

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING  
OF THE  
OHIO VALLEY REGION, INC.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ohio Valley Region, Inc. ("Corporation") was held on May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Marriott in Columbus, Ohio.

**I. QUORUM** - The following Board Members were present:

Mr. Bob Price, Mr. Terry Miller, Ms. Patty Salvatore, Mr. Brian Hemelgarn, Mr. Matt Mihelic, Ms. Sandra Borer, Mrs. Michelle Hills, Mr. Gary Hajek, and Mr. Al Herbert. Mr. Tom Kohl arrived at 7:12 p.m. Mr. Bill Zehler arrived at 8:20 p.m.

Excused absences: Ms. Diane Hood and Mr. Stephen Donahue

Staff: Mr. Ron Wyzynski and Mr. Don Burroughs

Guests: Ms. Ginger Hinline (Ohio Premier)

**II. CALL TO ORDER** – Commissioner Bob Price called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum of directors was present and the meeting, having been duly convened, was read to proceed with business.

**III. Board of Directors Election Results**

On, Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the board of directors' election was declared closed, which according to the bylaws, was to officially end at the end of play, on the last day of the Junior Regional Championships.

Mr. Bob Price read the election results. The 5 individuals who were officially elected to the board are Mr. Albert Herbert, Mr. Bob Price, Ms. Tonya Thompson, Mr. Brian Hemelgarn, and Mr. Corey Verchio.

Ms. Michelle Hills sent an updated report via email as we had a record number of candidates running for Board seats, and the only unusual event was identifying one person who was able to vote twice online. 5 votes were voided on the paper ballots, due to voting online and in person, and voting prior to becoming officially a Region member. Discussion was held on the validity of online voting, as well as possible ways that people could attempt to cheat the system.

Ms. Michelle Hills offered and was approved to run the elections again next year, as she has declared that she will not be running for re-election next year. Mr. Al Herbert recommended that next year, we send out email reminders to those individuals who have not voted as of yet.

Ms. Ginger Hinline of Ohio Premier Volleyball out of Cincinnati wished to address the Board, to share the news that Ohio Premier will be opening a volleyball facility with 8 indoor volleyball

courts and Sports Imports equipment. She wanted to open up a conversation about OVR facilities opening the possibility for tournament directors to charge gates. Mr. Brian Hemelgarn surveyed other regions within USA to see how many regions charge admissions, and only 4 out of the 26 regions (out of the 40 regions) that responded do not charge for admissions. Discussion was had regarding the amount of money that would be palatable to charge for admissions. Discussion ensued regarding the rationale for charging parents, how the OVR prides itself on being a family-oriented organization, and that the OVR provides all of the resources and support for members to host/run tournaments for free.

#### **IV. REPORTS**

##### **OVR Business**

Mr. Matt Mihelic reported that for this season we had 16 clubs made up of 81 teams. During the 2017-2018 season, we had 11 clubs with 72 teams, which was the largest participation we have ever had. For the Boys Winterfest that was held on Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019, the event was filled. Teams from out of region were even asking to participate.

For the Boys Regional Championships, Mr. Mihelic conveyed that the switching of venues caused some confusion and frustration with parents and players. He suggested that maybe we consider hosting a two-day competition, as that could be more attractive to out of region teams and families travelling in for the competition. Currently, we are considering the Fairgrounds in Columbus as a possible location in late February.

Optional dates for the Boys Regional Championships for 2020 will be as follows:

- Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, which is President's Day weekend
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> Boys Bid in Harrisburg (only a handful of OVR teams from PA go to it)
- Feb 29<sup>th</sup>/Mar 1<sup>st</sup>

Mr. Matt Mihelic suggested that possibly for next season, how the team places in OVR Boys Regional Championships impacts where the team would be seeded for the Holiday Tournament in 2019. This may influence some of the more powerful clubs/teams to fully participate in the Boys Regional Championships.

Mr. Mihelic updated the Board on the USAV Grant that he received for this past season. From this grant, we witnessed 4 of 6 new clubs that formed 12U teams. The other 2 clubs had 12U teams last year.

