

**Arizona Region
Executive Board Meeting
April 21, 2010
Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Harold Cranswick at 5:48 pm.

2. **Roll Call**

Commissioner -	Harold Cranswick
Secretary/Treasurer -	Becky Hudson
Officials Division Coordinator -	Peter Meyer
Adult Division Coordinator -	Ron Pelham
Junior Division Coordinator -	vacant
Grassroots Director -	Teresa Scobee
Junior Committee Members	
Metro Southeast	Lisa Naughton
Metro Northwest	Charlotte Pottle
Metro Southwest	Paul Vitola
Guests -	

3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

Motion 1: to approve the agenda as amended – (Pelham/Meyer/MC)

4. **Reading of Minutes**

Motion 2: to approve Oct 26, 2009 minutes as written (Pelham/Meyer/MC)

Motion 3: to approve the March 10, 2010 minutes as written (Meyer/Pelham/MC)

5. **Old Business:**

- a. Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws – Harold Cranswick
Motion: Move to revise the Constitution by replacing the current Junior Division Board of Directors with a Junior Forum and a Junior Executive Committee.

The format distributed is a starting point. It is based on the research of the Junior structure of several other Regions. The format will be sent via email from Harold Cranswick. This format may be viewed by others for comment.

- b. Partnership with Volleyball Festival
Parents as Partners – forging ahead with four Regions. Test group for Arizona will be Zia, East Valley and Arizona Juniors parent groups.

Volleyball Festival Preparations – same as last year so far. They do want to use more Arizona officials this year.

- c. Arizona Region involvement with Nationals in May
i. Boyce Banquet preparations – Christy Naughton, Harold Cranswick & Becky Hudson met with June Sander and George Egan on a site visit to the Phoenix Sheraton and Convention

Center.

ii. Speaker to deliver the Welcome message – Request made to the Mayor of Phoenix. Harold Cranswick will introduce the Mayor.

iii. Table Decorations - We are in charge of the table decorations for the Boyce Banquet. Follow up conversations regarding the banquet decorations reveals that the AZ Region is responsible for paying for them. We are looking at something that can be created and delivered to the facility without time spent by the office staff to produce them. Teresa Scobee suggested contacting the florist used by the Special Olympics who donated flowers for their event. She will report back in the next week.

iv. Arizona Salute – The names of the honorees have been sent to USAV to be contacted about attending.

v. Volunteers are needed to help set up the banquet tables and to help with check in and the silent auction.

vi. We have been asked by Tim McCune of the USA Volleyball Foundation to find services in kind or gifts in kind for the silent auction.

6. New Business

a. Retreat – Little America in Flagstaff – July 9 – 11.
No Paul Vitola – maybe no Charlotte Pottle

b. **New Position – Beach Officiating Director** – for the development of beach officials
Eric Hodgson and Peter Meyer started discussing how to get people involved in beach officiating. This discussion was due to sand volleyball being declared an emerging sport in the NCAA. The Arizona Region is hosting one of the USA Jr Beach Tour stops in June. As a result there is a need to move toward a beach officiating division structure. This position will be in line with the Scorekeeping Director, Officials Training Director and Jr Officials Development Program Director. The intent is to pay this position similar to the stipends of the other officials training directors. Since there is no provision in the budget this year there would be no pay. It is a substantial enough position to offer a stipend.

The By-Laws would be updated with the position falling under the Officials' Division Coordinator. The job description would be in the Best Practices.

The position would train for NCAA, AVP and Region involvement. The creation of this position would not necessarily cause us to provide officials for our junior beach tournaments on a regular basis. The Jr Beach program has been developed to teach the participants to officiate the matches.

One of the requirements of the position would be to be a National Beach Referee.

Introduction of intent to Change the By-Laws: Move to Change to the By-Laws to create the position of Beach Officiating Director. The position would fall under the purview of the Officials Division Coordinator.

7. Officers' Reports

Commissioner – Harold Cranswick

a. Information/News -

- i. US Open in Phoenix in May – encourage anyone interested in attending the Boyce Banquet to let Harold know.
- ii. Site Visit by National Office on March 30 & 31. The Sheraton is an impressive hotel. It is owned and operated by the City of Phoenix. They want more events to come to Phoenix.
- iii. Recent happenings – lunch meeting with a group in regards to a facility. The Region has been asked to be involved.

