

**NORTH TEXAS REGION – USA VOLLEYBALL**  
**North Texas Region Office**  
**11494 Luna Road, Suite 175, Farmers Branch, TX 75234**  
**March 8, 2011**

- I. Welcome
- II. Introductions
- III. Call to Order
  - A. Take roll
    - Board Members Present: Andy Reitingner, Jeff West, LJ Sariego, Forrest Medcalf, Jonathan Daclison, Jon Rye, Meredith Van Horn-Grady, Kevin Anderson, Eric Zender, Darren Teicher
    - Board Members Absent: Chris Mares, Don Grimes
    - Region Staff Members: Robyn Barlow, Linda Harris
    - Guests: Greg Milam, Hayden Mitchell, Liz Wilson, Marlene Lyon, Traci Belton, Janna Ter-Molen, Steve Robb (Officials Coordinator)
  - B. Declare quorum – Declared by Andy and called meeting to order, 7PM
  - C. Rules of order
- IV. Minutes
  - A. Review October 2010 minutes
    - o Kevin motioned to approve minutes
    - o Forrest second
    - o Motion passed
  - B. Entertain motion to accept or change
- V. Reports from Officers/Coordinators/Divisions/Staff
  - A. Juniors
    - 1. Review board minutes
      - 5 Action Items
      - #1 Proposed: The NTR no longer pay for Head Referees for any tournament and reduce all sanction fees by \$5 across the board
      - Discussions:
      - Tabled
      - Andy deferred to Steve to discuss over with the Officials Board to come up with a different description/name for “Head Referee”
      - Possibly remove responsibility from the head referee and giving it to a training team/rep
      - Next Steps:
      - NTR Board to come up with a process between Juniors and Officials Board
      - #2 Proposed: Section VE changed to the following: A tournament director must disclose [on their tournament website) the teams in their

event and in which division they are playing no later than the day before the entry deadline. A tournament director who is deciding to cancel an event or division within an event must cancel that event/division no later than the day before the entry deadline [and disclose it on their website]. Age group site and time information [for each team] must be posted on the individual tournament websites by the Tuesday prior to event

Discussions:

- Per Jon Rye, available on the tournament website
- Steve Robb has indicated that there are a couple of tournaments that teams have arrived with no knowledge of the tournament format (example: 2 out of 3? 2 sets?)
- No vote required

#3 Proposed: Remove the following wording from section III.6 of the Handbook: "are not part of the ranking system" and "results are not required to be posted"

Discussions:

- this pertains to 1 day tournament
- 1 day tournament will need to post results even if it was a non-ranking tournament

#4 Proposed: Amend the non-ranking tie breaking procedure as attached (was not attached, per Robyn)

Discussions:

- All 2 way ties will be decided head to head results, team winning the majority of head to head sets in pool play, will be the highest finisher
- If the head to head results are a split, the winner will be decided on cumulative pool point differential. If this pool point differential is the same, then it will be decided head to head point differential. If this point differential is the same, then the winner will be decided by a coin flip
- All other ties such as 3 way ties will be decided by cumulative pool point differential

#5 Proposed: Tournaments be required to have at least one Regional or higher ranked official at each site of a tournament to act as a member of the protest committee, to assist in the making of any referee scheduling, and to advise on any other issues pertaining to the rules of the game

Discussion:

- Tabled
- Andy has asked Steve Robb to address this issue with the Officials Board to come up with a recommendation.
- This will not be put in action until next year as policy changes are not made during mid-year
- Tabled items will be removed if no actions have been made

-Items that affects 2 different board divisions, NTR Board must approve

-Steve suggested that this person will need to have rules and knowledge of the game and the Officials Board will come up with a criteria

2. Report/Proposed Budget – this is when other Divisions provide Budgets to a Budget Committee for review/approval for July

Discussions:

Juniors Budget

-Preparing to increase budget for officials training (line 4019 “Head Referees – Indoor”)

-Correction needs to be made suggested by Meredith: Division Income Actual should read 2009-2010 not 2008-2009

B. Adults

1. Report/Proposed Budget - skipped

C. Officials

1. Review board minutes – no previous meeting

2. Report/Proposed Budget

Discussions:

-\$37K Officials and Evaluations comes from Junior’s Budget and Steve to provide a breakdown of how this budget will be utilized (in or outside the region, referee recruitment initiatives); about \$30K in training, evaluations and scorekeeper monitors etc and about \$4,400 for Beach

-Separate Line Items for Officials Coordinator \$1K/month and Officials Coordinator (Scorekeeper) \$300/month