Mr. Mihelic had read the Junior Advisory Board minutes, and he wants to setup more 12's/13's/14's boys opportunities, making it at least once a month in Columbus during the season (Dec-Feb) as well as regionally, bi-weekly between those Columbus tournaments. He is considering Cincinnati, Cleveland/Akron, and Dayton. Mr. Bob Price suggested that Mr. Matt Mihelic develop a Boys Club Development Program, as new clubs need guidelines and outlines for how to establish a sustainable club program. Mr. Price requested that Mr. Mihelic provide a report on the grant to submit to the RVA by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Matt Mihelic updated the Board on the Spike for Tykes high school event that was held at The University of Mount Union in April 2019. They had a 24-team tournament and were able to

donate \$10,750 this year alone, taking our total amount donated in four years to over \$25,000. It was an amazing event for all.

For this year's upcoming Holiday Tournament in December 2019, the goal is to grow above 102 team. Mr. Mihelic intends on holding another scouting forum "player showcase". The OVR will charge \$15, which will include a T-shirt with a tryout number on it. This fee will help pay the loss of the tournament (estimating \$500 income). Mr. Mihelic will have preregistration (guarantee a shirt) and day of registration (no guarantee of a shirt) but he will be limiting it to only high school Juniors/Seniors.

Mr. Gary Hajek first thanked the Board for supporting him throughout this long road to get boys volleyball sanctioned as a varsity sport. Emerging Sports sent out an email stating that boys volleyball will be approved as a varsity sport at the next OHSAA meeting. The next OHSAA meeting is this coming Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are anticipating that boys volleyball will officially be a varsity sport for the 2020 season. Emily Gates will be the point person to contact within the OHSAA for boys volleyball. Mr. Bob Price announced that Motor MVB will now be "First Point Volleyball Foundation", as the name was confusing to some.

Mr. Al Herbert reported on the new USAV Member Management System, SportsEngine. USAV will be changing from Webpoint to SportsEngine (SE) for their Membership Management System (MMS) effective September 1, 2019. All of our memberships will see the change when they renew or sign-up after September 1<sup>st</sup>. They will start on our OVR system Registration page and then be re-directed to the SportsEngine page. They will be prompted for their SportsEngine login. If they already have an SportsEngine Username and Password because their club is using SportsEngine for their club website, they will log in using that information. Most of our current members will not have one and will have to request a login. This is very similar to when we moved to Webpoint seven seasons ago. SE will ask for their name, birthdate, etc. and try to match against the USAV database. If it finds a match, they will be prompted to create an SE Username and Password and it will be merged with their existing USAV data. If a match is not found, they will be prompted to create a new SE Username and Password. In any case, they will see "USAV Membership" in a menu on the left of their screen. This will take them to the USAV registration process. Mr. Chris Bielby and Mr. Al Herbert will be discussing ways to make this whole process a bit easier for everyone involved.

Mr. Al Herbert made it a point to remind the Board that clubs will build their team rosters on the OVR system, so with SE, the rosters will fit better with AES. There will be no major impact on our end (registration process), but it should be much more mobile friendly. Mr. Brian Hemelgarn inquired about the changes with SE and our memberships, and Mr. Al Herbert reported that the try-out membership alteration (5 days **total**, removing the word "consecutive") has to be approved by the USAV Board of Directors, as the RVA overwhelming supported this change. Mr. Al Herbert expects that AES will be implementing online payments for clubs.

Commissioner Bob Price asked if clubs can register early contract sign on kids in June or July in SE, but club directors will still have to abide by the September 1<sup>st</sup> date to build their rosters. Mr. Al Herbert agreed. Commissioner Price inquired about the breakdown of fees and how USAV will receive their portion. Presently, the OVR charges \$62 (\$60 membership and \$2 credit card processing fee) for most memberships. All \$62 goes into the OVR bank account on a daily basis. The beginning of each month, Mr. Ron Wyzynski sends a check to USAV for their portion of the previous month's deposits. Last fiscal year's total was about \$540,000. Mr. Ron Wyzynski also sends a check to the credit card processing company for their transaction fees. Last year's total was about \$47,000.

Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, \$37.50 will go to the OVR account. \$22.50 will go to a USAV account. The remaining \$2 will be split between OVR and the USAV (roughly 60% to 40%). The \$20 background screening fee will still come to the OVR and the next month, Mr. Ron Wyzynski will send them a check for their services. Last year's total was about \$45,000.

Commissioner Bob Price reported that USAV is highly recommending that each region should have cyber security insurance, at a rate of 25 cents to 50 cents per member. This would translate between \$9,000-\$13,000 a year for cyber security insurance.

Commissioner Bob Price reported on SafeSport and the SafeSport Center, as it is still an ongoing, developing process. They are adding staff in order to improve services from the SafeSport Center. Individuals will file an incident report to the SafeSport Center, and SafeSport will evaluate and will move forward with an investigation if there is enough information. If not, the incident report is kicked back to the region, and the region is then required to gather more information. We have had 8-12 SafeSport incident reports submitted to us this year alone. Mr. Brian Hemelgarn asked if an official had a SafeSport incident at the collegiate level, is the region required to then take on that incident due to the fact that they may be registered with the OVR and USA Volleyball. The Federal Government will be requiring all amateur organizations to comply by SafeSport guidelines (such as AAU and JVA). The SafeSport renewal process will now be required yearly and the renewal process should take approximately 30 minutes. Members will never be "certified" in SafeSport, they will be "trained". Parent authorization is now required to allow minors to take SafeSport training. Background screening proposal was that you are required to have a background screen every year. Background screens would then be \$15/year. The USOC is moving forward requiring all National Governing Bodies to have the same disqualifiers in their background screen. Ms. Sandra Borer inquired if we could add disqualifiers, and Commissioner Price reported that they are currently discussing that. Out of 35,000 background screens, the OVR had 51 disqualified.

Commissioner Bob Price stated that due to the RVA reserve fund on insurance, all 40 regions will not feel the \$350,000 insurance increase for the next year.

Ms. Michelle Hills, Mr. Tom Kohl, and Commissioner Bob Price discussed the By-law revision proposal changes. Board members were advised that we will adopt these changes by the next Board meeting in October. Discussion ensued.

Director Al Herbert moved to accept page 1 of the bylaw proposal changes.

Director Gary Hajek seconded the motion.

11-0; Motion passed.

Director Matt Mihelilc moved to accept page 2 of the bylaw proposal changes.

Director Al Herbert seconded the motion.

11-0; Motion passed.

Director Al Herbert moved to accept page 3 of the bylaw proposal changes.

Director Matt Mihelic seconded the motion.

10-0; Motion passed.

Director Al Herbert moved to accept section 5.02B of page 4 of the bylaw proposal changes.

Director Michelle Hills seconded the motion.

3-5; Motion failed.

Director Al Herbert moved to accept section C of page 4 of the bylaw proposal changes.

Director Michelle Hills seconded the motion.

2-7; Motion failed.

Director Matt Mihelic moved to accept 5.03B page 4 of the bylaw proposal changes.

Director Sandra Borer seconded the motion.

10-0; Motion passed.

Director Michelle Hills moved to accept page 5 of the bylaw proposal changes with the approved changes.

Director Al Herbert seconded the motion.

11-0; Motion passed.

Director Al Herbert moved to accept page 6 of the bylaw proposal changes with the approved changes.

Director Matt Mihelic seconded the motion.

9-2; Motion passed.

Commissioner Bob Price put forth an idea to add two non-voting Ad Hoc members from the states of West Virginia and Pennsylvania to attend Board meetings. These positions would be appointed by members of the Board, with a term of 1 year, and then they can then be renewed. This idea will be voted upon tomorrow.