The Region needs to put down on paper what the parameters would be for us to be involved. This would make it easier to look at the proposals as they come forward.

A committee will be established to come up with some general guidelines as to what our facility needs are. Ron Pelham, Paul Vitola, Harold Cranswick, Becky Hudson to discuss what the needs and uses could be for a facility. How much do we want to be associated with a facility that is operated with a particular club? Question of objectivity comes into play. Need to look at the opportunity as to what the facility can do for the growth of volleyball in Arizona.

b. **Region Office Information – Becky Hudson**

- i. Regionals are on the doorstep – t-shirts arrive tomorrow.
- ii. WebPoint – We are discussing moving to WebPoint for our Region online registration. There are still a few questions we have but with the link to AES tournament registration it would make it considerably more convenient for our directors.

c. **Grassroots Director – Teresa Scobee**

- i. Special Olympics Summer Games – April 30 at Mesa CC. An outdoor court will be set up on Friday as a demonstration. It will be manned with volunteers. Saturday there will be an indoor volleyball skills station in the morning and an exhibition game with a Unified team from Tempe in the afternoon. The goal is to find volunteers for Friday and Saturday.

For the Unified team from Tempe - Aspire donated the gym for practice, Rich Foley donated knee pads. The team will compete in the Special Olympics on Saturday at the Open Nationals. The team is looking for uniforms. Need to start a precedent to sustain the support of the program.

Research as to how the other programs are funded? Ron Pelham will ask his sources at First Place Volleyball for a cost of the uniforms.

School based programs should be encouraged all year to grow the sport of volleyball within the Special Olympics.

The Nationals participating team will be featured at the Summer Games Opening Ceremonies.

The entry fee for the Special Olympics team at Open Nationals was \$350. Can we use the Grassroots budgeted money to help with that? Gym is being donated for practice. With the tournament being held in Phoenix there are no travel costs for the team.

Discovering where they can go after the training sessions is one reason why we need a facility.

- ii. Big Brothers/Big Sisters – open gym for boys.

Can we target a project as a fundraiser for a program? Be careful if we start running programs that are intended to raise funds – speak to accountant about this. Are there any restrictions to doing this?

Secretary/Treasurer – Becky Hudson

a. Treasurer's Report:			Mar 2010
Balance in checking account as of	3/31/10	= \$	147,734.13
Balance in Money Market Account as of	3/31/10	= \$	5,000.94
Balance in Grant Development Fund as of	3/31/10	= \$	1,001.42
Balance in High Yield Savings Account as of	3/31/10	= \$	199,156.77

- b. Marketing/PR Update – Eric Hodgson/Christy Naughton

- i. The Region will be launching the first Region Podcast in USA Volleyball. Called (for now) the Quick Attack, it will feature interviews, news, places to play, etc. It continues to follow the lead of our Facebook, Twitter, newsletters and websites about getting the Region more involved and knowledgeable. The first podcast should be completed and aired this weekend. Thanks to Christy Naughton who is invaluable in this entire arena for the Region.

Officials Division Coordinator – Peter Meyer

- a. Information/News –

- i. Looked at list of officials from 5 years ago and 90% of them are no longer involved. Peter is going to try to connect with them and find out what would keep them involved. Survey could be placed on Survey Monkey.
- ii. Beach officiating – personally involved with the AVP. Peter is inspired to work with the junior beach program.
- iii. All of Candidates were approved for their respective tournaments.
- iv. The Official's Committee had a very good meeting last week. The group is putting together committees on rating/training process, setting region standards. The Official's Committee has been very productive this year.
- v. We are down to the last 4 weeks of tournaments. It has been fairly smooth this weekend. Last tournaments are pretty fun. History has shown that when we get to this point of the season the officials have burned out and it is hard to get them to work. We had an unusually large group of new officials this year. Have to give them work for them to get experience. There were several times this year that there were only 1 or 2 people that worked all day – the rest worked only one wave.
- vi. The FIVB has a mandatory retirement age for officials. Peter is looking at a retirement age as a way to weed out some of the older officials that are behind the game at this point in their life. This was discussed at the committee meeting. There may be another

position that these people could work instead of as an on court official.

