

Call to order 7:10 Bob

In Attendance: Bob Price, Ron Wyzynski, Terry Miller, Keith Burke, Tom Kohl, Bill Zehler, John Buck, Paul Clarridades, Stephen Donahue, Adam Evans, Al Herbert, Patty Salvatore, Gretchen Niebling, Michelle Hills

Absent: Brian Hemelgarn (in Peru)

Staff Sandra Borer, intern and Rob Long, sand director

Steve Yates, guest

Keith motions to approve minutes from previous BoD meeting. Paul Seconds minutes.

Rob sand program- double point in Cincinnati was filled 148 teams in Columbus this weekend teams had to be turned away registration worries- online reg? pen and paper still is not affective or efficient! Cincinnati open 58 teams 3900 paid 3600 for courts- 5 fee for parents/spectators that parents didn't want to pay upped court fees to 150 from 100 for everyone to enter. Looking for family friendly courts. Columbus zoo in the future? Rob not ok with profit. Volleypark and woodlands are main courts in Columbus area, talking of raising prices. Rob looking to move to bogey inn.

Base fee 40-50 entry fee into tourney. Guarantee of 3 matches in pool 1 in tourney play when 4 team pool. All teams advance to one playing bracket. 3300 in Columbus open tourney. Championships NVL is involved thurs-Sunday 100\$ fee warm up with the pros. Includes park entry/food/luau \$5 fee for parents to enter a problem.

Bob is being very careful about how we approach entry fees. Little control over facilities. Courts are tied to a business-something the ovr doesn't have control over. Problems with Steve Hinds are arising. 25 courts in cincy- 25 courts in coulmbus with 3 different facilities. North is very quiet with number of teams involved in beach. \$15 fee for summer about half to USA

Stand to make about 9000 for championships; if no fee make about 3000 Bob says to make a financial investment to expand in future. Retail- ovr beach work on branding. Shirts/balls/sponsors

Next year start co-sanctioning events promote Indiana Kentucky looking to resolve issues with pioneer region GLL Badger region

NCAA building on their beach programs how to continue with info structure. NOW 16 scantioned tournaments for this year. Selling out- having multiple tournaments in different cities on same weekend could not sell out last year. 1 official for every 4 courts. They are still in training. Not every player is affiliated with a club. Invest in coaching the game the right way/lots of training the beach game. Ovr offer beach clinic? By October meeting schedule proposal for a beach clinic. Quality of sand an issue? Best sands has supplied most of sand in Midwest. Future stars exhibition. OHSAA will not allow. Scorekeeping issue was resolved score sheet was implemented making easier Patty concerned about 13/14 year olds learning the game and also reffing the game not making it good for pressure situation.

Bobs concern sanctioning tournaments MUST be OVR/USA member liability issues! participants must be registered also. Must bring their cards with them. Tournaments directors must be a member as well. Next year you must be beach impact certified- that was waived for this season.

Next year NVL inside outside event @ UC fun day

Ovr quad and triples events at OSU

Within the next 2 years raise \$62 fee for both indoor/beach programs to start building outdoor facility

Not posting any non sanctioned events on OVR

AI-do we have capability to enter beach tournament concept to OVR site? yes beach juniors page is not fully tested. Dave Chapmans' system is the one in place now. Have time to get this system totally place for next season. Propaganda is being sent out to parents who sign up with their own email. Must have control over OVR system. CVA getting exposure once teams signed up for tournaments this is the cost of using Daves system for this year.

Numbers in divisions? Every two year age groups 12/14/16/18s keep points per age if running odd number age groups what about open/club? Maybe sample events next year. Juniors coed? Weakness is boys. 6 boys team out of 146 teams demand isn't there yet. King/queen of the beach events? Difficult because of amount of people but last event was successful and would like to develop in future.