-Printing and Supplies were combined

-2 attends to the Annual Meetings

-Steve has suggested that during the Final Four holds Officials Coordinator meetings, so he has recommended 3 to travel

-Steve explained the reasoning behind transference of allocated money to Referee Training is that Head Referees on site have multiple tasks such as scheduling, protests, and adding referee evaluations is difficult. Head Referees when conducting a feedback, is typically a set and high level

#### D. Staff

##### 1. Report/Proposed Budget

###### Discussions:

- Current budget will show lower figures
- WIP, Rule Books Costs and possibility of providing Adult Players rule books
- Last Year NTR Membership: 9,400
- Current total NTR membership: 10,237 (1586 are adults)
- 109 day members
- 12's age group has increased and so as the Bid (National and American) for this age group
- 13's age group has a possibility of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Bid

#### IX. Unfinished Business

##### A. Banking

###### Discussions:

- Currently, NTR account us non-interest bearing
- plan of allocation to 4 CD's that matures every quarter
- a long term planning committee will be appointed for this purpose

B. Employee Manual – Jeff West to provide an update with the Employee Manual for the next meeting. Forrest Medcalf has been added to assist Jeff West.

#### X. New Business

##### A. Event management

###### Discussions:

- AES – can be used for memberships, events/registration system for tournament; a committee will look into this is a possibility. Currently, we use a access database. Need to distinguish if we will need to use Jon Rye's current system (maintenance? Payment? Rights?) or use AES (other than WebPoint)

##### B. Boyce Banquet/National Meetings

###### Discussions:

- USAV National Meeting will be in Dallas for this season and NTR has been asked to participate in several areas, such as to provide a reception/luncheon for awards. State of TX gave a huge grant to USA Volleyball. NTR is working with a resource named Monica to plan the banquet.

-LJ Sario second

-Motion Passes

##### C. Region not pay for head referee for junior indoor

-Tabled

##### D. Non sanctioned events: fee for promotion

###### Discussions:

- NTR advertises non sanctioned events in our websites
- Do we charge for these advertisements?
- Is the Region have any legal ties for these non sanctioned events
- Beach events are hard to sanction due to the alcohol sold in these facilities

- Why would tournament directors sanction their Beach events with NTR?  
Advertising?
- Region needs to find a way to tie in with them to attract their players to play USAV
- Robyn to check we advertise a non-sanctioned volleyball event, are we legally liable if players get hurt?
- If we sanction, we have to monitor events as well (head referee, etc)
- E. HP Program (2011)
  - Discussions: (see attached)
  - Kevin Anderson suggested having HP program; he will chair it and start the program but it is certainly open for others to continue to manage and run the HP program
  - Currently no budget
  - Survey has been sent, showed decent interest (how accurate is this?)
  - Certain college coaches/staff showed interest: UNT, SMU, UTA, UTD (these coaches are not associated with USA Volleyball Clubs)
  - Issues are top players actually joining this HP Program, competing with other clubs,
  - Try-outs will be held the same day, East and West side – timing of try-outs?  
(Proposed 5/7)
  - Open to all USAV players within the age group
  - Try-Out fees and camp fee will apply
  - 16's and 17's age group (born after 1994)
  - \$700/ player (airfare excluded) or \$1500 for the whole program
  - Previous reasons before why HP was not successful: too much money were being spent, perception of players from clubs are being "recruited", actual players joining are not the top kids in the region and players who does join are the players who can participate
  - This request is for this year but not in the budget – Andy suggested that Junior Board needs to address and provide input on this
  - If a player makes the camp, it is suggested that they are selected to the program
  - It was suggested that if the Region will have its name behind HP, a committee should be put in place
  - Motion: "to support the 2011 NTR HP presented by Kevin Anderson, as presented" (effective for 2011 and Kevin Anderson to initiate the program and moving forward, a committee will assign the HP chair)
  - Eric second
  - Discussions:
  - Per Liz, this has not been brought to the Juniors Board
  - Motion passes
- F. Long term planning
  - Andy will assign a committee, any interest or ideas, email him
  - Have about \$450-\$500K in the bank and will need to (IRS driven) spend to improve region, such as: Office Building with 1 indoor and 1 outdoor court for training, meeting space. This set-up is not to compete with club functions
- G. Other Youth Membership – Grant
- H. Raise Adult Awards

- USA Volleyball working on under 8 y/o, will be free
  - “other youth membership” will be incorporated in our registration system
  - Motion: “to establish other youth membership for \$10”
- Discussions:
- no club association and not club specific
  - current default is “undecided”
  - Kevin second
  - Motion Passes

XI. Adjourn – 8:38PM CST

## Action Items

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