

## Board Meeting Summary: August 11-12, 2001

*The August 11-12 Board Meeting was held at the 2001 Annual Retreat at Salt Fork State Park. Following informal meetings on Friday evening, the BoD and Officers conducted two long but productive days of business. Minutes were recorded by Al Herbert, edited slightly for this issue. The full meeting summary is available online at [www.ovr.org/executive/](http://www.ovr.org/executive/).*

In Attendance: Emi Vishoot, Terry Miller, Bob Dickenson, Glenn Purdy, Rick Laskey, Al Herbert, Keith Burke, Steve Donahue, Ron Wyzynski, Nick Nystrom, Art Faura, Bob Price, Troy Dixon, John Buck, Tom Kohl, Don Burroughs, and Bill Zehler.

Guest: Hank Trimble.

Absent with notice: Michelle Fox, Patty Salvatore, Brian Hemelgarn.

### **Bob Price: Commissioner's Report**

The Diversity Committee is requesting all Regions track minority involvement.

USA Volleyball is looking at developing/purchasing an online registration system. This would avoid each region having to enter their members' names. [The OVR is already moving along these lines. – Ed.]

There will be 9 Junior National Qualifiers with 4-year contracts to host. A Bid Manual is being developed to outline requirements for hosting a Qualifier.

Bob P. is now a member of the ROD's Long Range Planning Committee.

Emi is now on the YJOV Competition Committee.

### **Ron Wyzynski: CEO Report**

The Ohio Valley Region registered 11,676 members for last season. This should make us the largest region.

Molten is the official ball of USA Volleyball for the next two years. We will use Molten balls at as many Region events as possible. The "Pro Touch" will be used by the men and the "Soft Touch" by the women. OVR will no longer sell Spaldings.

The Hyatt will be the Tournament Hotel for the second weekend of the 2002 Junior Regionals. Officials and staff will be housed at the Hyatt.

The Region's High Performance teams finished 5<sup>th</sup> (14U) at Orlando and 2<sup>nd</sup> (16's & 17's) at Colorado Springs.

Ron requested that the Region continue to fund a High Performance program. A Director and coaches need to be hired.

Ron recommended that the Junior Registration fee be increased from \$40 to \$45. This would be the first increase in four years. The increase would be used to fund Club Tryout insurance, High Performance teams, and USA Volleyball registration increases.

### **Rick Laskey, Referees' Chair**

OVR now has over 250 Professional Officials. There were 60 new officials certified this year.

There will again be three Professional Official Clinics offered for the coming season. Dec. 1 in Columbus, Dec. 2 in Pittsburgh, and Dec. 8 in Toledo. These are mandatory for Professional Officials.

Officials are to bring other interested persons to the clinics for certification. We will continue to need more officials as the number of tournaments increases.

Rick and Nick will look into ways to train and test Player Officials via the web.

### **Terry Miller, Scorekeeper Chair**

No changes in the scoresheet for the coming year.

The National Office wants more hand-on training of Junior Officials.

Suggested the Region identify outstanding Junior Scorekeepers and hire them to keep score for the Adult Regional matches.

### **Keith Burke, Men's Tournament Dir.**

More adult tournaments are needed in the Region, e.g. in Toledo. The Region should approach tournament directors

to offer more adult dates.

Tournaments will not be posted on the Region's web page without the respective Tournament Director's approval.

Tom, Michelle, and Keith were asked to review both Tournament Packets and publish drafts for the October meeting.

Keith asked if he could move some AA teams down to A. The composition of the categories was left to Keith's discretion.

Bob P. commented that players may not move from one club to another. He also suggested that a club not have more than two teams in any category.

### **John Buck, Bid Tournament Coordinator**

Is evaluating 5 and 6 team pools played across two days for the Region's Bid Tournaments. This would enable the teams to play more teams before bracket play begins.

Bid Tournaments will be April 20, 21 and 27, 28. This will avoid the Adult Regional weekend.

Bill Zehler will select tournament locations.

The entry fee for the bid tournaments will increase (exact amount TBA).

### **Don Burroughs, High Performance**

Used the USA Volleyball template for holding tryouts to select players.

Would like to see a requirement that coaches be CAP II certified.

Recommends using college coaches to instruct the HP teams.

Tryout fee was \$10. Selected players paid another \$300 to be in the program.

### **Bill Zehler, Juniors Program Director**

Feels the OVR should expand the HP teams.

Wants to see one person coordinate the

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