8:43 Linda Logan introduced Louisville 2015 open tournament strong contender for boys first 2016 next open tournament July 5 could work better by moving dates. Working on hotels and other groups. Working on world league. Nationwide/shot are possibility. Qualifier is looking good for 16-18. AI is doing research. Will be another. Easter is open all three years. Non usa don't share info well. We have advantage! We will submit a bid to host the qualifier. Go it alone-can look into stay and play. After Presidents cup until end of April is available. Hotel for girls weekends is a problem. Court numbers will be an issue. Expanding the convention center is a possibility earliest that could open would be 2017.

9:09 Gretchen: CLUB DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS were held at OVR Championship Weekends-2 meetings with 7 clubs attending. Poorly attended. Gretchen will think about other formats for these meetings. Club asked if the background check could be waived for coaches turning 18 during the season. ----- Regions don't have right to waive BACKGROUND CHECK when turning 18 during season. RVA has no legal ability to change this - all falls on the insurance companies. Can CLUBS do tryouts sooner? Older kids can be involved if not involved in state championship. Policy works so we are sticking to it. 10-say signing period beginning day after Ohio High School State Finals. We set those dates because 90% of tryouts are complete by the end of the first signing period. The policy has been proven to work and should not be rewritten. RVAA will not address this issue with 513 area code. John Lee is investigating the realignment. Initial agreement was for one year. RVA policy allows people in different regions to register outside of region. Bob has proposed the geographic to which the athlete resides to be the governing region it will restrict when their tryout dates take place. They can register in another region but must honor primary governing regions rules. This is all based on where the athlete resides. Waiting

to see what happens with USAV. Pioneer region cannot begin tryouts until after state high school championships have taken place. Good working relationship with keystone region. How can we post who has committed to clubs in the early signing period and then in the fall after tryouts? Clubs have requested that the OVR post kids who have committed to clubs on put website...some clubs post this information on their own websites but it can be confusing to read and interpret accurately.

9:42 electronic voting? Only for BOD members. Elections held every year, in person, mail, electronically adult and junior champs .Total count for this year Mail in 25. 100 at events. How can we filter the electronic vote? Motion to adopt bylaw amendment Bill. Gretchen second. Article 5 director 5.02 elections of directors in the OVR in favor 10 opposed 3 motion carries

Vacated seat on board by Art. Bob expressed gratitude. Art felt it was time to do something else. Replacing open up for discussion Glenn Freed and Don Bourroughs how to elect new person? 5.07 filling vacancies BOD unexpired portion of term

Bob wants to have others being considered for board seat. Open Steve wants to have presentation in October in front of board to have vote

Tom nominates to elect Glenn for board seat Terry second. Keith nominates Don for board seat. Adam seconds.

Glenn is elected to the BOD 8 Glenn 4 Don 1 Differed

Ethics of USA volleyball about renting of equipment to JVA for events major conflict of interest for all RVAs OVR has turned down rental of equip to other regions for events due to conflict of interest JVA & AAU pays no money to USA

Keith moves to recess. Terry seconds. 1033pm

6/8 9:02 Bob call back to order

Ron: usa is moving in the wrong direction?

Spartan application for the qualifier. Didn't ask for specific court numbers. General questions were answered only. Application of interest only. Usa really has no plans and keeps adding to the application. All qualifiers must have volleyballs/ courts to support USA HP tryouts

OVR wins award for best regional website. Good base to work with. More calls about sand volleyball. Long range plans to have different areas be able to control own updates IE HP. Keep working way through smaller kinks. Ron referring to packet for totals. Shipping money was saved because coordinating for rentals. Ron disappointed with total profit from inflatables at Regionals. Ron was not informed about all 4 items brought by this company. Looking to do flat fee for next season. Need to

know exactly what he's bring next year to make adjustments to courts. Terry wants to have more control over the situation as a whole. Look into maybe another company. Not really sure about any more rentals for our courts. New outdoor official volleyball is molten. Bob to meet and discuss about the boys program to make it better. Putting a lot into it and not getting enough back. More boys are not playing volleyball. Adam asks officials stands for future? What we use now is more efficient due to packing space. Weight is the main concern. 6500/per court to purchase the new system. Will try them free of charge to see if we like them. Looking to buy ½ blue ½ red crates for replacement flooring. Looking to purchasing a machine to clean the courts? Floors got cleaned at least twice this season. Need to clean them up to our standards. 10-15 thousand dollars in man hours to clean all the courts.

Bob presentation about USA- safe sport program. Concussion law. We are responsible to make sure everyone complies with the law. Required officials to have concussion training. Looking to have coaches certified. Out of state must comply with Ohio law. Clubs Need to start tracking the coaches who have taken the course. Ovr is only tracking the officials. We are only required to inform them of the law, not to make sure they follow through with it. Talking of implementing the required course into impact clinics and officials' clinics.

Michelle motions to as a requirement for adult registration associated with jr completion of the concussion awareness certification must be attained, in compliance with Ohio law. Steve seconds. In favor 12-0-1 motion carries.

1 in every 10 kids that have suffered sexual abuse. Bob has been the main contact for this so far. Every club will be required to have one person kids/coaches/parents can trust and go to report these events.

Insurance increase. Reserve fund at usa reached an access. The RVA needed to have total control of that reserve money. Usa has been collecting interest on that money-but it has never appeared in the RVA account. Motion passed to put money in account and 30000 in interest given to RVA. Projection from insurance 3.91 cost. 4\$ of insurance per member projected cost. RVA passed increase for upcoming season.

Age definition for junior athletes. Age structure will remain in tack for next 4 years.

Still working on overlapping of 513 area code with pioneer region. Bob to propose amendment to bylaw 4.06 wanting to remove the last line of document. Bob feels the position is unethical and contradictory. Looking to October for more answers to see how everything would play out. What other options are there? October meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> the larger regions are currently not in compliance with this bylaw.

Officer status commissioner seat is open. Steve nominates Bob. Michelle seconds. In favor 13-0. Bob is reelected.

Michelle with HP 114 select 81 youth payment on webpoint next year? 44 boys in feb only 15 for tomorrow. 4 teams going to Florida. Camp at BGSU 8-10. Athletes from penn/ohio/wv coming to camp. Tvc has been paying the bills upfront by funds given to her by Ron. The bid tournament has teams that play limited number of tournaments in the ovr. There needs to be a limit of tournaments you must be

entered. If you are representing the ovr you should play in ovr. What should we do about seeding? This is becoming an issue. Seeding fee? If no seed before bid can pay. Why not make 2 USA events to qualify for our bid tournament. If no USA events must provide roster and fee for tournament. Motion from Adam: a condition of entry of ovr registered teams to the over national bid tourney be that each team participate in a minimum of two USAV sanctioned events prior to the dates of the OVR national bid tournament John seconds

In favor 10 opposed 1 abstained 2 motion carries

Currently we use 3 events for gold/silver/bronze/copper in regional division American/national divisions those requirements are not in place. Do we want al to use non usav results to seed? We wanted to use those results because they are more complete. For seeding purposes it is best to use all results.

All dates for next year still planning play-ins. Gametime is working out well. National challenge will wait until the power league is set. Any 11s will have to go to the 12s play-in. open national usa American patriot at all bids in descending order. 2015 talk of moving the 18 national champs to last week in April or first weekend in May.

Bill 159 clubs 1622 teams down on national teams American went up regional went up as well. No major problems or changes to be put in motion. I entry fee was refunded only. Waivers worked. Increased from 8-9. Almost every team in national and American divisions participated in regional champs. Room for more growth at the regional level. Want to keep the same age groups together on the same weekends. Raise the entry fee from 235 to 240 9\$ per team to use AES. Ron says no need to raise fee right now because of rental schedule. Revisit raising fee for next year. Averaging about 40 new ASEP a year. Either online or come to Columbus if you can. What about refresher courses? Any coaches who are acting unethically would be required to attend another ASEP course and pay. Will not use the step in line for 12 national and 12 and under. Will use for 10/11/12 regional. What are the numbers for 10U?

Michelle exits at 1245 due to a wedding

Tom information on handout. Not sanctioning tournaments to people that have no real investment in the OVR. Kids America looking to expand. Marietta/Parkersburg we need to expand to. How do we encourage team to travel to WV? Tom says only sanction in WV for that area. Time to invest in a small convention center event in Charleston? Parkersburg first? Investigate multiple sites. What about capping the number of tournaments for TDs? Facility owners will look to other means to fill empty courts to pay bills. OVR needs to stay considerate of the facilities that are involved with OVR. Mom and Pop clubs. Implementing accept more team that you can accomodate-withdrawl team most recently entered. Replace own team with team that is overbooked. There is no sanctioning fee for tournament directors in place now. Officials are needed in some areas where the tournaments are filling. Facilities are both using USV/JVA and sanctioned events and causing issues with officiating. 964 total tournaments in OVR this season. American teams will travel. Did not enter tournaments that were around them so the opportunities were missed.

Terry score sheet will change for next year. Not sure on the final result yet. Junior development- not many complaints. Junior development site is a plus.

Brian's report- almost mirror image of last year's clinic-expand to do beach clinics. Need to expand outside Columbus. Morning session on indoor and evening session for beach. Need to have officials ready for beach. Looking for sand specific people- have clinics in spring. Utilize the beach officials. Security at the convention center is an issue. This season was by far the worst. This will be discussed with the appropriate personnel at the GCCC. Parents at events are becoming more of an issue. The tournament directors must be aware of this and take action. No policy in place for parent behavior. Code of conduct for parents from OVR. Parents are signing webpoint waivers for the players that include a code of conduct. New rule changes review.

Glenn's review- \*46 teams with 9 clubs (8 additional teams this year); 60 more players from last year.\*Boys' Championships at Game Time Sports Center was a success! Host again next year.\*Continue boys start up program. What benefit is there? Parents of girls' will spend thousands of dollars on club expenses; this isn't the same with the boys. Free entry into the Championships is a small help, but it is definitely a help for the start-up teams.\*Boys' Winterfest hosted at Game Time Sports Center (TD Al Herbert) was a great event.\*Continue with this funding. No changes to occur.\*Reevaluate the HP after it has taken place; interest at the Select age group was very good for our first year.

Bob new business ovr sports info director by Adam refer to handout. Measure success how? Events/advertisements websites twitter facebook. More active with these communication tools. Separate indoor/outdoor pages need someone to monitor it regularly. Facebook could be used as a tool to openly communicate with kids and advertise teams in the region. Regional championship shirt for next year-Terry. Whole team will get a free t-shirt. 3 color limit. Must fit on t-shirt. Contest will begin sept 1<sup>st</sup> and run thru dec 31<sup>st</sup> board Will Quiggle will pick 5 finalists and board will pick contest winner. Every week something new. Web blasts. Parent page then indoor/sand pages.

Adult play-last year region invested 7500-10000 didn't have enough funds to cover adult regionals player only adults 62 teams =420 34 teams in regionals. Best time for adults is during the week. No longer an option for adults. Effort standpoint jerry was the adult program director; the OVR has not taken any responsibility. We will no longer sponsor the air city tournament. Can register team thru ovr provide services for adults but will no longer actively participate in sanctioning events. We will no longer conduct an adult championship. Rules will need to be approved by usa to be able to be covered by usa insurance.

PVL region sponsored premier volleyball league. Some regions pay expenses for teams to play uniforms, some give stipends. Provide a team to sponsor. 15 women's 11 men's this past season. Financial commitment from the OVR. Play 3-4 times a year. Look into this further before making the commitment. Talk with other regions who have PVL teams to see how it functions. By October meeting will decide if actively pursue.

Keith moves to dismiss at 348. Tom seconds