Mr. Ron Wyzynski stated that prior to this meeting, the OVR was served court papers. Mr. Darren Frizell has filed a lawsuit against the region, with a total of 12 complaints (111 charges against the OVR). Commissioner Bob Price and Mr. Ron Wyzynski met with our region attorney, Mr. Mike Fultz. Board members may be solicited for comments.

Meeting recessed at 10:37 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:31 a.m.

### **Updated Communication**

Commissioner Bob Price called the meeting to order.

The following Board Members were present:

Mr. Bob Price, Ms. Patty Salvatore, Mr. Brian Hemelgarn, Mr. Matt Mihelic, Ms. Sandra Borer, Ms. Tonya Thompson, Ms. Michelle Hills, Mr. Tom Kohl, Mr. Bill Zehler, Mr. Terry Miller, and Mr. Al Herbert.

Absent: Mr. Stephen Donahue, Mr. Corey Verchio, Ms. Diane Hood, and Mr. Gary Hajek

Staff: Mr. Ron Wyzynski, Mr. Dave Chapman, Ms. Valerie Gilespeie, and Mr. Don Burroughs

### **V. REPORTS (con't)**

#### **Financial/Business Report**

Mr. Ron Wyzynski stated that Ms. Valerie Gilespeie would be arriving later to discuss the booking policies that have been set by the Greater Columbus Convention Center (GCCC). Currently, room nights will determine if we get from a date; preference is given to events that request (and guarantee) more room nights. Mr. Wyzynski reported that one of our top priorities is public safety at our events. The OVR provides the official store at officiating clinics. Mr. Wyzynski shared how the OVR has grown over the years in regards to the numbers of team, court usage, as well as cost. Currently, the GCCC has established that the maximum number of courts that we can set up to be at 60. Discussion ensued regarding national teams have requested Bids be moved to later in May, as well as the possibility to make it a 2 day event in order to reduce time between Bids and Nationals.

Commissioner Price reminded everyone that our policy has always been that we include every team the opportunity to participate in the Regional Championships. The OVR Event staff (Herbert, Mihelic, Zehler, and Hills) will be reviewing tournament formatting and court usage at the Regional tournament. With our projected growth, additional teams could be problematic in continuing with the policy that everyone has the opportunity to participate.

Mr. Ron Wyzynski on the projected cost increases involved in hosting our convention center events. Discussion ensued regarding how our financial information will be recorded and reported to the Board. Commissioner Price assigned an ad-hoc committee to work with Ron to establish the job description and parameters for the Treasurer position. The members of the committee are Matt Mihelic (chair) Al Herbert and Michelle Hills. They will report back to the board in October.

#### **Commissioner's Report**

Commission Bob Price reported that the RVA meetings that were hosted here in Columbus prior to Open National Championships were very productive. There is a ShareFile that is being

developed in order to share information with the OVR Board of Directors. He reported that there will be an insurance increase of approximately \$1 per member or \$350,000; that cost will be covered by the RVA Reserve Insurance Fund. Commissioner Price shared that the new rule books will be split into beach and indoor.

Commissioner Price stated the SafeSport program is continuing to evolve, requiring RVA compliance. SafeSport requirements will continue to change requiring flexibility on our part. USA Volleyball will be requiring that all background screens be done on a YEARLY basis. At the RVA meetings, there was extensive discussion regarding regional cyber security insurance. To this date, the OVR is not participating in that insurance program. Commissioner Price reported that his position as the Commissioner has evolved and is becoming more regulatory and investigative, as he has spent more time enforcing policies and rules to protect membership. He provided an example with the club, Toledo Storm, as they have been suspended for two years.

