

OVR Board Meeting Synopsis: January 19, 2004

OVR directors, officers, staff, and guests met on January 19, 2004 in Kent. Results from that meeting are summarized here and at www.ovr.org/executive/.

Attendance (board members italicized):

Present: Ron Wyzynski, *Bob Price, Nick Nystrom, Al Herbert, Michelle Fox, Emi Vishoot, Patty Salvatore, Barb Strome, Don Burroughs, Jimmy McKinzey, Terry Miller, Art Faura, Keith Burke, Brian Hemelgarn, Tom Kohl, Glenn Purdy, Steve Donahue*

Not present: *Bob Dickenson, Troy Dixon, Tom Kohl, Elaine Viney, Bill Zehler*

Guests: John J. Luecken, Jr.

[Meeting convened at 9:15 AM]

Executive Director's Report – Ron Wyzynski

- Ron is continuing contract negotiations for future seasons, providing direct benefit to both the Region and its sponsors.
- Terry Miller announced that he will get online.
- Ron distributed OVR Championship dates for 2006 through 2009, which will combine Bids with Regionals.
- Convention Center arrangements permit us some flexibility in court and camp space layout for the Junior championships. Ron will work with Bob and Bill to put on the best possible event.
- Entry is low for the Big Top Volleyball tournament in Charleston. Incentives and alternative formats will be offered to ensure that the tournament is a success.

High Performance – Don Burroughs

- USA Volleyball is restructuring its education program. Don will have more information after meetings in Colorado.
- Certifications granted by non-approved IMPACT instructors will not be accepted.
- Don recommended 10 large IMPACT clinics next year, 2 in each of 5 geographical areas. Don will soon be the next instructor for IMPACT instructors, and he will be working on the new IMPACT instructor's manual.
- Close to 375 coaches have been IMPACT-certified so far;

over 500 will be certified this season.

- HP is proceeding smoothly. It's not known yet which 2 divisions the VolleyClassic will host. Tryouts will be the Friday night of Bids.

Men's Open

- Micki noted that the Open clubbing policy creates a problem with entry deadlines because players don't know their teams until within days of the tournament.
- The 1-week entry deadline is a region deadline that applies to Open teams, just as it does to all others.

Regionals

- The entry deadline is April 1, but the April 10 weekend will still be considered for seeding. Pools will be posted the week of Regionals.
- On Saturday, the OVR will also offer 1 court of coed, 1 court of U-Volley men's, and 1 court of U-Volley women's. Keith will organize those non-championship tournaments.

Boys' Championships

- Keith secured Capital University.
- Brian noted that it's time now to line up a larger facility for next year. Various facilities were suggested, with the main constraint being that the tournament must occur on the last weekend in February.
- Brian advocated the OVR hosting a prominent, inter-regional tournament. Keith mentioned that out-of-region inquiries have been coming in for the Boys' Championship. Bob stressed that the OVR Regional Championship tournaments are for OVR teams only.

Event Responsibility

- From time to time, certain tournaments may have to be cancelled or relocated. However, the OVR website is merely a vehicle for advertisement, and the OVR is not a promoter for any event for which it is not expressly noted as being the promoter. The OVR is not responsible for events promoted by others.

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