

Introductions of everyone here

Meeting called to order by Andy Reitingner at 5:10 pm

Executive Director's report - Robyn Barlow @ 5:11

- We will now be using the USAV online registration system
 - Electronic signatures will be used for waivers and background checks
 - If you registered in the old system, you must re-register in the new one
 - Information will be on the NTR website
 - Go-live date is October 1st - all issues should be resolved before tryouts
 - Directors have to begin the process
 - Parents and coaches must register themselves because of the electronic signature. Club directors may not fill out the registration forms for people
 - Payment is online or by sending a check to the region
 - This will result in less paper forms for the clubs to handle
 - Background checks will be processed online. If members don't feel comfortable they can fill out the form and send it in
 - On the NTR site, the list of members that have passed a background check will still be posted. It will be modified to include only those that have been cleared for the 06-07 season, since checks must be performed every 2 seasons
 - Players have to pay their dues prior to tryouts. Clubs will not be taking dues payments on behalf of players
 - Players will take the completed registration form to tryouts
 - Players will have to come back if they don't have the member form at tryouts
 - We need to find out if we can have internet access at tryouts and collect the money to allow them to tryout.
 - PDF file needs to be put online from USAV, discussing how to register and stuff for directors to look at
 - Players do not have to select a club before tryouts. They will need to go back in and select the club after tryouts
 - \$45.00 fee for registrations; \$16.00 fee for background checks
 - Registration information should be posted on each club's website
 - Region will put as much information on the site to make the process as smooth as possible.

- Jon Rye – tournament registration
 - The process is the same as last year
 - Directors' web is still up
 - Please enter team names and also assign the team codes like before, but there is less for the directors to do
 - Team rosters will not have to be entered this year
 - A sample registration form is online right now for you to test out
 - Paypal will probably not be used

Robyn Barlow - monitoring tryouts

- Region representatives will be at tryouts and at tournaments checking registrations (coaches and players and chaps, director) 18 + older must have a background check completed

Tournament schedules

- It should be posted on the website by Friday 9/28/2007

New club director's orientation is this coming Saturday (9/29/2007)

General season

- Make sure everyone is registered
- Must be 18 years or older to be a head coach - will be voted on with USAV
- USAV meetings on Oct 3-8th

- Site sanctioning form is online. It must be sent in by November 1st if using a site that was sanctioned last year. If you have a new site, you have to have it in before using the site, and then again for the new season year

- More region-run scorekeeping clinics will be posted on the website. Please do not send entire teams to the region-run clinics; 3 or 4 people per team is recommended. Region run scorekeeping and R2 clinics are currently scheduled for Dec 1-2, Dec 8-9, Jan 5-6, Mar 9, Apr 20th. If you would like to host a clinic for your club, you may request that date now. Clinics will begin after December 1st.

- Cost for scorekeeping and referee clinics is still the same (\$6.00 per attendee), but the minimum fee has been changed to \$150.00 regardless of attendance. The maximum attendance at a clinic has been 40 people; raising that maximum to 50 will be discussed later today. If you have parents that will be attending scorekeeping clinics and ref clinics, they must be registered members of the region and pass a background check. We will not be sanctioning clinic hosts for admitting more than the max number of attendees, because the maximum will not be exceeded PERIOD!!

- To remain certified, you must attend a referee clinic every season. For adults and players 16 or older, you must attend a scorekeeping clinic every other season; for players under 16, you must attend a scorekeeping clinic every season. Certification cards will be mailed out within 7 days of the clinic.

- The minimum age for R2s will remain at 16 years old

- IMPACT clinics must be attended by ALL COACHES! The clinic must be completed before the region power league tournaments begin. Once you have attended an IMPACT clinic, you do not need to attend another one ever again.

- October 1st is the go-live date for the new NTR website. Go to www.ntrvolleyball.org/newsite to see it before it goes live
- Make sure that you have registered for the NTR Directors Yahoo group to get the latest information for junior club directors.

Elections

Junior Representatives to NTR Board of Directors

Erin Helmuth – Victory

Ed Garza

Maria Ortiz

Steve Hargrave

Amy Miller

Lainnea Donovan

Kevin Anderson

Junior Board of Directors At-Large Positions

Topics that get voted on for Juniors

Ed Garza

Judy Fox

Kathy Stanfield

Laura Gomez

Laurie Bruscato

Andy Gass

Corinne Athison

Toni Grassell

Kevin Anderson

LJ Sariego

Erin Helmuth

Vote for 6 people. Top 4 vote-getters receive full-term positions; next 2 receive the vacant positions.