### **Beach Program Director**

Mr. Dave Chapman shared that we had 83 beach events sanctioned (75 Girls Events and 8 Boys Events). New for this season, tournament directors will be allowed to hire officials for their events, but Mr. Dave Chapman will still hire and assign for the BNQ events. Mr. Dave Chapman reported that Commissioner Bob Price and Referees' Chair Brian Hemelgarn have selected Mr. Randy Cline as the OVR Beach Officials Coordinator. Discussion was had on the need for more beach officials and clinic attendance. There will be an officials clinic on June 7<sup>th</sup>, with the rating on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Dave Chapman reported that we hosted 2 National Qualifiers (BNQ's), on May 25-26 in Cincinnati, with 4 Bids per division available. There were 63 teams entered, and we awarded Bids for the following:

Boys U12 1 Team  
Boys U14 4 Teams  
Boys U16 4 Teams  
Boys U18 4 Teams  
Girls U12 4 Teams  
Girls U14 4 Teams  
Girls U16 4 Teams  
Girls U18 4 Teams

Mr. Dave Chapman stated we will be hosting the other BNQ on June 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, with 4 Bids per division available. We have 82 teams entered (as of May 29th).

This year's USA Jr Beach National Championships is being held at the South side Manhattan Beach Pier in Manhattan Beach, CA for the first time ever. July 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> will be the Boys and Girls 12U & 16U. On July 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> will be the Boys and Girls 14U & 18U. The entry fee is \$128 per team. There was a discussion on the OVR reimbursing national qualifying team their entry fee.

Director Al Herbert moved to approve of an entry fee reimbursement for teams who receive a Bid and participate in the Beach National Championships.

Director Sandra Borer seconded the motion.

10-0; Motion passed.

### **Girls Program Director Report**

Mr. Bill Zehler stated that the OVR has 175 clubs established, and those clubs comprise 2014 teams. To provide a comparison, in 2018 we had 1802 teams. The amount of teams that we had for the 2018-2019 season are as follows:

<b>Green Growth</b>	<b>Red Loss</b>	<b>Bold big loss</b>
<b>10 and Under 48 teams</b>		
12s National 21 teams	American 29 teams	Regional 188 teams
13s National 26 teams	American 72 teams	Regional 224 teams
14s National 35 teams	American 93 teams	Regional 260 teams
15s National 41 teams	American 92 teams	Regional 199 teams
16s National 37 teams	American 73 teams	Regional 158 teams
17s National 30 teams	American 44 teams	Regional 125 teams (-30)
18s National 28 teams		Regional 81 teams

### **OVR Girls' Junior Championships**

Mr. Bill Zehler reported that for the OVR Girls' Junior Championship, we had over 1,504 teams registered and paid to participate. There were very few teams that had to withdraw, and there was one refund issued.

The waiver to participate in two championships was very successful. We modified it so that there could be a total of 3 'waivered' athletes on a roster of no more than 9 athletes. Every request for a waiver was granted except 2. We are already receiving inquiries to know the dates of play for divisions of championships next season, as we have four weekends.

For the ASEP Sports Club Director Course, approximately 30 people completed the online director course. There were over a thousand requests for player reassignment; of which almost all are approved (most were auto approved by the club).

Discussion ensued regarding charging admission fees at tournaments. Commissioner Bob Price recommended raising tournament entry fees to \$225 in order to address the escalating costs that facilities face.

Director Brian Hemelgarn moved to increase the tournament entry fee to \$225 a team per day. Director Tonya Thompson seconded.

9-1; Motion passed.

Director Hemelgarn shared that he surveyed other regions to find out if they charge admission to their events. Of the 26 regions who responded, only 4 of them do not permit admission fees. Currently, we are the only qualifier in the country that does not charge an admission fee.

Director Al Herbert moved to allow OVR tournament directors to charge admission fees to OVR events.

Director Bill Zehler seconded.

5-5, with 1 abstention (CEO); Motion failed.

Discussion ensued regarding tournament directors being able to charge admission fees to OVR tournaments utilizing 20 courts or less. Director Brian Hemelgarn moved to allow admission fees for the convention center/arena events of 12 courts or more.

Director Bill Zehler seconded.

8-2; Motion passed.

Discussion was had on the projections of cost increased related to facilities and hotels.

Recommendations ranged from just charging at President's Cup to charging at all OVR Regional events, with the exception of Regional Championships.

