating Committee for the Region**

Motion: Move to create a Nominating Committee for the Region. The Nominating Committee would be responsible for contacting and vetting nominees for any position that must be voted on in the Region including, but not limited to, Executive and Junior Board positions.

Rationale: The current process relies on self-nomination is clearly not working in so far as the Region rarely has a full slate of candidates for Board positions. Worse yet, this year, more members of the Junior Board have been appointed than have been elected. Our Region is getting big and there are good people out there that are not being tapped. We should approach people to run on the board – asking them if they considered running for the board and explaining what is involved.

Elections will be taking place at the General Assembly. Leave it open to nominate at the General Assembly.

It is recommended to put the first two positions to be elected the two zones that are currently represented by non club directors.

No motion to create the nominating committee was brought forward.

d. **Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws – Harold Cranswick
Change to election process for Junior Board**

Motion 4: Move to change the current process of electing members to the Junior Board to the Fall General Assembly. (Hudson/Pelham/MC)

Rationale: The current process relies on participation by adults during the Regional Tournaments for both adults and juniors. At present, only a very small number of members in the Region participate in the Junior Board elections. Changing the voting date to the Fall General Assembly might improve the participation of the Club Directors.

e. **Photos on the Arizona Region web site**

There are serious concerns regarding the photos that the Region displays on its site, particularly those of juniors. Should we continue to put the photos up? What about names – there are concerns that pedophiles use this information to contact juniors? How do we safeguard against this?

Kristi Smith talked to Juvenile Sex Offender Unit of the Justice Dept. Girls in bikinis could be considered pornography. If they are in bikinis we need to get a release. Our membership form gives us the release to print photos. It would be best to ask them to cover up with a t-shirt. We should not identify the exact person under the picture - use a group list or use only first names.

f. **Facility Agreement**

We are waiting for a response from the Barrington Group.

g. **Arizona Region forms and documents for 2008-2009**

Arizona Region Code of Conduct amended for Players, Parents, and Coaches. These forms were amended and published last fall.

Officials' Code of Conduct – Peter Meyer to review the Officials' Code of Conduct and bring a copy to approve to the next meeting.

- h. Sponsorships – new position based out of Phoenix that is incentive based.

8. New Business

- a. **Sanction Agreement with Volleyball Festival** – Harold Cranswick and Becky Hudson will work out the agreement and get it to Festival.

- 9. Next meeting** will be held on Monday, May 4 at 5:30 pm if there is sufficient reason to meet

10. Adjournment of the Meeting – Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Motion 5: Motion to adjourn meeting (Pelham/Malis/MC)

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

- The Constitution & By-Laws to be amended to reflect a 7th position on the Junior Board to specifically represent boys.
- The Constitution & By-Laws to be amended to reflect a new process of election and time frame of elections for Junior Board members
- The Constitution & By-Laws to be amended to reflect a new sequence of elections each year for the Jr Board positions. The recommendation for this fall is to start with the two positions that are currently filled by non club directors and the boy's representative.
- Junior Board to recommend an interim boys' rep to represent the boys until the General Assembly when the election for the position will take place.
- The pictures of underage beach players in bikinis or bare-chested to be removed from the website. Going forward pictures are to be of players wearing t-shirts.
- Peter Meyer to review the Officials Code of Conduct
- Harold Cranswick & Becky Hudson to work out the sanction agreement with Volleyball Festival