

Arizona Region of USA Volleyball
Minutes of the Junior Board
July 25, 2007

Call to Order: 6:00 pm, AZ Region Office, 2105 S. 48th St, Suite 108, Tempe, AZ

Roll Call: Jonathan Norris – South, Lisa Naughton – Metro SE, Karen Sitkiewitz – Metro NE, Michael Lindsay – Metro NW, Brooke Paulovich – Metro SW, Dan Kaminskas (via phone) – North.
Guests: Becky Hudson, Harold Cranswick

Reading of the Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting on March 20, 2007 were read.

Motion 1: To adopt the minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting as amended. (Sitkiewicz/Paulovich/MPU).

New Business:

1. Recruiting Policy

With the addition of the Blackout Period the Junior Policies was in need of amendment.

Motion 2: To approve the amendments to the Recruiting Guidelines. (Lindsay/Naughton/MPU)

2. Boy's Official Training

Question to the Board – do we require the boys teams to have officials training like the girls do prior to their first tournament? The limited time from tryouts to start of season makes it very difficult to hold these clinics prior. The clinics have information that is never used by these teams and could be streamlined to be accomplished at the first tournament prior to play. Question to the Officials Division - how available are the Trainers to train these teams during the height of the girl's high school and junior college season? Past experience has shown that those trainers are not the officials scheduled at the first tournament.

The Junior Board has two recommendations for the Official's Division regarding the boy's officiating clinics: 1. streamline the clinics taking into account what is most seen by the teams and allow for help from the facilitator and/or paid R1 when those rare instances occur at tournaments; 2. schedule clinicians and officials for the first tournament that are fully trained and capable of conveying the pertinent information at the clinics. This would allow the boys' teams to still hold their clinics at the first tournament instead of trying to schedule them into an already very short pre-season.

3. Contract Pricing Approval

The Junior Board would like to make sure that the officials are being paid only for the matches the contracts provide for. It is requested that the number of matches played and

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paid for be recorded in the office as the season progresses. This will help us better see what our cost structure should be.

Proposed Contract Prices:

Girls Open - \$820, Girls Club - \$810, Girls12's - \$705, Boys Open - \$795, Boys Club - \$795, NCQ - \$225.

These prices include a increase in fees for our tournament hosts and corrects for officials fees shortage that was in the previous contract. The National Club Qualifier will be scheduled to take place over 2 days if needed for the larger divisions.

Motion 3: To approve the 2008 tournament contract prices as specified. (Paulovich/ Sitkiewicz/MPU)

4. Club Director Agreement Form

There have been an increasing number of issues over the past few years involving the operation of junior clubs and their relationships with their players and parents. The Region has been brought into the conflicts in many of the instances. Since each club is its own business the Region does not have a lot they can offer the frustrated parents and players. The Club Director Agreement form has been recommended by our attorney as a way to hold Junior Club Directors to a baseline code of operation in hopes of avoiding some of the issues with clubs.

Motion 4: Move to adopt the Club Director Agreement as an annual form to be completed prior to registering any members in a club. (Naughton/Siskewicz/MPU)

5. 2008 AVC Tournament

Andy Reitingger is willing to accept the financial responsibility for the AVC tournament in Arizona again for 2008. Andy is working with Tucson on the dates we suggested. The entry fee is up to us but he wants to make it a profitable venture this year. Andy would like to charge a gate fee to help with the costs. The feasibility of the gate is a real issue – too much access to the facility. Andy will get back to us when the Tucson Convention Center confirms the dates. It is not known if this tournament will offer bids for a national season ending tournament.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Aug 21, 2007, 5:30 pm

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm

Action Items as a result of this meeting –

- Junior Recruiting Guidelines to be amended and published
- Junior Tournament Contracts to be amended and published
- The Club Director Agreement Form to be published and distributed to our junior clubs

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- 2008 AVC Tournament to be marketed to our clubs
- National Club Qualifier to be scheduled over two days on the Jr Girls Schedule
- Office to record the number of matches played, worked and paid for after each tournament week
- Recommendations to the Official's Division regarding the junior boys officiating clinics:
 - Streamline the clinics taking into account what is most seen by the teams and allow for help from the facilitator and/or paid R1 when those rare instances occur at tournaments;
 - Schedule clinicians and officials for the first tournament that are fully trained and capable of conveying the pertinent information at the clinics.