### **Jr. Girls Tournament Report**

Mr. Tom Kohl started off by giving a special thanks to Al Herbert and Steve Donahue for helping with Player-Coach registrations and certification updates. As well as Chris Bielby, for his web site improvements in making tournament process easier for tournament directors, members and parents.

Our total number of sanctioned events through May 19, 2019 was 1131.

Data regarding tournament activity can be found below:

Boys total sanctioned events: 32

Friendship Scrimmages: 4

Regular Season: 11

Challenge Tournaments: 14

OVR Championships: 7

Girls total sanctioned events: 1099

Friendship Scrimmages: 20

Regular Season: 773

American: 237

Regional: 683

Elite Tournaments: 3

Regional Challenge: 35

American Challenge: 37

National Challenge: 17

All Divisions Challenge: 4

Bid Qualifier: 8

OVR Championships: 202

Tournament Directors: 103

Tournament sites: 120

There were a number of reasons tournaments did not fill or were cancelled. The reasons included teams withdrawing and replacement teams could not be found, tournaments were sanctioned late and not enough teams entered, teams not interested in 2-day events, teams not willing to travel, weather/school/other conflicts, or just simply not enough teams interested in playing at that location and/or date.

Mr. Tom Kohl reminded the Board that most tournaments are sanctioned before tryouts are held, and additional tournaments are added geographically after tryouts as tournaments are filled, but the actual number of Regional and American teams registered and paid is close to zero to 25% until after January.

Mr. Kohl has been contacted by individuals throughout Ohio to host Junior tournaments at new sites next year, plus the normal desire by current tournament facilities to host additional tournaments. As always, there will be continued scheduling issues for girls' junior tournaments for 2019-2020 season. Simply stated, the early demand for hosting tournaments is greater than the eventual number of teams and length of season can accommodate. However, tournament directors are willing to compromise and work together to create playing opportunities for all divisions.

Online recording of tournament results and timely return of the Juniors Tournament Report were problematic but eventually nearly all reports and results were accounted for. There continues to be a problem with Site Director notification.

Mr. Tom Kohl stated that there were a few instances of improper tournament procedures and incident reports were sent to Commissioner Bob Price. Club Directors having coaches and players with incomplete registrations and non-IMPACT certification is a season long problem but does correct itself over time. Mr. Kohl thanked Commissioner Bob Price for his efforts to mediate the many difficult situations that club directors and tournament hosts present throughout the season. Most, if not all the problems, are caused by people not reading the rules and procedures for our various activities.

Scheduling of American tournaments can be a challenge in certain areas of the Region. The use of Elite tournament division can be helpful at times for those American and National teams wishing additional tournaments within the region. The "U" type tournaments were also offered for those tournaments wanting to combine all divisions in a specific agegroup tournament for the purpose of offering additional playing opportunities.

Scheduling of officials for Junior tournaments continues to be a concern during parts of the season. Specific tournament directors continue to be a problem. Mr. Tom Kohl thanked Mr. Brian Hemelgarn for his efforts. Mr. Kohl recommend that Brian continue to be compensated by tournament directors if his services are needed to obtain officials for tournaments.

Currently, the ability to request a tournament sanction only requires OVR membership. Often, the person running the tournament is someone different from the person requesting the

tournament sanction. Preference is given to those facilities that offer practice opportunities and/or host Junior clubs.

The following is a list of recommendations for the 2019-2020 season:

1. Junior Regular Season Tournament rules and procedures to be reviewed updated and edited after the June meeting.
2. Continue American and Regional tournaments for those respected divisions teams only.
3. The use of "U" tournaments for early season and end of season tournaments and for tournaments not filling.
4. Continued American-National tournaments (Elite tournaments)
5. Regional and American Challenges spread out over the region.

### **Officials Development/Rules of the Game**

Mr. Brian Hemelgarn reported that we have 496 indoor referees, and this number includes three beach-only referees (compared to 493 last season). We successfully certified 77 new referees this year. Currently, the OVR has 154 Junior Regional referees, 191 Provisional referees, 98 Regional referees, 17 Junior National referees, and 26 National referees.

