

**Arizona Region  
Executive Board Meeting**  
March 15, 2016  
Minutes

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm by Harold Cranswick

2. **Roll Call**

Commissioner -	Harold Cranswick
Secretary/Treasurer -	Becky Hudson
Officials Division Coordinator -	JR Salima
Adult Division Coordinator -	Ron Pelham
Junior Division Coordinator -	Charlotte Pottle

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion 1:** Move to approve the agenda. (Pottle/Pelham) Motion Carries

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

Motion: Move to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2016. Tabled to next meeting.

5. **Old Business:**

a. **By-Laws Amendment**

Harold presented a revised format of the description of duties of each board member from the By Laws. Each Board member should review the duties that are listed for their position and bring recommendations to the next board meeting.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of this motion. Review the Constitution for qualifications.

Motion: Move to approve the definitions of duties for each board member as amended.  
Tabled to next meeting.

b. **National Meeting Attendance**

Referee RVA Development, Scorer RVA Development, Beach RVA Development  
Jim and Alyson will attend if they get invited to work the tournament. JR and Ron are there to cover the meetings also. Hotel only for Wednesday night will be provided for Jim and Alyson if they are invited to work the event.

c. **Review of Suns Sponsorship for 2016**

The survey will be edited and then sent out to Club Directors, Coaches and Parents regarding the Suns experience.

Did we meet our marketing goals; was the reach what we wanted?

We still have two 50/50 raffle opportunities for the Mercury and Rattlers.

It is good for the younger kids to play in the Suns arena before they go to a qualifier to get over the awe of the experience.

Invite Aaron to attend the Jr Forum on April 3 for questions.

Gather the information for renting the convention center in lieu of using the money for the Suns arena.

The 50/50 raffle should be staffed by people that will draw attention to themselves.

d. **By-Laws Change**

Change the terms of the Board positions to 3 years to match the junior Committee rotation.

Rationale: this puts all the Board positions on the same term length.

The elections for positions will be staggered so all are not elected in the same election which will keep some continuity on the Board following elections.

Secretary/Treasurer position will be elected in 2016 for the 2017 season, Adult Division Coordinator and Jr Division Coordinator will be elected in 2017 for 2018 season, Officials' Division Coordinator and Commissioner will be elected in 2018 for the 2019 season.

**Motion 2:** Move to revise the By-Laws to change the election times and terms for the Board of Directors as specified above. (Hudson/Salima) Motion Carries

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of this motion.

- e. We have been asked by USAV to poll our Junior Club directors and see what their take is on the 18 American division being split out. Should all the 18's be at the same time – early or late? If early, should there be any opportunity for 18s to play at the later GJNC? This will be talked about at the May meetings and they want good input to make a decision regarding 2018 and beyond.

The subject will be discussed at the Jr Forum and then sent out in a separate survey to the club directors.

## 6. New Business

- a. **Officials Division – Officials Pay when a match is forfeited**  
How do we want to handle match pay when a match turns into a single set or if a match is forfeited and an official has been scheduled for that match? What if a team is a no show and it changes the number of matches scheduled for the site and the officials have been scheduled to work the site? Tabled

If the schedule changes at the site – the officials' schedule is revised and no match pay will be paid. If the official goes to a court and the teams decide not to play, the official will be paid. The site director is key to determine which matches are to be paid for.

The only facilitators are for 6 or more courts.

Notify JR if the official turns in for match counts that don't add up or if an official turns in for facilitating less than 6 courts.

- b. **Officials Division – Lead Official Pay**  
Oftentimes the lead official works fewer matches to get the schedule started and to make sure all officials get an appropriate number of matches. They have to be there ahead of the other officials and stay to the last match. Their pay is \$10 for being a lead. Tabled
- c. **Registration Policy - discussion**  
Several teams have indicated that they might just register with the Region and play only in Qualifiers or travel tournaments. We need to start thinking about this now to have a policy in place and distributed before the next season. Is this a path we want to go? What about out of Region teams that want to join and not participate with us? What are the ramifications? Is this a side effect of AAU?

If they are under the umbrella of our Region there will need to be some additional service fees in place of a tournament contract.

Out of state clubs will now be required to sign an agreement prior to becoming a member. Expectations will be spelled out, understandings spelled out. Tournament expectations.

Expectations would need to be spelled out for the traveling division.

d. **Division Manuals**

Each Division Coordinator and Director should be putting together an Operations Manual for their respective divisions/departments. We should be finalizing this at the retreat so that they are in place for next season. These are going to take time. Please begin the process now. This can go along with the Division Coordinator description of duties that we are going over. Corporate Admin Manual – separate from the Policy Manual/Best Practices?

