

Arizona Region of USA Volleyball
Junior Board Minutes
February 2, 2009

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm
2. **Roll Call**
 - a. Michelle Malis - South, Brooke Saunders – Metro SW, Anastasia Rivera - North, Lisa Naughton – Metro SE, Matt Cohen – Metro NE
 - b. Absent: Michael Lindsey – Metro NW
 - c. Guests: Becky Hudson
3. **Reading of the Minutes**
 - a. Last meeting November 25, 2008
Motion 1: To approve minutes as written (Cohen/Rivera/MC)
4. **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda** –
Motion 2: To approve agenda as (Saunders/Rivera/MC)
5. **Reports of Research**
 - a. **Marketing – Stasia Rivera**
 - i. Start registering teams online and paying by credit card.
 - ii. Send out info to the high schools to inform them of club volleyball
 - iii. Put on a contest to design the year end t-shirts
 - iv. Develop fundraising for HP and Development Fund
 - b. **Seeding/Tournament Format – Matt Cohen**
 - i. Almost every team finished within 5 places of original seeding for Open Division
 - ii. Club/Championship teams that registered late messed up the seeding for everyone. There were supposed to be 10 teams of 14's seeded in the upper division but as teams were added after seeding it ruined the numbers – there wound up being only 3 in the upper division. Now there are 3 teams that are very high in the rankings and the rest are working their way through the lower level higher age groups.
 - iii. Most of the regions have clubs run the tournaments. There is different ways registration and scheduling is handled in the regions where the tournaments are run by the clubs.
 - iv. The number one format used across the board is pools of 4. No other region does the bracket we do in Club Division. Winners move up and losers move down.
 - v. Three different areas - no big clubs have facilities that can run large tournaments.

c. Officials – Michelle Malis

- i. Rocky Mountain does not pay officials – they volunteer or the coaches do it.
- ii. Ohio Valley - The tournaments are responsible for hiring the officials – so they can pick the officials they want. The region mandates the fees paid.
- iii. North Country – some tournaments use officials some don't. The tournament sets their own officials fees.
- iv. SCVA pays officials on a sliding scale based on rating
- v. For the regions that pay we are on the upper end.
- vi. For those that don't have paid referees the coach officiates – not usually the players.
- vii. None of the AZ officials have asked for the rosters.
- viii. Illegal jerseys

d. ID Badges – Lisa Naughton

- i. No regions responded that they currently have picture ids for players.
- ii. Florida used to but dropped it due to the logistics

e. Drop off of junior players to adults

- i. Everyone sees the drop off from juniors to adults
- ii. Those Brooke talked to said if we found a way to retain the juniors as adults to let them know.

f. Tryouts/Commitment Period – Brooke Saunders

- i. Many regions have the tryout period
- ii. Commitment period – differing timeframes to respond. Club had to keep offer on the table. Second wave of commitment/signing dates if not all the kids commit.
- iii. Badger Region and Heart of America have good policies. Brooke will email their policies to the board members.
 1. Tryout period and then 10 days of no contact with the kids for them to accept the offer.
- iv. Penalties – SCVA has LVI to hold over their heads – violations will cause you to lose the right to play in the Las Vegas Invitational.
- v. Puget Sound – returning players to the same club can tryout and sign right away. Then the new players to the club can tryout and sign at a later date
- vi. Heart of America – commitment date 1 week after tryouts. Players can't sign a membership form for a second club if they have signed with a club. Sanctioned for the year if they do.
- vii. Any change to our system may be chaotic at first but then it will cause more accountability. General Assembly should be the time to review the changes not to introduce it. Introduction to the new

system should be before the clubs break up for the summer to give the directors time to digest it and figure out how it will affect what they do in the fall.

- viii. Our Region needs some accountability with the clubs and directors.
 - 1. Intermountain has an annual club application. There is a \$100 fee for sanctioning tryouts. They will not post club tryout info on the website until the club application has been received.
- ix. Parents assume that the club is accountable to the Region.
- x. Clubs that offer boys and girls need to register separately as a girls club and as a boys club.
- xi. The new tryout/commitment policy should be established by March and published to the clubs in April.

6. New Business

a. Registering parents as referees

- i. A club asked to register parents to fulfill the referee duties of the team. This information will be put out to the clubs in April for a 2010 start.

b. Team changing divisions

- i. A club has asked to drop their 14's team to a 12's team with three age waivers. Policy states that no more than 2 waivers per team. Permission to drop with the three age waivers is denied.

c. Boy's Feedback

- i. It was requested to change the 3rd/4th and 7th/8th place matches to 1 game to 25.
- ii. It was requested to start a developmental season for boys 12's & 14's by allowing them to play on girls teams or during the girls club season. Some regions allow for boys to play in the girls tournaments as long as they play in a girls age group older than the age of the boys team.
- iii. Question from one boys coach - Why do we have Open and Club Division in the boys? We do not have enough teams. We should require everyone to play in the same division until we get larger.
- iv. A complaint - Not half of the teams are from Tucson so not half of the tournaments should be in Tucson.

d. Site requirements for tournaments

Request by a parent to require tournament hosts to have the following:

- i. First Aid kits – clubs are supposed to have their own;
- ii. Ice for injuries – every team has at least one parent at the tournament with a cooler

Approved 3/9/09

7. **Adjournment** – meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm
Motion 5: to adjourn the meeting (Saunders/Rivera/MC)
8. **Next Meeting:** TBA by email – March timeframe

Action Items as a result of this meeting:

- Brooke Saunders to email each board members the Bader Region and Heart of America policies on tryouts and commitment dates.
- Tryout/Commitment Policy to be drafted for March meeting;
- Policy relating to parents being trained as referees/scorekeepers to relieve the players of their duty to be drafted for the March meeting;