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**Arizona Region of USA Volleyball
Junior Board Minutes
August 20, 2006**

Call to Order: 12:16 pm

Present: Jonathan Norris, Dan Kaminskas, Michael Lindsay, Lisa Naughton, Karen Sitkiewicz, Harold Cranswick. **Guests:** Rich Foley, Eric Hodgson, Becky Hudson, John Laird

Reading of the Minutes of May 9, 2006 was waived. **Motion:** Move to approve the minutes as written, Dan Kaminskas, Karen Sitkiewicz. Minutes approved.

Call to Audience

John Laird responded to the call to audience with a concern about the 12's & 14's early tryouts and first tournament in December. He feels that this should not happen for the following reasons: the 14's are still participating in their junior high school seasons, their school seasons will not end until the end of October and some continue into November with the state tournament, the junior high coaches will not allow their players to tryout in October to prevent injuries that could affect their school season, the 12's will not have had enough time to train properly before the Dec 9th tournament, his club does not collect money until after the holidays to allow parents to pay for their Christmas without having to worry about club volleyball, recreation programs that offer girls volleyball to the younger players (which would include the 12's age group) start about the second week of October and end around Thanksgiving – this would not allow those players to participate in club volleyball due to their participation in the recreational program.

Old Business

Ratify Calendar

The calendar for the 2006-2007 season is not complete at this time. We do not have the National Qualifier dates to finish out our calendar. A draft has been made of the girls schedule but is very messy and there are still a lot of unknowns. Question from Harold, how long are we going to arrange our schedule around all the qualifiers? Would we not be better served by focusing on a few that most of the AZ teams attend instead of all of them. A decision was made to focus on the So Cal NQ – because it is the closest and teams can drive there making this the cheapest tournament our teams could attend – Colorado Crossroads NQ and Lone Star NQ. If teams choose to attend the other National Qualifiers they risk the AZ Region schedule conflicting with these tournaments. It is up to the club to decide which tournaments they attend and suffer the consequences if they choose one that conflicts. Unfortunately the Colorado Crossroads information is still unclear. The calendar was not ratified at this meeting.

The discussion following the inability to create a calendar at this time was followed by the discussion of whether or not to hold the first 12's & 14's tournament in December or January. After much discussion a motion was put forward.

Motion: Move to create a schedule to include a tournament in December 2006 for the 12's & 14's. Karen Sitkiewicz, Lisa Naughton. Motion passes 5-0

Rationale: Several Junior Board members have been contacted over the years about starting and ending the 12's & 14's earlier – making their season shorter. The delay in securing an insurance contract by ESIX and the girls state high school championships split weekends forcing the later start of our 15's-18's age group puts undue pressure on our 12's and 14's to be done with tryouts before Nov 1st. This lends to starting the younger age groups before Christmas break and will allow us to finish their seasons in March.

Home Courts Discussion

Home Courts Arizona is a state of the art facility located in Tempe. The facility has 11 volleyball courts, electronic scoreboards for each court, onsite security, the ability to post the tournament (match by match) schedule on an electronic board for all to see, a concession stand, a merchandise store, locker room, film/meeting/conference room and a training room. Harold Cranswick, Becky Hudson and Jonathan Norris met or communicated with Bud Noble and/or Jen Leo on three occasions regarding the use of Home Courts by the AZ Region to host tournaments and/or leagues.

At the first meeting Harold, Becky and Jonathan toured the facility and were told the cost would be \$50 per court per hour plus a \$150 janitorial fee and the AZ Region would get a cut of the concessions and merchandise sold in their store. They were told this was a hard number and Home Courts would not move off of it. After looking at the estimated cost of the gym for one tournament it was realized the AZ Region could not go with forward with what was being offered. A conversation was held with Jen Leo that indicated Home Courts management would consider a multi-year agreement that charged \$40 per court per hour plus the janitorial fee but the AZ Region would lose out on any cut on the concessions or merchandise sold. The AZ Region costs were reworked to show how much is collected in the current tournament contracts from per team to per hour per court for a tournament. When factoring in the per court per hour cost of one junior girls tournaments the AZ Region is currently paying less than half of what it would still cost to use Home Courts. In another discussion with Jen Leo the idea of a \$2 per person gate fee to cover the additional cost and put the charge only on those actually using the facility or the possibility of securing corporate sponsorships to cover the cost of the tournaments were discussed.

The decision was made by the Junior Board not to pursue the use of Home Courts for any junior tournaments at this time due to the cost of the facility.

The Board will need to evaluate what the tournament facilities used by the AZ Region may cost in the future and see if a multi-year contract could be worked out with Home Courts.

Junior Division Budget

A proposed 2006-2007 Junior Division budget was distributed to each member. The numbers were scrutinized. The budget was amended to include a stipend of \$3000 for the to-be-hired Education Director and to allot \$3000 for the HP Camp Guest Coaches Honorarium.

Motion: Move to approve the proposed 2006-2007 Junior Division Budget and submit to the Executive Board for inclusion in the General Budget. Dan Kaminskas, Karen Sitkiewicz. Motion passes 5-0

Ratify Club Contracts

The only addition to the tournament contracts for 2006/2007 season is the proposed increase in what is collected from each team for the officials.

Motion: Move to adopt the contract amounts as specified – Open Division \$705, Club 14's-18's - \$695, 12's - \$605, Boys \$690 and the National Club Qualifier entry of \$110. Dan Kaminskas, Lisa Naughton. Motion passes 5-0

Insurance Information Update

The Insurance certificate issue was not discussed at the YJOVD Meetings in August. Harold and Becky attended the Effective Practices Session which followed the YJOVD meetings in which Margie Mara indicated that there was no new information regarding the situation. It was her understanding that the contract was out for bid but that no one has come forward in the process. ESIX and the insurance companies are just beginning to talk about our policy. No one is jumping on board at this early stage due to the pending sexual molestation cases that are still open and in the process. The insurance companies will wait as long as possible to see what becomes of these claims. It was her recommendation that the clubs get their own insurance as a backup in the event that the clubs have tryouts early in November and cannot get certificates in time to secure gyms or tryouts.

It was suggested that this information be sent out to the AZ Region clubs now along with the contact number for ESIX so that clubs could have a contact for their own insurance coverage. This will also be covered at the General Assembly.

New Business

Andy Reitingger Proposal

Andy Reitingger has contacted the AZ Region about hosting a zonal type tournament in our Region. His choice to establish these tournaments in is Phoenix but will start in Tucson until the Phoenix Convention Center is completed. These tournaments would be for the teams that are looking for a convention center type tournament with lower costs and less travel costs. These tournaments are not National Qualifiers or really for those teams that

would attend the Qualifiers or Junior National Championships. He ran three of these tournaments this past season – one each in Des Moines, IA, Kansas City, MO and Omaha, NE. Andy Reitingger is on the USAV championships set up crew and the YJOVD administrative council as a member of head of the Competition Committee. He and Donise King (former Commissioner of Oklahoma Region) have formed the American Volleyball Championships to host these tournaments across the Regions. It is his thoughts that they would help out the Region to get the tournament established and then the Region would take over the tournament. He is willing to take the risk to make the tournament happen.

It was decided that Harold Cranswick would speak to Hank Van Arsdale of the Heart of America Region and see how it went for them and what they eventually were responsible for in running the tournament.

Boy's Official Training

The Official's Trainer Jim Feickert has indicated that the boy's ref/score clinics will be longer in length so that they get the same type of learning that the girl's teams get. The boy's first tournament will include a 1.5 to 2 hour clinic before the first tournament instead of just 1 hour prior. Those clubs that had trained a clinician for their club will be allowed to offer training to their boy's teams – a verification form must be submitted for each team that is trained via the club.

Junior Board Article for the Newsletter

Eric Hodgson is preparing the Fall 2006 newsletter. All Divisions are expected to enter an article or two to be included. Mike Lindsay will write one article for the Junior Board and submit it to Eric by the end of August. Other Junior Board members are encouraged to submit an article as well.

CAP Cadre – Add Instructor and discuss format (VCAP)

A third Cadre member is needed for the AZ Region sponsored CAP courses to be offered this November. John Kessel and Stu Sherman are secured. Tom Shoji was requested but is not available. Suggestions to send to Diana Cole are: Sue Gozansky, Bill Neville and Carl McGown. Eric Hodgson will send these to Diana and speak to her about the format.

Assign Duties for General Assembly on Sept 17th

Jonathan Norris will discuss the Budget, Insurance certificate issue and costs
Karen Sitkiewicz will discuss the Club Directory Log (spreadsheet) and the vacancy on the Junior Board of a Metro Southwest Zone Rep.

Michael Lindsay will discuss the format – early start and Championship Division

Lisa Naughton will handle the Awards for Meritorious Service and Coach of the Year awarded by the YJOVD.

Dan Kaminskis is unable to attend the General Assembly this year.

Next Meeting will be held on Sunday, Sept 17th at 10 am at Mesa Community College –site of the General Assembly.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:15 pm

Minutes were recorded by Becky Hudson

Action Items as a result of this meeting:

- Calendar to be fine tuned as Colorado Crossroads dates are released.
- Note to be sent out to the Club Directors addressing the issues we face this year with the insurance certificates, the split dates of the Girls State HS Championships and the lateness of the Qualifier dates being released, the contact numbers for ESIX in the event they want to purchase their own insurance until we receive the USAV insurance.
- Junior Board to look at the long term costs of the facilities we use for tournaments and the prospective costs to the Region.
- Budget to be submitted to Executive Board for inclusion in the General Budget
- Club Contracts to be revised, sent out to the Club Directors for planning purposes and readied for the General Assembly.
- Eric Hodgson to contact Diana Cole regarding the CAP Cadre requested and the format for our CAP course in November.
- Michael Lindsay and any other Junior Board members to submit an article for the newsletter to Eric Hodgson by the end of August.
- The boys' first tournament to be formatted to include a score/ref clinic 2 hours prior to the start of the tournament.
- Harold Cranswick to speak to Hank Van Arsdale about the Andy Reitingger and American Volleyball Championships tournament proposal.
- Education Director Position to be finalized and advertised for hire.