Officials Chair --- No one representing the Officials Division in attendance.

- The head coach is the only coach that may stand. The assistant coach may not stand.
- The first chair on the bench is reserved for the head coach. If the head coach is not seated in the first chair then it must remain vacant.

Steve Hargrave - Competition Committee report

Competition Committee consists of Steve, Wendy Munzel, LJ Sariego, Laura Gomez, and Jon Rye

- One action item ---- power league format to determine who receives the national bids, and rankings from the last meeting. They are looking into more details

- At the last meeting, it was voted on and passed that a human element would be added to the ranking system to finalize positions in the top 10 for each age group
- Committee recommends that the ranking system stay in effect for teams 11 - end of ranks
Names of committee members would be available to the public

Is the method still valid if there are more people voting from one club??

Committee will be selected, appointed to their positions, and the Junior Board would vote on the committee members before it is finalized

Action item passed: Tournament directors can decide how many sets in one day

8 sets and 10 for 2 days

They can guarantee only 6 (one-day) and 8 (two-day) but they must disclose it on the schedule

Facility fees can increase this season

1st and 2nd-place finishers out of pool have to make it to the bracket, but 3rd and 4th wont have to go to bracket

A \$15.00 increase will be allowed if you guarantee 8 and 10 sets

One-day, 6 sets - \$185

Two-day, 8 sets - \$315

One-day, 8 sets - \$200

Two-day, 10 sets - \$330

These fee increases will be voted on later today at the Junior Board of Directors meeting

Are we in favor of \$15 increase for the larger number of sets? Raw numbers 24-9

Phillip Anderson asked, Did anyone address the results being entered by the tournament directors, instead of club directors having to do that? It was not addressed.

Steve Hargrave's e-mail address is on the website if you have anything that you want to discuss

Budget Report – Forrest Medcalf @ 6:30

\$473,000 income

Registration from plyrs \$237,600

Region Entry fees \$100,000

\$136,000 expenses

\$48,000 HP expense \$33,100 collected \$10,000 given by Juniors -\$5,000 lost

Juniors Division is the main income producer

\$250,000 for staff and administration

Send an email to Forrest with any questions

Budget will be published shortly after October 1st

Suzanne Motes not in attendance

John Sample - JVDA 5 min presentation

- The AVCA has joined with JVDA

- What is the Goal of JVDA?
- Growth is increasing for clubs and less playing HS
- 2004 declining growth
- Other sports are growing
- Growth working for 1-6th graders
- Other sports start earlier and they are trying to get volleyball to be one of those
- USAV is not sending money for growing the sports
- \$100 registration fee
- Building education
- There are 30 clubs that have decided not to play JOs this year
- They will be registered with USAV but won't go to qualifiers or JOs this year
- 30 percent have less than 10 teams and 30 percent have more than 30 teams
- There is no board that makes decisions
- I need to check the fees to put it on there
- Each club receives only one vote
- Contact John if you have questions about it

Stephanie Poole

Texas Assault coach

Fundraising races for NTR

Regionwide race after tryouts

Get money back for players participation

Preorganized with online registration

Website being setup soon

Flyer handed out today

Email will be coming out soon to everyone

Cost is about \$40 for each runner

Pledge system according to how much they raise - 50/50 potential

Location is going to be at White Rock Lake, possibly on December 8th 8am – noonish

Elected to the NTR Board of Directors as Junior Representatives - Steve Hargrave and Kevin Anderson

Elected to the Junior Board of Directors

1 year terms - Laura Gomez and Judy Fox

2 year terms - Ed Garza, Laurie Bruscato, Kevin Anderson, and Erin Hellmuth

Discussion Items

HP --- Forrest Medcalf to chair this committee discussion to determine if changes should be made in format, etc.