Division media review before we send anything out,  
My instruction manuals – payroll, Arbitrator,

e. **Self-Funded team requesting to play Sizzle AAA PVL.**

If they try out for Sizzle and don't make the team, can they play in the Region PVL division? The team would be self-funded. Ron can get more involved in the program to help fundraise. This will depend on who is running the program. Even though they are paying their own way, they are still using our name which represents us.

Prefer Ron had final say so over uniforms and organization. The actual Sizzle team has worked hard to establish their reputation.

This will be an annual approval of the team and people involved. If they have trouble at the Opens, they will not be renewed for next season.

Matt Werle is the new men's coach for the Sizzle.  
Rita Stubbs would be the assistant coach under Matt. If Matt decides to play, Rita would be the head coach.

The players interested in this team would be at the Men's tryout on March 29.  
Matt Werle can help with the selection process for the team. The Team Rep needs to be the responsible party for the team. Reputation is very important.

We are not ready for this team on the Women's side. Our Sizzle team is coming back. Danielle Scott Aruda is probably going to play for us this year. Macy Gardner will not be released until June to make sure she can take the stress of play.

**Motion 3:** Move to allow a self-funded team to use the Sizzle name and play in the PVL AAA tournament at the US Opens. This is an annual agreement that must be approved each year. If this does not live up to our standards we will not renew this agreement. This team can be viewed as a farm league of the Men's Sizzle team. No money from the AZ Region will be applied to this team. (Pelham/Salima) Motion Carries.

- f. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 1 pm.  
Junior Forum meets April 3, 1 pm at Mesa Community College Rm SC11E

**7. Officers' Reports**

Commissioner

- a. Nothing new to report.  
Harold will moderate the Junior Forum on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Charlotte's absence.
- b. Region Office Information – Becky Hudson
- i. National Club Qualifier has been held. USAV will be notified of our bid winners today.
  - ii. Vulture Peak Shirts have been designed and the order will go in today.
- c. Region Outreach Director – Eric Hodgson

- i. Events – Since our last meeting
  - 2-27: Health Fair with Phoenix Children's Hospital at Cardinal's Stadium
  - 2-28- First of yearlong monthly Adult Beach Series with AZB
  - PGS for Glendale VOS scheduled 3-6
  - PUSD PE Teachers in service on 3-11
  - 3-13 2nd AZB/AZR Adult Beach Tournament

Scheduled:

  - 3-17-3-20 Hopi Mission School in Kykotsmovi, possible stop in Tuba City for Starlings coaches and players.
- ii. Eric met with David Hines of the AIA regarding High School Beach programs.

Secretary/Treasurer – Becky Hudson

- a. Treasurer's Report: February, 2016

Income:		\$	287,341.45
Expenses:		\$	245,242.79
Balance in checking account as of	2/29/16	= \$	103,944.52
Balance in High Yield Savings Account as of	2/29/16	= \$	712,854.73
Balance in Development Grant Fund as of	2/29/16	= \$	11,693.30
Balance Wells Fargo CD	1/31/16	= \$	40,034.83
- b. Marketing/PR Update – Eric Hodgson
 

Channel 12 has contacted us to do some pre-Rio bits regarding players from Arizona on the National teams and local prospects.

Officials Division Coordinator – JR Salima

- a. No report

Adult Division Coordinator – Ron Pelham

- a. No report

Junior Division Coordinator – Charlotte Pottle

- a. No report
- b. High Performance – Ron Pelham

Beach HP  
 Joe from Grand Canyon is interested in running some training for beach HP. He will be our HP Beach head coach. Bethany Jorgensen is considering being the Assistant. Ryan Mariano is going to be an assistant coach as well.

## 8. Committee Reports

- a. Ethics and Compliance Committee – JR Salima

Approved 8.17.16

- i. A hearing is scheduled for March 15.
- b. Budget Committee – No Report

**9. Adjournment of the Meeting**

**Motion 4:** Move to adjourn the meeting (Pelham/Salima) Motion Carries  
The meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm

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

- Information to be gathered about renting the Convention Center in lieu of Talking Stick Arena.
- Discussion item for the Jr Forum – early 18s championship. Separate survey to be sent to club directors.
- Agreement for out of region teams registering in the AZ Region to be developed and used for next season.
- Division Coordinators to produce an Operations Manual for their division. Each Division Coordinator should also review their description of duties and revise as needed for their position.