This year, David Barnes earned his National certification at the National/G18 JNC in Dallas, Texas, while Jeff Kline and Scott O'Donnell will be candidates for Junior National referee certification at the Junior National/GJNC in Indianapolis, Indiana, in July.

This year, Mr. Brian Hemelgarn hosted a line judge certification session, on May 12, 2019. He was also able to attend the RVA Referee & Scorer Meetings at US Open National Championships in Columbus. The OVR Officials Handbook was updated, as well as various OVR officiating webpages. The OVR also improved the "referee profile" page in the database which will provide better record-keeping.

#### **New Officiating Tasks & Projects In Progress**

- a. 2019-2020 OVR Referee Clinics, sites & dates
- b. August 11 NCAA National Clinic @ Sheraton Four Points Cleveland Airport
- c. Update OVR Officials Handbook for 2019-2020 season

#### **Additional Officiating Objectives & On-going Projects**

- a. Online junior officials training materials
- b. Use of USAV online training materials (including exams) & USAV Academy

#### **Other Officiating Updates**

- a. USAV Rules Commission – rulebook editing
- b. USAV National Referee Certifications & Evaluations
- c. Spectator conduct at local, Regional and National events – point of emphasis
- d. Recruitment/retention of referees

### **Coaches Education**

Mr. Don Burroughs informed the Board that USAV coaching programs have been converted into an electronic online program.

### **HP Update**

Mr. Glenn Freed reported via email that we are hosting an OVR HP Developmental Camp for girls ages 8-17 at The College of Wooster, (June 8-10). For any player who tries out for the OVR HP team and was not selected, her tryout fee will be put towards the camp IF she attends.

New for this year, we will be hosting an OVR HP Developmental Camp Series for boys ages 8-18. We will have multiple single-day camps throughout the OVR, and these camps will be hosted by multiple men's head coaches at colleges within our region (Urbana, Mt. Union, Alderson Broaddus, Cincinnati Christian, Hiram, Wittenberg, Thiel, and PSU-Behrend).

HP Tryouts for boys was February 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, and 20 boys were selected for team camp/travel teams (plus an additional 4 players were chosen as alternates). Tryouts for the girls was April 12<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and May 4<sup>th</sup>. 20 girls were selected for team camp/travel teams (plus 4 additional players were chosen as alternates).

The 2019 HP Championships will be held in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, from July 18<sup>th</sup> until the 22<sup>nd</sup>, and we will have 4 teams represent the OVR. The head coach for the girls travel team is Maggie Couture (assistant coach at Ohio University) and the select girls head coach is Jordan Armstrong (assistant coach at the University of Akron). The boys youth head coach is Ryan Thompson (head coach at Wittenburg University) and the boys select head coach is Kyle Mars (head coach at Hiram College). Two OVR referees will represent the region at this event: Josh Hall and Jared Malott.

The teams will have their team camp from July 15<sup>th</sup> through the 17<sup>th</sup> at Capital University, and the teams will then depart for Ft. Lauderdale via Southwest Airlines on the 17<sup>th</sup> immediately after camp concludes. The teams will return to Ohio on July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Glenn Freed reported that the HP relationship with Mizuno has been great, as our regional rep Madison Haupricht has been awesome. Since the Mizuno sponsorship contract ends this year, do we have the ability to renew that contract with Mizuno?

### **Officer Positions**

For the Boy's Program Director, there were two nominations: Matt Michelic and John Lawrence. Mr. Brian Hemelgarn moved to nominate Mr. Matt Mihelic to be the Boy's Program Director. Mr. Terry Miller seconded. The motion carried.

Mr. Terry Miller moved to nominate Mr. Brian Hemelgarn as the Junior Officials Development Director. Mr. Tom Kohl seconded. The motion carried.

## **VII. JR. ADVISORY DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A large list of discussion items was presented by Ms. Gretchen Niebling. Discussion was conducted for well over two hours concerning these items. The Board considers these items and dialogue with our membership vital to policy development. The Board has directed Commissioner Bob Price to establish a committee of club directors in order to establish an open line of communication with the Board.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

There was a lengthy discussion on compensating officials for OVR events. Director Brian Hemelgarn made a motion to increase official's compensation of an additional \$2.50 per match. Director Terry Miller seconded.

