

**Arizona Region of USA Volleyball
Junior Board Minutes
August 28, 2005**

Call to Order: 9:02 am

Present: Jonathan Norris, Eric Hodgson, Shayne Lehman, Jane LaBrot (via phone), Karen Sitkiewicz, Harold Cranswick. **Guests:** Becky Hudson, Peter Meyer, Michael Lindsey, John Laird, Sean Parchman.

Reading of the Minutes of May 17, 2005 was waived. Minutes approved as written.

Old Business

Finalizing the 2005-2006 tournament schedule

The last two Region Championships were finalized and the entire schedule adopted.

Discussion of Officials Clinics for Upcoming Season

The discussion with the Officials' Division of the format of the ref/scorekeeping clinics for the junior girls has been ongoing for the past few years. The issue for the junior club directors is that the format may work for the Official's Division but it does not work for the clubs. The 12's & 14's need more instruction to make sure they understand the scorekeeping and referee duties and the 16's and 18's need less instruction because they have had it for 3 to 5 years already. The clubs feel the atmosphere of the current clinic format does not allow the younger kids to fully understand the material and does not keep the interest of the older kids that have been through this for several years. Other issues discussed were the rigid structure of the clinics may or may not work with the constraints of the gym time the clubs can get and that many of the officials are not very good teachers and don't communicate the information well – it is felt that the coaches could communicate the information to their team better.

Peter Meyer, Official's Division Coordinator, brought a compromise to the proposal that the Junior Board derived at the retreat. The compromise was accepted by the Junior Board and will be adopted for the 2006 season. The adopted proposal is attached. Deadline dates will be established and presented at the General Assembly.

The Arizona Region has a good reputation nationally in the quality of our junior player's officiating skills. It is important to keep up that reputation. It will be the club director's responsibility to make sure their teams are being trained.

Harold Cranswick commends the Official's Division and the Junior Board for working out this proposal – for being innovative in solving the problems and in the end expanding the clinic formats to help with our growth.

Coaches Education Policy Review

Eric Hodgson and Shayne Lehman put forth a proposal for the Coaches Education Policy and the Duties of the Coaches Education Director. The policy was adopted and is attached.

Newsletter Review

Eric Hodgson passed around the draft copy of Fall 2005 newsletter. Any additions should be submitted to Eric by Sept 2nd. The newsletter will be sent to the printer on Sept 6th.

Budget

The 2005 Revenue/Expense report was passed out at the retreat. It was suggested that we not count on a 10% growth like we have had the past few years. The cycle should show a 5% or less growth for this year. Jonathan will submit his proposed budget to the Budget Committee of the Ex Board for inclusion in the 2006 season budget.

Elections for 2006

Because of the low number of ballots returned for the Junior Board elections taking place this past spring, the election was thrown out and reschedule for the General Assembly. The election information should be included in the General Assembly mailing to the Junior Club Directors.

New Business

Renewed Discussion of allowing teams to move up to different age divisions

John Laird brought a proposal to the Junior Board that would allow teams to move up into older age divisions in the course of the tournament season and still play at their own age for the Region Championships. His proposal is supported by Sean Parchman of AZ Sky VBC.

The Junior Board discussed the pros and cons of the proposal and it was their decision not to support the proposal. Teams will not be able to move between age divisions during the tournament season. Younger teams would be allowed to "play up" but would be required to participate in the older age Region Championships.

It was suggested to John Laird to host a friendship tournament in which stronger 12's teams would compete against comparable 14's teams.

General Assembly Schedule

Jane LaBrot was tasked with the assignments of duties for the General Assembly. She will email them to the Junior Board members.

Announcements

VB in AZ tab has been placed on the website. There are links to the universities, the junior colleges and the high school schedules or results reporting sites. The tab has replaced the Camps tab on the top menu for the regular season timeframe.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:30 am

Minutes were recorded by Becky Hudson

Action Items as a result of this meeting:

- 2005-2006 schedules are final and will be posted and released.
- Deadline dates for selecting the type of score/ref clinics will be established and ready for the General Assembly unveiling
- Coaches Education Policy will be published in the Handbook and on the website. The Coaches Education Director Duties will be published in the Best Practices Manual
- Newsletter will be sent to the printer on Tuesday, Sept 6th
- 2005 Junior Division proposed budget to be sent to the Budget Committee
- Junior Board election information to be included in the General Assembly information sent to the Club Directors
- Jane LaBrot to put together General Assembly assignments for the Junior Board members and email them to the members.