

Ohio Valley Region
Board of Directors
October 14, 2012

Called to order 10:00

BOD Attendees: Tom Kohl, Gretchen Niebling, Adam Evans, Bob Price, Terry Miller, Al Herbert, Keith Burke, Brian Hemelgarn, Bill Zehler, Michelle Hills, Patty Salvatore

Staff: Glenn Freed, Ron Wyzynski, Rob Long, Don Burroughs

Guests: Sandra Borer, Linda Logan

Absent: Steve Donahue, John Buck, Art Faura,

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed. Keith moved to approve, Gretchen seconded. Ten approved.

Bob Price commented on a meeting which was hosted by the OVR earlier in the day. Bob Price, Terry Miller, Al Herbert, Ed Hine, Jerry Malicki and Mike Paine attended. Is the adult market interested in what the OVR offers? Jerry would like to keep his teams registered in the OVR. How can the OVR assist in expanding adult tournaments? Jerry will continue as last year. The OVR will offer a free team entry fee into the Air City Open Tournament to any team with OVR adult memberships.

Jerry, Ed and Mike have agreed to serve on an Adult Advisory Board.

Terry and Bob are going to write up a fact sheet to hand out at adult leagues.

Keith moved to authorize that the Adult Tournament Director spend a reasonable amount to support adult play. Tom seconded. Eight in favor. 2 opposed. 1 abstained.

USAV meeting notes. The OVR will be allocated a number of free IMPACT Webinar sessions.

Linda Logan of the Columbus Sports Commission spoke on the 2012 Girls JNC which was hosted in Columbus. It was a success for the city. USAV is interested in coming to Columbus for future events.

Sandra Borer attended and is interested in assisting more with the OVR organization. She would like to serve as an intern for the coming season.

OVR Registration and Web Presence: The OVR has moved to USAV Webpoint as the registration tool for the region. Individuals will register online and the OVR will

download the membership records each morning. Several issues are being worked on daily.

The OVR owns 54 portable courts. We receive interest from other organizations who want to rent our floors.

Rob Long and the Beach program: Rob and the OVR are offering a winter program at Grand Sands in Loveland, OH. He is also planning more summer tournaments. The regional tournament at Cedar Point had about 100 teams participate. He is going to partner with a professional tournament on the same weekend this coming summer season. He is also communicating to legitimate sponsors for advertisements.

Since more clubs and facilities will start requesting sanctions to run tournaments, the OVR needs to develop a set of standards for the running of the tournament.

Gretchen and the election committee: She is not eligible for this year because she is up for re-election.

Brian Hemelgarn provided the schedule of professional officials. The schedule is posted on the OVR system.

Brain also commented on the Libero serving rule change for USAV. See the OVR system for the rule wording.

Michelle Hills provided a report on the High Performance Teams. See attached. She hopes that with more accurate email addresses for the players, she may be able to attract more potential players next year. The 2013 HP Tournament is in Fort Lauderdale.

The OVR will look into allowing parents to sign up for a Chaperone Membership and then they may be a part of the officiating support crew.

Brian Hemelgarn moved that the OVR donate \$1,000 to the USAV Referee Training website as support for officiating endeavors for both professional and junior officials. Adam seconded. 10 voted in favor. 1 abstention.

Tom Kohl said that requests for tournaments are going slow. Not as many tournaments have been requested this year. He feels that there are more tournament directors that ran events last year but have not submitted their requests yet for this year. Some of it is a delay in the processing via the website problems.

Bill Zehler is coordinating the ASEP training for new club directors. The in-person clinic information will be published this coming week.

Bill provided the proposed age divisions for the Regional Championships.

Glenn Freed talked about the Boys Regional Championships. Several boys clubs have held their tryouts. The OVR will offer a limited number of free entries into the Boys Regional Championships to new clubs.

Don Burroughs brought up that USAV is going to charge a fee next year for printing copies of their coaching training materials. They may also charge a fee for hosting a clinic. The fee for the IMPACT Webinar is increasing. So Don expects that the attendance at in-person clinics will increase.

Next BOD meeting will be Monday, January , 21 am at the Columbus Airport Marriott.

Motion to adjourn at 5:00 pm. Passed.