Delinquent List --- The region's lawyers have stated that we cannot enforce the delinquent list. Instead of having the region hear all of those cases, it will be up to the club to handle delinquencies

Penalties for sanctions ---- Jon Rye will chair a committee to address sanctions and the penalties for each one

Tryout dates ---- 13s and 14s affected by schools still in season. Tryouts do not need to be conducted on the published dates, those are just the first date that tryouts can start for that age group

Amy Miller will chair a committee to see if we need a different/better tryout schedule for future seasons

February meeting will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month --- suggestions were solicited but none were provided

Annual meeting of NTR Board of Directors in July didn't occur, because not enough people were present. October 1st meeting will cover the outstanding items from July.

2 At-Large positions will be available on the NTR Board on October 1st

1 player rep and 2 parent positions will also be available

Any registered member of the region is eligible for the positions

Michele Furlong (At Large), Paul Olschwanger (At Large), and Ron Stahl (Parent Rep) have their terms expiring

Recruiting

What does the Region say about it?

The region cannot dictate to a club to tell them anything

Ethical standard is different but we don't have a right to sanction on ethical standard

Rodney gave his view on it

Erin Hellmuth will head a committee to draft a code of ethics

Attorney said the kids don't belong to a club, so a director can make all the oral offers they want

Motion to adjourn by Andy Reitingger at 7:17

Jr Board of Directors Meeting

Call to Order at 7:28

Motion by Forrest Medcalf to accept minutes, second by Eric Zender

Minutes approved

Roll call... Steve Hargrave, Forrest Medcalf, Judy Fox, Jon Rye, Erin Hellmuth, Laurie Bruscato, Eric Zender, Kathy Stanfield ad hoc, Alice Klunck, Andy Reitingner, Robyn Barlow

Missing Ed Garza, Kevin Anderson, Laura Gomez

3 visitors

Action items coming from Jr meeting

Motion: Referee and scorekeeper clinics max participants be increased from 40 to 50

Second by Judy Fox

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Tournament entry fees for a guaranteed 6 set \$185.00. Guaranteed 8 sets is \$200

2 day guaranteed 8 sets \$315.00

2 day guaranteed 10 sets – \$330.00

Eric questioned the 10 sets 2 day to stay the same for \$315.00

Discussion

- Eric says he makes \$150 per court as the director for a 1-day tournament
- For a 2-day at \$315 he makes \$1200 a court
- Eric feels the amount is too high for 2 day

- Court fees are \$300 per day per court. The proposal is to increase court rental fees to \$350 per day per court

- The proposed increase in entry fees is due to the increase in court rental fees

- Jon makes \$50 per team per tournament, or \$400 per day per court

- It is requested that you not vote if you have a financial interest in the proposal, to avoid potential conflicts of interest

- More discussion, with Forrest Medcalf asking some questions

Motion: Tournament entry fees for a guaranteed 6 set \$185.00. Guaranteed 8 sets is \$200. 2 day guaranteed 8 sets \$315.00 2 day guaranteed 10 sets – \$330.00

Eric Zender --- Should there be an application process prior to becoming a new club? They should be mature before they do it.

Robyn and Alice to get together on New Club Directors' orientation book

Erin discussing Recruiting changes and the fact that it appears that we have just turned backwards

We have to police ourselves

Code of ethics can be put into the club agreement

Need to put it into the handbook or the contract

Motion by Forrest Medcalf

That you must be present to accept your nomination for the any election with the exception of the incumbents

Second by Steve Hargrave

Amendments "exception of the incumbents"

Steve accepts

Motion Passed: That you must be present to accept your nomination for the any election with the exception of the incumbents

We need to discuss who the person is and what club they are affiliated with prior to voting in the future again/

Laurie asking Tournament committee questions about who gets what dates and reffing assignments

Who decides which tournaments get officials and which ones don't? Some tournaments will not get officials because of the lack of officials, low scores on tournament evaluations, not paying sanction fees, and officials not wanting to work that tournament

Head Refs: When do we have to have them, and when do we not?

Region pays first day

Laurie asked will no one else get officials on power league weekends? Why are those protected weekends? Anyone can run that tournament. 32-36 courts that have officials for them and we don't have enough refs to provide refs for other tournaments on those weekends.

Jon... how does the AVC benefit the region? It is an event-based qualifier and could be on the USAV track to award bids to Nationals via events that are not currently qualifiers

Motion to adjourn by Steve Hargrave

Second by Forrest Medcalf

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm