

Ohio Valley Region
Board of Directors
June 8-9-10 2012

Friday June 8
Called to order 7:00

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

Staff: Matt Taylor, Glenn Freed, Ron Wyzynski, Rob Long
Guests: Dave Wyzynski

7:00pm – Adult Director – Matt Taylor (See attachment). Online registration for teams helped. Trying to get payment via mail would have been too slow for the way the adults register. The league membership paperwork was too cumbersome. Instead of having Women’s and Men’s Program Directors, maybe a committee of regional representation would work better. The OVR must stop allowing non-members from playing in OVR sanctioned events.

7:30pm – Sand/Beach Director – Rob Long
Memorial Day weekend had a sand tournament and had 72 teams. This weekend has 88 teams. All juniors. Mostly girls. Two pools of boys. Robb had to expand to a second site to handle the number of teams. Some club coaches don’t want their players to participate in beach before they finish their indoor season at the USAV JNCs or AAUs. This year the OVR is running 8 major tournaments. Next year the OVR may run a smaller number of tournaments but allow other tournament directors to sanction events through the OVR. The OVR needs to have tournament registration online. Then the tournament director could print the teams/rosters and have the players sign in at the event. Majority of the female players are already OVR members. We have to be aware of the selling of alcohol at the beach facilities. It needs to be kept separate from the juniors playing area. Officials will improve as they call more matches. Most are just getting started with the sand events.

8:00pm – USAV Webpoint/OVR registration – David Wyzynski
Bob hired David to evaluate the impact on the OVR for moving to Webpoint for member registration. He recommended that the OVR try to use Webpoint as the initial registration system with offering credit card payment. Then export the data to the OVR system. He also recommended that the OVR look into revising the entire web system to better address the 10 to 18 year old female membership.

Motion to recess by Terry Miller. Seconded by Keith Burke. Motion passed.

Saturday June 9

Called back into session at 8:30 am.

4:00pm – HP –Michelle Hills

38 boys tried out. Only sending one team. Camp for both will be at Capital University. Will offer three age divisions at camp. Then decide which two age divisions to send to the tournament. Parents of players who didn't get invited to the camp still said their daughters have an excellent experience.

8:30am – CEO Ron Wyzynski

He talked about the total registration numbers for 2011-2012. He also distributed the court set-ups for 2013. He presented the budgets for the OVR major events. Most OVR major tournaments ran a deficit in the \$17,000-\$18,000 range.

Ron is expecting to buy 4 more Sport Courts to get the Region up to 52 courts. That would cover all of the court rentals and help provide more courts for our Junior Regionals.. This is roughly a \$60,000 purchase. Bill said to project ahead, we will need 56 courts for the Girls Junior Championships.

Steve moved that the OVR purchase up to 8 courts used during the Girls JNC. Brian seconded. Unanimous in favor.

Don Burroughs arrive 9 am.

Commissioner Bob Price

Report of information from the Salt Lake City USAV meetings. The USAV insurance carrier said there may be an increase. The contingency fund within the RVA may cover this possible increase. Concussions are a concern with the insurance carrier. Each region purchases liability insurance for their BOD. Exessics is looking at offering a single point of contact for all regions. The OVR needs to review our operating code and due process procedures.

Al moved that the OVR donate \$500 to the USA Volleyball Hall of Fame. Steve seconded. Motion carried 12 to 1.

Michelle moved that the OVR pursue using Webpoint for our registration system for the 2012-2013 season. Steve seconded. 11 in favor and 2 abstained.

11:00 am – Jr. Girls – Bill Zehler

USAV has passed allowing age waivers for the National Qualifiers and JNC for 14s and under age divisions.

There were 1561 girls teams last year. People have already contacted Bill and Bob about starting new clubs.

Michelle recommended that the OVR offer club director/tournament director meetings around the region. Topics could include new rules, policies on tryouts and signing players, how to register individuals on Webpoint, etc.

About 14 new club directors attended the in person ASEP clinic. Another 20 took the online course.

1250+ teams participated in the 2012 OVR Girls Junior Championships. Allowing player transfers to play on a second team helped some teams play instead of having to drop.

The 2013 Girls Junior Championships will probably go back to the schedule of having the 18s play the Sunday of the first weekend of May.

Jr. Boys – Glenn Freed (See attached)

Michelle moves that the OVR offer free entry into the Boys Junior Championships for up to 6 teams in new boys' clubs and existing girls clubs starting boys' teams. This replaces last year's grant program. Brian seconded. 13 unanimous

10:00 am – Jr. Advisory Bd. – Gretchen Niebling

#1 – We will see about having club directors register their early signers.

