

**Arizona Region of USA Volleyball  
Junior Board Minutes  
May 17, 2005**

**Call to Order:** 5:05 pm

**Present:** Jonathan Norris – South Rep, Jane LaBrot – Metro Southwest Rep, Shayne Lehman – Metro Northwest Rep, Karen Sitkiewicz – Metro Northeast Rep, Eric Hodgson – Metro Southeast Rep. Guest: Becky Hudson

**Reading of the Minutes of March, 2, 2005** waived. Minutes approved as amended – Club Yuma missing from Zone Breakdown.

**Old Business**

**Revisions/Review of By-Laws – Member Reports to Exec Board**

No one submitted any suggestions or changes to Harold of the By-Laws Draft. All thought they were fine as written. There is a need to develop the responsibilities of the Grassroots Director. It was decided that this position is contingent on the Region having the use of a facility. There is a short list of candidates.

**Review of Region Championships**

Most thought the tournaments went well – teams were upbeat about playing, tournament was run smoothly. There were some issues that were discussed – 1. There were differing levels of officiating at the same tournament; 2. Junior officials were working the 14's Silver division; 3. The playoff matches should be coordinated based on who moves and who stays at each site; 4. One bracket in the 18 Club had the same teams playing each other in the consolation bracket – should be playing teams from the other half of the bracket; 5. Whitney Phillips should never have been playing in the 16 Open tournament after dislocating her shoulder two days prior in softball. Someone should have asked for a doctor's clearance once the injury was known.

**Coaching Education Requirements**

Shayne and Eric will develop Coaching Education Requirements that would allow coaches to attend approved clinics in order to keep their IMPACT or CAP coaching certification current in Arizona. This will be brought to the retreat for discussion.

Develop a cadre of coaches in each area, clinic schedule for areas towards refreshing certification.

**Behavior Issues**

There was a complaint filed about one club – AZ Rage – the 17's team was racially mocking the Native Adrenalin team. Harold called the coach and talked to him directly – was told that the behavior will not be tolerated again.

There is one IRC issue in the works. However, there is not enough evidence to go forward with any sanctions.

## **New Business**

### **Junior Board Elections**

Due to the small number of ballots turned in it was decided to throw out the election and redo it at the General Assembly. The new board members will not be able to take part in the planning at the retreat.

### **Results review of Juniors Coaches Survey**

About 12 surveys have been returned. The majority liked the idea of splitting the 14's & 16's divisions at the end of the season rather than in the middle or choosing it at the start of the year. The number of tournaments were good for each division.

### **Discussion of the quality of Officials – tabled to the Retreat**

There are some officials that should not be assigned to certain levels.

### **Tie Break Procedure**

The decision was made to leave the tie break procedure as written on the Region Championships pool sheets. There were not enough instances of a tie break to justify a change in the format.

### **Open Division format and pricing**

There has been a suggestion for more play in the Open division – one more match per tournament – this will be a discussion for the retreat. Each board member is charged with designing a format to get one more match per tournament – with a facility for our use or without one – and bring to the retreat for discussion – to include optional tournaments and the affected cost per tournament of adding a match.

### **Revision of Juniors Schedule for 2006 (optional tournaments)**

To prepare for the retreat, each board member should consult school calendars for spring break dates, proms and any other pertinent dates for tournament scheduling. Research should be done on the formats run in other regions, point systems used in other regions, and the feasibility of optional tournaments.

## **Announcements**

Whitney Dosty of Club Cactus Juniors to tryout for the Jr National team in July.

**Next Meeting:** To be held at the Retreat

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:30 pm

Minutes recorded by Becky Hudson

**Action items as a result of this meeting:**

- Responsibilities/duties of the Grassroots Director to be developed for the By-Laws
- 18 Club bracket to be revised so that the same teams would not play each other in the consolation bracket.
- The cross pool matches should be coordinated per site depending on which teams move and which teams stay
- Shayne and Eric to bring Coaching Education Requirements policy to the retreat for discussion
- Junior Board election to be thrown out and redone at the General Assembly. Notice to be sent to the clubs.
- Results of the Coaches Surveys to be brought to the Retreat
- Level of Officials assigned to certain levels of play to be put on the Retreat agenda
- Board members to design a new tournament format to include another match and bring to the Retreat for discussion. Cost affected to be included in design.
- Board members to bring a calendar of events for different school districts with associated dates for scheduling purposes to the Retreat.
- Research to be done on different formats used in other regions, point systems used in other regions and the feasibility of optional tournaments for our schedule.