

**Arizona Region of USA Volleyball
Executive Board Minutes
May 9, 2006**

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Present: Harold Cranswick – Commissioner, Becky Hudson – Interim Sec/Treasurer, Peter Meyer – Officials’ Division Coordinator (via phone), Justin Blake – Adult Division Coordinator, Jonathan Norris – Junior Division Coordinator.

Reading of Minutes of the meeting March 5, 2006. Motion to approve the minutes as written – Jonathan Norris, Justin Blake. Minutes approved.

Officers’ Reports

Commissioner

a. Information/News

- i. USA Volleyball Nationals in 2006 –**
New Orleans will be the site of the 2006 National Championships. Peter Meyer will be attending the Official’s Division Meetings, Harold Cranswick and Becky Hudson will be attending the YJOVD and ROD Meetings.
- ii. AZ Region Retreat**
The Retreat is scheduled for July 14-16 in Flagstaff at the Little America Hotel.
- iii. YJOVD Meetings**
Junior Board members have been challenged with sending someone to the YJOVD meetings in Colorado Springs in August.

b. Office Update – Becky Hudson

- i. Lisa Naughton has been hired as an administrative assistant in the office. We are very happy to have her.
- ii. We will have reduced hours over the summer. Staffing the office only 4 hours a day during the time we need to have someone available for teams attending Nationals – check in, document retrieval, etc.

Secretary/Treasurer – Becky Hudson

Treasurer’s Report – April 2006

Income:	\$56,296.91
Expenses:	\$70,411.85

Checking Account Balance – February 28	\$54,778.61
MMA Balance – February 28	\$219,171.49

Fiscal Year to Date revenue and expense summaries were distributed to the Board members for their use in preparing their budgets for the 2007 season. Board members are encouraged to meet with their Boards (if applicable) or draw up a draft budget for their Division prior to the Retreat.

Marketing/PR Update

Eric has inquired about the possibility of offering advertising on our website that may not be volleyball related. Jonathan noted that this is common and that we should make sure to ask for additional payment if people click through on the advertising from our website – affiliate relationship.

Officials Division Coordinator – Peter Meyer

i. **Information/News**

One tournament left. The weekend of the 16's & 18's Club we were 15 officials short. That weekend was also the AVP Tempe Open.

Adult Division Coordinator – Justin Blake

i. **Information/News**

Cactus Thorns men's team is going to Nationals as a conglomerate team in the 45's. Their team is made up of 80% of AZ Region members but not all from their team. Cactus Thorns will receive the Nationals reimbursement for the A/AA division if they complete the requirements and request reimbursement.

The Region Champions are as follows:

- Men's A/AA – Army Men (Molten Men were the gold medal winners even though they did not win the tournament) – University of Phoenix is the runner up.
- Women's A/AA – Team Ra-w - Winner, Molten Women – Runner Up
- Men's B/BB – AZ Sky Gold – Winner, AZ Sky Red – Runner Up
- Women's B/BB – Risky Business – Winner, Thin Air – Runner Up

Junior Division Coordinator – Jonathan Norris

- i. Junior Coaches Surveys – remind the coaches to submit the surveys
- ii. Review of Region Championships – trouble free except for the 16/18 Club – parents acting badly, food and mess left, coach issues.
- iii. Junior Board recommends that the AZ Region host a CAP I, II, VCAP & IMPACT Instructor Courses this November. John Kessel is available as a cadre.

- iv. The Junior Board has requested a survey of the official's pay in the high school and club level in the sports of basketball, football, baseball/softball and soccer. Lisa Naughton is going to do the research. If our officials are so underpaid, we need the data to realize it and act accordingly.

Old Business

- a. **Best Practices Revisions** – done but not removed from the agenda.

- b. **Review/Revision of IRC**

A request has been made to turn the IRC into an Ethics and Eligibility Committee. Harold will quiz other Commissioners at the National meetings about what they do in their Region and the composition of their committee. Harold will report on this at the Retreat.

Harold has requested information from Kevin Twohig about the training/use of Arbitrators.

- c. **Plaques - tabled**

Harold has asked Becky to get 2 – 3 estimates of the cost of plaques to be a historical display of the Board members of the Arizona Region. There is to be a Junior Board plaque and an Executive Board plaque. The information will be from 1989 to present.

- d. **Budget for 2006-2007**

The process for the 2006-2007 budget will begin in April. A fiscal year to date revenue and expense summary was distributed to each board member. A draft budget will be assembled by the different divisions and put together to be implemented July 2006 – the start of our fiscal year.

- e. **Election Update**

Junior Board – there have been no ballots from the Metro Southwest Zone submitted to date. The Metro Northwest Zone has ballots from enough clubs in the zone to validate the election. The election closes May 13th.

Executive Board – voting continues through May 13th at the Region Championship sites.

New Business

- a. **By Law Modification**

Officials Division Elections – Move to have only members of the Officials' Division vote for the position of Officials Division Coordinator. There will be no change in the voting procedure. This modification will allow consistency in the way representatives are put on the Executive Board – the Junior Board and Officials Board will operate the same and only those with an interest in the person that represents the members will be voting on the position.

- b. **Ethics and Eligibility Issues**

Is there any reason to investigate the creation of an arbitrator position for the Region?

Should we change the name of the IRC to a regional Ethics & Eligibility Committee?

c. Best Practices Revisions

Send any modifications/revisions to Harold prior to the Retreat

c. Division Goals for 2006-2007

Each Division should identify goals and accomplishments. These should be reported in the newsletter – send accomplishments to Eric. Develop goals and reflect any needs in the division budget – to the retreat.

d. Hosting CAP Course

The Junior Board recommends that the Arizona Region host a CAP I, II, VCAP and IMPACT Instructor Course in November to align with the Veteran's Day holiday.

Motion to approve funds to host the CAP course recommended: Jonathan Norris, Becky Hudson. Motion passes unanimously.

e. Travel Expenses for Adult Tournament

Justin incurred a hotel bill for the adult tournament in January that was held in Tucson. His junior team played in Tucson on Saturday and then the Adult tournament took place on Sunday. Justin is requesting reimbursement for the hotel in lieu of mileage expenses of traveling back and forth on successive days.

Recommendation made that Justin include a contingency line in his Adult Division Budget for 2007 to include miscellaneous items like this.

Motion to reimburse Justin Blake for hotel expense in Tucson: Jonathan Norris, Becky Hudson. Motion passes. Justin abstains.

f. Point of Interest – the donations to the Volleyball Hall of Fame and the Paralympics itemized in the 2006 budget will be paid out before the National Meetings in May.

Next Meeting: The Retreat – July 14-16 in Flagstaff

Meeting Adjourned: 8:06 pm

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

- Division Coordinators are to establish their draft budgets and bring to the Retreat
- Division Coordinators are encouraged to send Eric accomplishments from their division for the newsletter.
- Harold to quiz other Commissioners about their IRC or Ethics & Eligibility Committees and the make-up of such.
- CAP Course to be scheduled for the Veteran's Day weekend in November.
- Justin Blake to be reimbursed for his hotel expense
- Volleyball Hall of Fame and Paralympic Donations to be sent