

# Executive Director's Commentary

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## *Dear members,*

I'd like to dedicate the first part of my article to Bob Dickenson, an OVR board member who recently passed away on November 27<sup>th</sup> after a long illness. Bob was a player, a coach, and an official in the OVR for many seasons. As an elected board member, he attended the meetings even during his illness. He performed many duties behind the scenes during this time. Bob's thoughts were always of doing the things necessary for the membership. I'm sure he'll be missed by his many close friends.



## **Working Together for 2005**

Now that the start of the season is fast approaching, a few reminders... Paperwork... Team Representatives, Juniors' Directors, Officials, and any other adults involved in directing or coaching a team/club must real-

ize that certain paperwork must be turned in to the region. An example would be background screening release forms, coaches' code of ethics and waivers for juniors' directors, coaches, officials, and junior players. Adult players should all sign a waiver before participating. You can make a copy from the website. Juniors' coaches should have the medical release information with them, which they can get from their director for both practice and tournaments. If we all work together and get this done before the start of the season, early January for adults and late January for juniors, we can put this task behind us. As good as the website is, it can't do the work that you need to do, so please do your part.

The region office issues individual and group rulebooks as soon as registrations appear on my screen. Every adult player, coach, official, and director should receive a book by mail unless other arrangements have been made. Last season, many coaches told me they never received a book... that will not be the case this season.

## **Clinics and Courses**

On November 28<sup>th</sup>, the first 2 of 10 officials' clinics took place. Brian Hemelgarn informed me that 87 attended the clinic in Toledo, about half of whom were new individuals. On December 4<sup>th</sup> in Westerville, approximately 135 individuals signed up for the new officials' clinic on Saturday. We welcome these individuals to the OVR. Also on this same day, the new juniors' club directors participated in ASEP training, hosted by Bill Zehler, and over 100 juniors' coaches participated in IMPACT instruction, taught by Don Burroughs.

It all comes down to another excellent beginning for the OVR. As with any large organization, we don't work for each other, we work with each other. Have a successful season whatever your volleyball related interest.

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