Adult Division Coordinator – Ron Pelham

- i. Ron has been speaking with Rosario Lopez about a summer league for adults. It would entail the same costs as now except the players would not need to be re-registered. They are looking at making it a half day league play instead of an all day tournament play. It is all about cost. The format needs to be self supported. Rosario has a lot of good ideas about this. There was quite a lot of interest with the adult teams that he spoke to at the last tournament. There has not been any further comment from the teams regarding interest.

Does the Region want to pursue this? Don't want it to be too expensive for the players but not at a loss for the Region.

Would the junior club directors encourage their coaches to participate? Charlotte Pottle thinks that there would be more interest from the junior coaches as their coaching would have come to an end and they would have some time to play. We could potentially draw more to play than our adult division does right now. The key is to get the info out to the clubs to encourage their coaches.

- ii. As a Region we have a lot of teams that have entered the Nationals tournament.

Junior Division Information/News

- i. Coach's Education – Eric Hodgson
Again there has been 100% compliance with IMPACT in our Region. David Rubio has asked that we look at hosting a one day coaches clinic to be held in January and make it mandatory for ALL Region coaches. He has said he, Jason Watson and Craig Choate would be good choices for a first clinic, and attract bigger and better coaches with every year that passes.
- ii. High Performance – Eric Hodgson
National tryouts were held in Arizona for Boys, Girls and Beach for the first time. The boys teams have been announced. The girls teams will be announced in May and the beach team in late May. Head of USA Beach, Ali Wood Lamerson, ran the beach tryout and a coach's clinic the night before. 20+ athletes from Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Colorado showed up.
- iii. Junior Beach Program – Eric Hodgson
The eighth year of the junior beach program is in registration mode. The season will start in May and run into August. There will be a USA Jr Beach Tour stop June 5-6 at Victory Lanes. The top three in each age division will get an automatic bid into Beach Nationals in Florida in August. Flagstaff is also going forward with a program of four tournaments.

The Arizona Collegiate Sand Volleyball Championships were held April 17th. Teams from UTEP and Arizona Western made the drive and seemed to enjoy the event. ASU took first and second this year.

- iv. Paul Vitola – There is a need to develop a survey for the coaches.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Ethics and Compliance Committee – JR Salima
 - i. Two issues will be brought forward for approval, 1 has been put to bed.
 - ii. Ron Pelham and Katy Meyer have been appointed to the Ethics & Compliance committee. This has brought the work of JR Salima to the forefront.

9. Next meeting will be held on Wed June 9th. 5:30 pm at the Region office.

10. Adjournment of the Meeting

Motion 4: Motion to adjourn (Meyer/Hudson/MC). The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Review of Decisions/Duties/Responsibilities as a result of today's meeting

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Motion 4: To adjourn the meeting (Meyer/Hudson/MC)

- Harold Cranswick to distribute the proposed structure change to the Junior Division to all Board Members. Board members are encouraged to go over the proposal, get feedback on the proposal and bring and suggestions to the next board meeting.
- Boyce Banquet table decorations to be found that brings limited time constraints on the Region office.
- Donations for the silent auction for the USAV Foundation to be sought.
- Ron Pelham, Harold Cranswick, Paul Vitola and Becky Hudson to discuss and propose Region qualifications to be involved in a volleyball facility.
- Volunteers for the Boyce Banquet set up and check in to be sought.
- Ron Pelham to consult with First Place Volleyball on the cost of uniforms for the Special Olympics team competing at Nationals.
- Office staff to research the use of WebPoint for our online registration system.
- Peter Meyer to attempt to connect to the officials that are no longer involved in the Region.
- Surveys to be developed for officials that have stopped working Region tournaments and for the junior coaches.
- Ron Pelham to move forward with Rosario Lopez on an adult summer league/tournament structure. Junior coaches to be sent the information on participation.

Two Motions were introduced to change the By-Laws. One to add a Beach Officiating Director; one to restructure the Junior Division.