

NORTH TEXAS REGION – USA VOLLEYBALL

September 18, 2011

Doubletree near the Galleria

4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX 75244

1. **Welcome/Introduction** Meeting called to order at 2:32 by Forrest

2. **Membership**

- Registration (online)

Registration remains online. Membership fee for regular members still \$45. Coaches need to select their club. Directors need to register and clear a background screen by 10/31/11 in order to retain club admin status. Will review other membership options later.

- Background Screening

Remains \$18. Good for two years membership period. If need to submit as a secondary act, need to pay online right then to get it to process. For those who still have active screens, the new one will process and once it's complete, a notation that the old screen has been superseded will appear in record.

- Junior Club Personnel Code of Ethics

Complete when registering. For minors, must download and send in document with minor and parents signatures. Email Robyn or Forrest for clarification.

3. **Election of Board Members:**

- At-Large: Positions 1-4, (2 year), Positions 5, 8 (1 year) Discussed details and overview of what responsibilities are for these positions.

See Election Handout for Nominees

Four At-Large (2yrs) :Joe Jablonski-not present (scratched). **Voted In: Kevin Anderson, Corinne Atchison, Ray Manly, Julie Vordenbaum**

Two At-Large (1yr) : Candidates after 1st round: Brad Lawson, Rodney Lawson, Whitney Sample, Richard Ryder, Geoff Kiessling. **Voted in: Rodney Lawson, Whitney Sample**

- Junior Representatives to Region Board: 2 positions

Junior Reps: Tony Vordenbaum-not present (scratched). Eliminated 1st round all but: Julie Vordenbaum, Jon Rye, and Kevin Anderson. Everyone back in for 2nd round of voting. Eliminated all but Kevin Anderson, Julie Vordenbaum.

Voted In: Jon Rye 1st round, Kevin Anderson 2nd round

4. **Tournament Schedules**

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Tournament directors will be entering events. Those italicized are multi-day events sanctioned by other regions or USAV. Tournaments without officials are not on this list but will be added to the online schedule as they are finalized/sanctioned.

5. New Club Directors Orientation

Held one prior to club director meeting. Had about 15-18. Will hold one in October, one in November and one at the end of December. Anticipate about 15 new clubs.

6. General Season Information

- Tryouts

Use the same procedure as last year, with Monday at noon being time period for offers to stay on table. Must include team name on form. Oct 29 12-13s.
Nov 5 14-15, Nov 12 16-18

- Site Sanctioning/Insurance Requests for Practices

Insurance provider for USAV has recommended regions be more diligent about sanctioning events and tracking what/where/when events are sanctioned. Used an online form last year, but didn't include a time frame. This year, form downloaded, need to fill out and either mail, fax or scan/email to Robyn. Must include days of week in use and times. If don't know dates yet, submit when information is available. If need to add throughout the season, use same form. If more than four sites, use more than one page. For insurance claims, incident form must go through region office first. Kid gets injured, need to have incident report to be able to send in (no matter how minor)

- Referee and Score Clinics

Request form is online. Smaller clubs should try to work together. Coaches will receive their DCR at R2 clinic (they should review rules online first). Can email Linda Harris to start requesting and get help to set up.

- New Things/Reminders

Membership: New membership options for juniors this year are outdoor only, other youth (11 and under) for \$10 and zero cost (8 and under) for \$0. Summer membership will remain a membership type in late spring. For those who are other youth and zero cost, can only play in region events. Will not be allowed out of region, at national qualifiers or our bid tournament. Does not count toward our bid allocations for age group. USAV trying to increase numbers.

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Webpoint: In Webpoint, upon registration, coaches need to select their club. Juniors will not have a club choice. After tryouts, can go back in and change. We'll change allowing clubs after December. When members need to print membership cards, no longer need to scroll through electronic signature documents. For inactive teams, will no longer cause a duplicate when activated. We will be using Webpoint for some clinics (i.e. IMPACT, region run score/ref).

Boys Volleyball: For those trying to start/grow boys programming, there are grants available. If interested, talk to Robyn.

Logos: USA Volleyball is rebranding. If use USAV logos on website, need to update them. Also, Region was asked to change logo. All region logos should be updated to new one. Robyn can email to everyone both.

