

**Arizona Region of USA Volleyball
Executive Board Minutes
January 22, 2006**

Call to Order: 2:20 pm

Present: Harold Cranswick – Commissioner, Becky Hudson – Interim Sec/Treasurer, Justin Blake – Adult Division Coordinator, Jonathan Norris – Junior Division Coordinator.

Reading of Minutes of the meeting November 8, 2005. Motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2005 meeting as written – Jonathan Norris, Justin Blake. Minutes approved.

Officers' Reports

Commissioner

a. Information/News

i. USA Volleyball Nationals in 2006 –

New Orleans will continue to be the site of the 2006 National Championships. Mike Chandler visited the city and reported that the city is currently ready in some sections and will be ready in the other areas that will be involved with hosting the Championships. The French Quarter was untouched. USA Volleyball will be one of the first conventions to stay in New Orleans after the hurricane

ii. Due Process to under go ROD revisions

Harold attended the USAV Executive Board meetings over the MLK weekend in COS. He reported that the ROD VP Jon Lee was concerned about the need for greater uniformity of Due Process Policies across the Regions. It is needed for the commissioners to be less involved in the initial process. Changes will need to be made to our Due Process Policy to bring this about.

The ROD will be moving towards a uniform Due Process Policy across the Regions. Coming soon will be a case book of IRC issues across the Regions so that others can see what is happening in the other Regions and if similar infractions occur it can be handled in a similar manner as other Regions.

iii. Promotion of Boys Volleyball

Harold met with Gary Moye – Assistant to Doug Beal. He is promoting the growth of boy's volleyball. Girls have a much greater opportunity to play in school than boys. They are encouraging the growth of boy's volleyball in the high schools, community colleges and universities – to the point of possible scholarships.

The Men's National team is moving to Anaheim. If all goes well, the Women's team will follow.

iv. Disabled Team Training Center

Central Oklahoma University had opened a part of their campus to the USA Disabled teams to train. They have offered housing, special courts and programs that cater to the disabled. It is now the Official Training Site of the Disabled Teams. This all has happened due to the diligent work of Bill Hamiter.

The Official Training Site has brought out younger players to participate. Arizona has played a role in this with Lora Webster.

v. Cosmo Magazine Courageous Reader Award

Lora Webster has won the award with the magazine. There was a spread in the magazine featuring her and her experience in life.

b. Office Update – Becky Hudson

- i. We have a dilemma that we have not had before – we have more gyms that want to host every weekend than we need. After discussion with the Junior Board, they support a rotation system that will spread out the usage of the gym.

Secretary/Treasurer – Becky Hudson

Treasurer’s Report

Income:	\$52,813.21
Expenses:	\$19,132.40
Checking Account Balance – December 31	\$51,208.16
MMA Balance – November 30	\$142,420.09

Marketing/PR Update

Eric has 2 vendors signed and has sold 4 quarter page ads for the newsletter. These ads will almost pay for the newsletter.

Eric will set up a meeting with Steve Cecil, Eric and Becky regarding the website. There are several issues that need to be taken care of with our website – most notably moving our website off the current server which was supposed to be done with the launch of our new design. It was not done and has not been done to date.

Officials Division Coordinator – No Report

Adult Division Coordinator – Justin Blake

i. Information/News

After the first tournament the following issues arose:

1. Uniform issues – not matching shorts – okay for our tournaments. One team had three different jersey tops – not okay. There needs to be some communication with the Official's Division as to what is acceptable for our tournaments.
2. The Molten Women's team is on probation for being late. They completely missed the score/ref clinic and the Captain's meeting. The tournament was in the process of being reformatted for their no show when they showed up. If they are late again, they will not be allowed to participate.
3. UACJ is a team from Juarez, Mexico. They were trash talking through the net. It was described as the way the Mexican teams play, they were told to stop the practice when participating in our tournaments.

Junior Division Coordinator – Jonathan Norris

- i. The Junior Board has eliminated the 23' service line for the 12's division play in our Region. The reasoning for this decision is because it is no longer in the rule book, the light ball compensates for the distance, the site directors and officials have to make changes for the 12's division only and some better 12's teams have made it a competitive advantage by allowing their skilled servers to step into the court and serve tough – abusing the reason for the shorter service line in the first place.
- ii. The Junior Board is requesting feedback from the clubs that have teams playing in the Open Division about the movement of tournament #4 from April 1st to March 25th.
- iii. The Junior Board recommends the appointment of Dan Kaminskas and Lisa Naughton to fill the vacancies on the Junior Board in the North Zone and the Metro Southeast Zone.
- iv. The roles of the Coaches Education Director need to be defined. Jonathan will get together with Eric and Shayne to iron out the position and the roles of each.

Old Business

a. Best Practices Revisions

A revised copy of the Best Practices Manual was distributed. Any changes and/or revisions to the Best Practices Manual should be sent to the Commissioner for completion of this manual. A vote will be taken on this manual at the next Board meeting.

b. Review/Revision of IRC

With the new information coming from the ROD VP, our Due Process Policy revision will need to be revisited. We will need to change the direction away from the Commissioner.

c. Junior Board Election

The criterion for a valid election needs to be defined and included in they By-Laws. In the light of the Junior Board election garnering only 4 ballots the election process needs to be refined.

d. Plaques

Harold has asked Becky to get 2 – 3 estimates of the cost of plaques to be a historical display of the Board members of the Arizona Region. There is to be a Junior Board plaque and an Executive Board plaque. The information will be from 1989 to present.

e. Budget for 2006-2007

The process for the 2006-2007 budget will begin in April. A year to date budget will be distributed with an estimate of expenses for the remaining quarter. A draft budget will be assembled by the different divisions and put together to be implemented July 2006 – the start of our fiscal year.

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 5, 2006, 2 pm – possible JB meeting at 12 noon same day.

Meeting Adjourned: 4:00 pm

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

- Eric Hodgson to set up a meeting with Steve Cecil, Becky Hudson and Eric.
- Adult Division to inform Official's Division of what is an acceptable uniform at our tournaments.
- Harold Cranswick to appoint candidates to fill the vacancies on the Junior Board
- Jonathan Norris to get with Eric Hodgson and Shayne Lehman to define the role of the Coaches Education Director
- Board members to send suggestions for the Best Practices manual to Harold for completion of the manual.
- New direction to be taken on the revision of our Due Process Policy
- Criterion to be established for a valid election of Board members
- Becky Hudson to get estimates for historical board plaques