7-2; 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Director Brian Hemelgarn made a motion that beginning with the 2020 USAV National Championships, (to receive entry fee reimbursement) OVR teams that earn a bid for the USAV National Championships must participate in two OVR-sanctioned events; one of which must be either an OVR Bid Tournament or the OVR Regional Championships.

Director Tonya Thompson seconded.

Motion carried.

## **IX. RESULTS OF ACTIONS**

Director Al Herbert made a Motion:

Motion to accept page 1 of the bylaw proposal changes.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Gary Hajek.

All in favor – 11

All of those opposed – 0

Motion carried.

Director Matt Mihelic made a Motion:

Motion to accept page 2 of the bylaw proposal changes.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Al Herbert.

All in favor – 11

All of those opposed – 0

Motion carried.

Director Al Herbert made a Motion:

Motion to accept page 3 of the bylaw proposal changes.

Director Matt Mihelic seconded the motion.

All in favor – 10

All of those opposed – 0

Abstentions - 1

Motion carried.

Director Al Herbert made a Motion:  
Motion to accept section 5.02B of the bylaw proposal changes.  
Director Michelle Hills seconded the motion.

All in favor – 3  
All of those opposed – 5  
Abstentions - 3

Motion failed.

Director Al Herbert made a Motion:  
Motion to accept section 5.03B page 4 of the bylaw proposal changes.  
Director Michelle Hills seconded the motion.

All in favor – 2  
All of those opposed – 7  
Abstentions - 2

Motion failed.

Director Michelle Hills made a Motion:  
Motion to accept page 5 of the bylaw proposal changes with the approved changes.  
Director Al Herbert seconded the motion.

All in favor – 11  
All of those opposed – 0

Motion passed.

Director Al Herbert made a Motion:  
Motion to accept page 6 of the bylaw proposal changes with the approved changes.  
Director Matt Mihelic seconded the motion.

All in favor – 9  
All of those opposed – 2

Motion passed.

Director Al Herbert made a Motion:  
Motion to approve of an entry fee reimbursement for teams who receive a Bid and participate in the Beach National Championships.  
Director Sandra Borer seconded the motion.

All in favor – 10  
All of those opposed – 0

Motion passed.

Director Brian Hemelgarn made a Motion:  
Motion to increase the tournament entry fee to \$225 a team per day.  
Director Tonya Thompson seconded.

All in favor – 9

All of those opposed – 1

Motion passed.

Director Al Herbert made a Motion:

Motion to allow OVR tournament directors to charge admission fees to OVR events.

Director Bill Zehler seconded the motion.

All in favor – 5

All of those opposed – 5

Abstained - 1

Motion failed.

Director Brian Hemelgarn made a Motion:

Motion to allow admission fees for the convention center/arena events of 12 courts or more.

Director Bill Zehler seconded.

All in favor – 8

All of those opposed – 2

Motion passed.

Director Brian Hemelgarn made a Motion:

Motion to increase official's compensation of an additional \$2.50 per match.

Director Terry Miller seconded.

All in favor – 7

All of those opposed - 2

1 abstention

Motion passed.

Director Brian Hemelgarn made a Motion

Motion that beginning with the 2020 USAV National Championships, (to receive entry fee reimbursement) OVR teams that earn a bid for the USAV National Championships must participate in two OVR-sanctioned events; one of which must be either an OVR Bid Tournament or the OVR Regional Championships.

Director Tonya Thompson seconded.

Motion carried.

## **X. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 10:00 a.m at the Marriott Airport Hotel in Columbus, Ohio.

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motion by Director Terry Miller and seconded by Director Michelle Hills. All Directors in favor.

These Minutes are certified by Jessica P. Timmons and Don Burroughs.

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Jessica P. Timmons

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Don Burroughs