7. Reports

- Staff

8,213 registered indoor players (8,098 girls, 115 boys); 60 registered beach players (52 girls, 8 boys); sanctioned 50 events last year, expected to sanction another 50 this year.

- Officials Coordinator

Steve Robb- Rule Change: pg XVI in the new indoor book. Jewelry change for adults only. Jrs-still not allowed. Ref platform must be padded/safe. In event that can't be provided, ref can be on floor. Region board is going to try and pass that ref on the floor cannot be allowed.

Line-Ups: Will go back on all points if wrong player on court.

Allowed to designate 2 liberos for the match. Prior to match, designate 1 to be the starter, mandate another as the back-up. After 1st rally of match, it can be either libero afterwards. Starting player must still exchange with the libero it went in for.

- Competition

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Michele Furlong update on motorcycle accident. Expected a full recovery. Diane Seymour, collapsed prior to match and suffered brain aneurism. Surgery Sat morning, found the vessel and repaired. Optimistic and early, but still in ICU for 2 more weeks.

Steve Hargrave-only 8 motions this year. See attached sheet that was handed out prior to meeting.

VStar: no head to head, only based on finishes. Doesn't matter who you play or beat along the way, its only based on final finish. More simple system and based on you finish where you are supposed to finish. How to do original ranking? Does not supersede human element.

Tryout dates: voted down, split decision so committee decided to bring back. Tryout procedures problems 12-14s fall during their school tournament. 14-15s on same weekend, yet largest age groups. Proposal is to move dates (for next year) and move everything back a week and change who is on what weekend. 12-14's, 15-16's, 17-18's. Con is the same weekend of state tournament and also Thanksgiving weekend for the 17-18's. Nov 5, 12, 19. Can we split the motion? Forrest decides not to straw pool, and bring it to the JR board in February. Will put on a survey.

Dealing with inter-region transfer of players. Matches USAV policy with the language/rules. Once played for club, need special permission and waiver from both clubs to allow. "Unless team disbands, you can't transfer." Next sentence mentions post season...need to re-word to include during season? Phillip Anderson brought up in meeting.

Accept another section regarding ranking tournament and dates.

Accept another section regarding sanctioning for tournaments verbiage.

List of criteria to determine which tournament gets which refs. Committee will allocate officials based on history of event, tournament director record, availability of officials on that weekend.

Convention Center tournament is no longer protected.

Proposal: Human element is still in effect (should eliminate highest and lowest). Some age groups might only have the top 7 or 8 teams being voted on. No "scheeving" on votes.

Proposal: Provisions to ranking tournaments and who can run them. List of criteria? Have to have run at least 1 tournament previous year before applying for a ranking tournament.

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- Budget

Forrest speaking on behalf of Andy Gass. Strawpolled last year that region would swallow the increase in fees. Transfer of funds into officials account to help with training of officials.

- Coaching

Planning to have CAP I and CAP II weekend of December 3-4, 2011. General IMPACT schedule is online, first one is next Saturday, 9/24/11. USA Volleyball has their webinar schedule online. Eric Zender-coaching commission. Last year had 45 participants for CAP last year. Ran clinics the Friday night before ranking tournaments-averaged about 20 participants each session. College coaches are the ones coming in to run these.

Discussion Items:

- Club Seal Program NT hosted the national tournament meetings. Florida had best presentation. Set minimum standard to recognize level of club based on standing of club, not on probation, paperwork, etc. Recognized for doing stuff correctly.
- Proposed Definition and Criteria for Tournament Personnel (Officials Division) Passed by the Official board already. Create consistency.
- Referee Match Pay Increase Already passed \$2 increase/match to get back on pay with other regions.
- NATD National Association of Tournament Directors.
- AVCA/NCAA Final 4 in San Antonio in December.
- Sanction Fees decrease in February. \$20 ranking, \$15 for 2 day, \$5 for 1 day. Robyn will double check and send back in an email to clarify.
- New board and new committees, Forrest will send out info to everyone to let people know when those meetings are so people can send in topics.
- Memorial fund for Susan talked about by Kevin Anderson for Michelle Furlong.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:39 by Forrest.