

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

Call to Order: 5:10 pm

Present: Jonathan Norris, Dan Kaminskas (via phone), Shayne Lehman, Lisa Naughton, Karen Sitkiewicz, Harold Cranswick. **Guests:** Becky Hudson, Michael Lindsay

Reading of the Minutes of March 5, 2006 was waived. Motion to approve the minutes as written, Lisa Naughton, Karen Sitkiewicz. Motion passes

Jane LaBrot resigned her board position following the March 5th Jr Board meeting. Her position is up for election this spring. No replacement will be named at this time.

Old Business

Review of Region Championships

The tournaments are all over but Open Division. The only real issue so far has been the lack of officials. May 6th there were many divisions that had to call their own matches. This is not right for the teams to have officials all year and then at the Region Championships the girls or coaches have to R1.

We still have issues at gyms with parents and players bringing food and drink into the gyms. At Goldwater after the 16 Club Championships 40 bags of trash were collected. A good portion of the trash is water bottles – most still full of water. All board members in attendance were in agreement that the 12's & 14's age groups are the worst.

A retreat subject should be a way to deal with coolers or food brought into gyms. One suggestion was made to set up and label team camp areas and hold the teams responsible to clean up their area. Sanctions could be imposed for camps that are left with a lot of trash.

A line will be put on the Tournament Report Form for messy teams.

New Business

Cross Pool format for Open Division

The cross pool format for the Club Division was 1s vs 1s, 2s vs 2s and 3s vs 3s. We were going to leave it that way for Open Division since there was only one team from each of the 16's & 18's Club that will be playing up in the Open Region Championships. In the past the cross pool format for Open was 1 vs 2, 2 vs 1 and 3s vs 3s. This was done because the strength of the Club winners could upset the normal strength of the pool. This would allow a team that was upset the opportunity to play back up into the gold division. When the tournament was posted on the website for this Open Championships we had some calls in

the office requesting that we cross pool the way we had done it in the past. After some discussion it was decided by this Board to use the 1 vs 2, 2 vs 1 and 3 vs 3 format for cross pooling.

Review of Junior Coaches Survey

The surveys are still coming in and Open Division coaches have not had the opportunity to respond. The results will be tabulated and brought to the Retreat.

Discussion of the quality/quantity of Officials

Jonathan had the opportunity to talk at length with an official at Phoenix College this past weekend. The official indicated that he could be working the girl's high school softball tournament and making more money.

If indeed the officials could be making more money doing something else maybe we should pony up and pay them more. It would be hard to pay the officials more money when the coaches are being paid a lot less for more work. Jonathan is requesting research be done in the next few months on what other sports pay their officials – football, basketball, softball/baseball and soccer – club and high school levels. Lisa Naughton has volunteered to do the research while covering the office time this summer. The results will be brought to the Retreat.

CAP Course offering

The SRVC has decided not to host a CAP course this summer in Prescott. It has come to our attention that John Kessel is available and willing to do a CAP course for us in November – over Veteran's Day weekend.

Motion: Recommend to the Executive Board that the Arizona Region host a CAP I, II, VCAP and IMPACT Instructor course in November – Karen Sitkiewicz, Lisa Naughton. Motion passes unanimously.

Region Championships Format

The format of our Region Championships of two 3 team pools making up one division is a problem when a team drops out. The two 3 team pools then become a 5 team pool on two courts. This is difficult for the teams to play – it is one match more play than the other pools play. This is also the format in the event the numbers don't divide by 6 teams. In this case the 5 team pool falls to the A pool (or #1 seed pool). This was brought to the Board by the Club 18's #1 team that failed to finish first in the pool and so was sent to the Silver Division Bracket. It is recommended that the Junior Board look at alternate formats for our Region Championship tournaments at the Retreat.

The Board will also look at the data that Jane LaBrot has been formulating with the point system for seeding our tournaments.

YJOVD Meeting in August

Harold Cranswick has challenged the Junior Board members to think about attending the YJOVD annual meeting in Colorado Springs in August. It is good exposure to what goes on at the National level and to meet Representatives of other Regions.

Education Director

No progress has been made on the creation of a job description for the Education Director. Jonathan to get with Eric and Shayne to begin this process.

Next Meeting will be tentatively held on Monday, June 5th at 5 pm. This meeting will be to establish a Retreat Agenda.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:05 pm

Minutes were recorded by Becky Hudson

Action Items as a result of this meeting:

- Retreat Items: Food/Water in gym issue – idea brainstorming, Junior Coaches Surveys results, Region Championships format review, Point System of seeding data to be reviewed,
- Lisa Naughton to do research on officials pay in the sports of football, basketball, softball/baseball and soccer at the high school and club levels. Results to the Retreat.
- Board members to consider attending the YJOVD meetings in August in Colorado Springs
- Jonathan to talk to Shayne and Eric about the job description for an Education Director.