

Ohio Valley Region
Board of Directors
January 21, 2013

Called to order 10:00

BOD Attendees: Tom Kohl, Gretchen Niebling, Adam Evans, Bob Price, Terry Miller, Al Herbert, Brian Hemelgarn, Michelle Hills, Patty Salvatore, Steve Donahue, John Buck, Art Faura, Paul Claridades, Keith Burke

Staff: Glenn Freed, Ron Wyzynski, Don Burroughs

Guests: Linda Logan

Absent: Bill Zehler, Rob Long

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. Paul moved to approve, Art seconded. Fourteen approved.

Bob discussed the following issues.

Ethics and Eligibility of the RVAA upheld that anyone in the 513 area code could join either OVR or Pioneer. They upheld OVR's sanction of Rich Zeciski. Bob still maintains that Team Z teams may not play in OVR events. Bob is requesting that the boundaries of Regions be clarified by the RVAA. Individual Regions may allow their residents to register in other regions on a yearly basis. The club must register in the region in which the club director resides. Regions can only issue a certificate of insurance for properties inside their region.

OVR Adult teams are currently focused in the Dayton, Cincinnati and Columbus area.

Ron said the OVR will pay about \$75,000 for the web site and registration migration. This is being paid to two web development companies. Moving to credit card payment has been improving. Some parents didn't recognize the Ohio Valley Region transaction as a volleyball membership.

Brian and Terry have been providing officials clinics for returning officials as well as new prospective official clinics. They have worked with 80+ prospective officials at Friendship Tournaments.

The OVR has had 36 calls about renting our sport courts. The OVR has contracted with a number of sites to use the courts. There is a big business in court rentals. The OVR wants to be careful in the court rentals to make sure the courts are not abused. We will not rent to competitive organizations. Bob will look into cleaning our courts more often.

Rob Long submitted a report on his plans for Beach/Outdoor.

Linda Logan of the Columbus Sport Commission said they are submitting requests for both the Adult Open and Boys JNC in 2015. Columbus is looking at increasing the hotel occupancy rate. So a better tracking of the room used at our events may require the OVR to sign more contracts with hotels. That will help to track the usage better.

The OVR web system is still improving. Some issues are still being addressed.

If a team earns a USA bid at a Qualifier, they may still participate at the OVR Bid Tournament. Next year, any 11s team that wishes to participate in the OVR Bid Tournament must go through the 12 Regional Play-In Tournament first.

Don is working on correcting certification data issues. Some have invalid birth dates. Another issue is that Indoor IMPACT is a different certification from Beach IMPACT. Adam Evans is now certified to provide IMPACT clinics. Don has been updating Webpoint IMPACT certifications for OVR members.

Bill submitted a report on the state of Girls Juniors.

Glenn is hosting the Boys Regional at Game Time Sports on February . Boys WinterFest is running a weekend earlier than last year. There are 4 courts of Boys 18s and 3 courts of 16s.

Should the OVR offer boys grade level team? Yes, the system already allows it just like the girls teams.

Brian has run the officials clinics. There are 44 new officials. There is one more weekend of training/rating yet. There is a USAV Referee Training Camp during the Girls WinterFest.

The Learning Management System's training for junior second referee and scoring is not recording results correctly. The videos are available but the recording of test results is not.

Gretchen hosted a Junior Advisory Board at which 2 club coaches attended. We will work on allowing the club directors to post players as they sign a contract in the early signing period. Publish a more direct link to various state high school eligibility requirements. Club Director meeting will continue to be offered during the Girls Junior Championships. Could the clubs be offered a club site under the OVR system? Can the OVR site offer a survey tool? Next year's Junior Advisory Meeting will be held in Dayton next year in December.

Should the OVR offer club fairs across the region to let the clubs display information about themselves? Bob will investigate.

Tom has sanctioned roughly 97% of the requested. 73% of the sanctioned events are filled.

Can the OVR offer National level tournament/scrimmages on a single day without affecting the team's seeding points?

Michelle is planning Boys HP tryouts at the Boys' WinterFest. She also wants to run a Girls HP Tryout the Friday night before the OVR Bid Tournament. She and Glenn are working on hiring coaches.

Gretchen informed the board that there are the typical 5 positions open for election. Bob will begin the process of looking at changing the bylaws to allow for online voting.

Does the OVR Awards Committee processing requests? The committee will get revived for 2012.

Next Board of Directors' meeting is June 7, 8 & 9 at the Columbus Airport Marriott.

Recessed to Executive Session at 2:30 pm.

Recessed 3:30 pm