#5 – The OVR BOD feels that the issue was primarily because the USAV Girls JNC is in Columbus. With the 2013 JNC in Dallas, we feel that issue may solve itself.

#6 –

#7 – Should the OVR force teams to play in two day tournaments?

#10 – Should the point allocation computation be the same between one day and multiple day events. We will have the webmaster change the point allocation for two day tournaments to match the number of courts used.

#12 – It appears that there are enough American teams in the older age divisions. Bill suggests that 13 American can play 14 Regional.

Adam recommended that the 11 and younger teams will need to participate in the 12 Regional Play-In instead of going directly to the OVR National Bid Tournament.

1:45 pm – Coaches Education – Don Burroughs

450 IMPACT in person certification. There were also 400 web seminars.

Don is considering purchasing some of the Volleyball Coaching books from Human Kinetics. Then coaches could contact him to preview the books before they purchase.

2:00 pm – Jr. Tournament Director – Tom Kohl (See attachment)
Organizations with private facilities ran 289 out of 858 tournaments. 113 tournaments were run by individuals who are not associated with a club or facility. Tom discussed the possibility of charging a sanction fee to support the OVR web page resources used to advertise and support their tournaments. He is also reviewing various criteria on sanctioning tournaments.

2:50 pm – Officials Development Director – Brian Hemelgarn
Rule changes for 2012-2013.
The Libero(s) will be allowed to serve for a single position at all USAV events including National Qualifiers and both JNC events.
The uniform rule that requires either the Libero or team uniform must be solid in color and contrasting from each other. NCAA is implementing this rule in the 2013 season. USAV is implementing in the 2014-2015 season.
68 new referees were certified this season. 6 Junior National candidates are attending Columbus. One person is trying to upgrade to National.
3 referees have been certified for Beach events.

Junior Official Development:

http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/training_materials_junior.php has a lot of training materials available. Brian recommends that watching these videos and taking the test at the end then could be used instead of in-person classes. Teams are required to have a certified scorer and 2nd referee. Starting with the 2012-2013 season, after April 1st, any team that does not have either then, the coach will be the scorer and the team will lose 10 points on their next set. National Qualifiers may start to monitor that each team have a certified scorer and 2nd referee. Players may need to start carrying a certification card.

There seemed to be an excessive amount of spectators verbally abusing officials, coaches and each other. Tournament directors need to take more action with these issues. So a section needs to be added to the Junior Program and Tournament Director packets.

Any tournament that is required to hire Provisional level referees but has to hire Junior Olympic to fill their event should pay the JO officials the Provisional rate of \$165 per day.

Robb has done a fantastic job of starting the OVR Beach initiative. But some of the OVR organizational skills may help to continue the development in subsequent years.

Scorers Development Director – Terry Miller

All National Scorers will be required to take their test online in 60 minutes.

3:00 pm – Special Events Coordinator – Al Herbert (See attachments.)

No actions on any of the comments provided by the National Club Directors.

5:00 pm dinner

7:00 pm – Discussion

- a) Webpoint – The OVR will pursue implementing Webpoint for Sept. 1.
- b) GJNC – The OVR will help with the court setup and tear down.
- c) OVR Jr. Championship - possible oversubscribed? – Bill feels we will need as many as 56 courts for the event next year.
- d) Tournament Sanction procedure/policy – No new planned procedures for 2013.
- e) BoD position TBD
- f) What to do with the adults? Matt doesn't want the BOD to get too strict on the Air City Tournament.
- g) For sand events, the OVR requires that for pool play one beach certified referee for every 4 courts. For the playoffs paid referees will officiate the Finals.

Keith moved that the OVR suspend the Men's and Women's Program Director positions and those functions will be handled by the Commissioners' Office. Adam seconded. Unanimous in favor.

Terry nominated Brian to be Referee Chair for another term. Steve seconded. 11 in favor, one abstention.

Tom nominated Bill to be Girls Program Director. Terry seconded. 11 in favor, one abstention.

Salary cost represents 23% of the OVR budget. North Country Region is about 28%. A public school is about 40% just to give a comparison.

Attorney fees have been up this year due to legal issues for consultation and paperwork.

Next BOD meeting will be Sunday, October 14th, 10 am at the Columbus Airport Marriott.

Board entered executive session at 7:50 pm.
Motion to adjourn at 8:22 pm. Passed.