



NORTH TEXAS REGION – USA VOLLEYBALL

Region Board of Directors Meeting

North Texas Region Office

11494 Luna Road, Suite 175, Farmers Branch, TX 75234

October 10, 2011

MINUTES

I. Welcome/Introductions:

Andy Reitingger welcomed those in attendance and proceeded to have everyone introduce themselves

A. Call to Order

Andy Reitingger called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

B. Take roll

Board Members Present:

Andy Reitingger, Darren Teicher, L.J. Sariego, Meredith Grady, Eric Zender, Kevin Anderson, Jon Rye, Bill Tippett, Chris Tobey, Forrest Medcalf, Jeff West

Board Members Absent:

None

Others in attendance:

Robyn Barlow, Linda Harris, Steve Robb, Hayden Mitchell, Ryan Grady

C. Declare quorum

Andy Reitingger declared a quorum at 7:02pm

D. Rules of order

Andy Reitingger explained the rules of order to those in attendance for the process of the meeting.

II. Minutes

A. Review July 12 minutes

Andy Reitingger made changes to the minutes, moving Jonathan Daclison from board member to guest. Also to note that Eric Zender and Darren Teicher were present, L.J. Sariego and Bill Tippett as absent

B. Entertain motion to accept or change

Chris Tobey made a motion to approve minutes as corrected

2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff West

Motion passes 9-0-0



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III. Agenda

Chris Tobey motioned to approved agenda as submitted

2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Zender

Motion passes 9-0-0

IV. Reports from Officers/Coordinators/Divisions/Staff

A. Juniors

1. Review board minutes

2. Report/Motions

Bill Tippett reported that the meeting was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> all board positions were filled, Motions were only received from the competition committee.

B. Adults

1. Report

Robyn Barlow reported that staff is running adult tournaments this year. Two have held so far this year, 1st one had 11 teams, and 2nd one had 13 teams. An all open play was also held to draw in adults in the area who may be interested in playing in the adult division who do not already know about it. Staff is working on making sure that there are no conflicts with junior's tournaments so that it makes it so that more juniors coaches can play, also had our first collegiate player signed up this year to play in the adult league.

C. Officials

1. Review board minutes

2. Report/Motions

Steve Robb advised that there were changes to the wording in the officials section of the handbook which were mainly terminology updates to match up the information on the Officials page of the website with what the region has in the handbook. These changes were approved by the officials board at the last meeting in September.

D. Staff

Staff had nothing new to report.

Andy directed staff to create a formal online RFP's process with a way for tournaments to do online request for sanctioning of tournaments much like the juniors division does. Discussion was held but no immediate action taken.



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V. Agenda Items

A. Oak Cliff Starlings

Is requesting a waiver for their USAV membership fee, and money so that they can also be able to attend their national competition. Discussion was that the region has lowered fees in the past to the amount that the region would send to the national office so that the Starlings could participate. Dallas Starlings no longer asks for this from the region, mainly due to the fact they are making money from the tournaments they hold.

Forrest Medcalf motioned that the Oak Cliff Starlings would need to apply on an annual basis with the request for reduced fees to the region. This request would be voted on annually to accept or reject this discounted amount to the portion that goes to USAV and the fees that this covers.

Friendly amendment was made to waive their club registration fee to \$1.

Forrest accepted the friendly amendment to update the motion to:

Forrest Medcalf made a motion that the 2011-2012 Oak Cliff Starlings pay a total of \$21.35 per member, and the club registration fee would be \$1 with no IMPACT fees.

2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Anderson

Motion passed 9-0-0

B. Committee Make-Up and Meeting Requirements

1. Consistent 50% policy

Andy Reitingier inquired about a straw poll regarding the 50% policy

- a. No requirement to be a board member to serve on committees
- b. 50% requirement for a board member on committee

No results on the straw poll.

Kevin Anderson motioned to add the wording to the Junior and Officials Operating Codes that "50% board members on the committee must be present at committee meetings"

2<sup>nd</sup> Forrest Medcalf

Motion passed 10-0-0 (Jon Rye joined the meeting just prior to this vote)



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2. Agendas posted in timely manner  
Forrest Medcalf made a motion that all agendas must be posted on the website 7 days prior to meetings for each board  
2<sup>nd</sup> Meredith Grady  
Motion passed 10-0-0
  3. Meeting days/times
- VI. Andy Reitingner would like the all region boards i.e. Junior, Competition, and Officials to set up a window of time to have committee/board meetings report back to him at next meeting. This would be to have better consistency regarding communicating information prior to region board meetings.
- A. Clarify policy on votes when conflict of interest applies (to get majority)
  - B. Referee stands for tournament sanctioning for indoor  
Steve Robb spoke on the updated DCR regarding having referee stands. We can modify that rule so that tournaments are not sanctioned if tournaments do not have the appropriate stand,  
DCR Rule 2.6 D  
“Basic equipment includes a referee stand, which should be adjustable to allow the referee’s eye position to be approximately 50cm (19”) above the top of the net. It should be constructed so that it presents the least potential hazard for participants. Step ladders, jump boxes and other devices not specifically designed as referee stands shall not be used. If an appropriate referee stand cannot be provided, the first referee performs his/her functions from the floor.”  
  
Forrest Medcalf motioned to Omit DCR rule 2.6D last sentence for Indoor sanctioned events.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jeff West  
Motion passes 10-0-0
  - C. Documents (Handbook, Operating Code, Bylaws, Independent Contractor, Conflict of Interest)  
Operating Code language cleaned up clerically  
Bylaws language cleaned up clerically only  
Independent Contractor updated information that was reviewed by the board as added. Added sexual harassment language, other private information not to be shared with outside members



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Chris Tobey made a motion to accept all the clerical corrections on the above documents.

2<sup>nd</sup> Jon Rye

Motion passed 10-0-0

Ethical Behavior and Conflict of interest

Jon Rye made a motion to accept these documents as presented

2<sup>nd</sup> Darren Teicher

Motion passes 10-0-0

Handbook – Clean up terminology

Kevin Anderson Motion to delete section 3B6 last paragraph receiving a bid to adult nationals

2<sup>nd</sup> L J S

Motion passes 10-0-0

We need to clarify the wording of a Head Referee in the Handbook for a C tournament to be cleaned up prior to the start of the season. Use the wording from the officials' document adding the wording "From a Recommended list"

Andy Reitingger motion to accept the updated wording in the document

2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Zender

Motion passed 10-0-0

**See Meeting Materials.**

Jon Rye inquired regarding wording on Handbook 2c Athlete member transfers, before they play in a tournament. The discussion determined that this could happen only up to the point where the player participated in a tournament with a team from the club. Once the player participated in a tournament they were locked into that club for the season and no transfers would be allowed. No motion was made or vote was taken.

D. Professional Volleyball League



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Steve Bishop from the Florida region sent an email to Robyn Barlow regarding the possibility of establishing a Professional league for 2012 in the NT Region, and how Florida is going about putting this together in there region. Andy Reitingger opened to the floor for questions at this point.

Where would funding come from? Andy Reitingger advised that this would be funded partly by the region but also with gate receipts, or even sponsorship could be found to cover the cost.

Is this something that the region wants to look into?

Is this an initiative through USAV?

Discussion was held on if the region is interested in pursuing this?

Board directed Staff to look into this opportunity and that they would like more information as available.

Junior Service Awards

Andy Reitingger deferred this to the junior's board

VII. New Business

No new business was brought to the board.

VIII. Adjourn

Forrest Medcalf motioned to adjourn

2<sup>nd</sup> Eric Zender

Motion passed 10-0-0

Meeting ended at 8:27pm