

**Arizona Region of USA Volleyball
Junior Board Minutes
Sept. 2, 2008**

- I. Called to Order: 6:20 pm at the Arizona Region Office.
- II. Roll Call: Michael Lindsay – Metro NW; Michelle Malis – South; Brooke Saunders – Metro SW; Lisa Naughton – Metro SE; Stasia Rivera – North (via Phone). Vacant Position: Metro NE. Guests: Harold Cranswick, Eric Hodgson, Becky Hudson (recorded minutes)
- III. Reading of Minutes of July 29, 2008.

Motion 1: to approve the minutes as written. (Malis/Lindsay/MC).

IV. 2009 Girls Schedule (Girls)

Dates of some qualifiers are still not set as to the age that plays on what weekend. Andy Reitingner of the AVC tournament has asked about our involvement for 2009. Consensus is to put forth a soft schedule that will change as the dates become available.

Club Division Region Championships -

Review

V. Establishment of start dates for Junior Girls

The AIA has published the HS State finals as 1A – 3A Nov 8, 4A Nov 17, 5A Nov 18. This does not give the Region a viable time frame for a tryout and commitment period and still allow the clubs to have their teams picked and committed by Thanksgiving.

There will be no changes made to the policy for tryouts and commitment dates. The Blackout period is Nov 1 through the last date of the high school state playoffs for the 15's and older.

Motion 2: To establish the tryouts dates for the girls 2009 season as follows: 14's and under may begin Nov 8th; 15's and older may begin Nov. 22nd. Malis/Saunders/MC.

Motion 3: To remove the tryout period and commitment date established at the last meeting. Saunders/Malis/MC

The Junior Board members are encouraged to research the Badger and Keystone Regions commitment dates and tryout policies for future policy recommendations.

Those board members that will be attending the YJOVD meetings should ask questions of other region representatives on what they are doing about tryouts and commitment dates.

Eric Hodgson will research and draw up a proposal requiring the clubs to provide a handout to all parents educating them to all their club policies and give them their player rights and parent rights when joining a club.

VI. ECO Review and Recommendation

Jr Policies Amendments –

Motion 4: Recommend the Ex Board approve the Jr Club Team Policies as amended. Lindsay/Saunders/MC

Club Director Agreement

Motion 5: Recommend the Ex Board approve the Jr Club Director Agreement as amended. Lindsay/Malis/MC

Coach Issue Feedback for Ethic & Compliance Officer

After interviewing several parents, both coaches and the club director for East Valley Juniors 16-1 team Dan Kaminskas has put forward recommendations on the incident involving the head coach. He asked for feedback on the proposed sanctions. The feedback is as follows:

1. Yes - not be a head coach or club director for two years
2. No - require the coach to attend behavior modification course. If takes a behavior modification class then he could be a head coach. The Jr Board is unclear as to how to require this.
3. N/A– the above must be completed prior to his next registration
4. Yes - Probation for 2 years – review after each year.
5. Yes – if have substantive complaints against him in the future then he will forfeit USAV and AZ Region membership.
6. Yes – must self disclose to any club that he applies to in the next two years.
7. Yes – note this in the EVJ file – note earlier intervention by the club director may have led to better experience for all involved.
8. Yes – a letter should be sent to the parents explaining the resolution of the complaints. Letter should not spell out exactly what is being done – general explanation. We must be careful regarding the legal implications as to slander.

Motion 6: recommend the Ex Board approve the revised recommendations regarding the EVJ coach. Saunders/Malis/MC

VII. AVC in 2009

The Junior Board fees if Volleyball Festival is here there is no need to bring this tournament into our Region. It has not been worth the time and effort in the past. The original intent was to provide experience for teams that do not normally travel. The intent has changed and does not really meet what we wanted to be part of. It has become another qualifier for a different national championships. Lisa Naughton is to inquire of Andy Reitingner who this tournament will market and what is he willing to do?

VIII. General Assembly Assignments

Zonal Club Play – Michelle Malis
Electronics and Referee Teams - Officials
Age Waivers – Brooke Saunders
Coaches Early Registration – Michael Lindsay
Rosters Courtside – Officials
Coaches Ed, Beach, HP Presentation – Eric
Calendar -

IX. Jr Division Coordinator vote

Motion 7: To approve Michelle Malis as the Jr Division Coordinator.
Lindsay/Saunders/MC

X. Next Board Meeting – Sunday, Oct 26th, 12 pm.

XI. Meeting Adjourned 9:07 pm

XII. Action Items as a result of this meeting.

- Soft schedule for the Junior Girls be developed until some more of the NQ dates become available.
- Junior Girls Start Dates and Blackout Dates to be published
- Commitment Date and Tryout Period to be removed from the policies
- Jr Board members encouraged to research Badger and Keystone Region policies regarding commitment dates and tryout periods.
- Jr Board members attending the YJOVD meetings in Oct encouraged to talk to the representatives of other regions regarding their tryout periods and commitment dates
- Eric Hodgson to research and draw up a proposal requiring clubs to provide a handout to parents spelling out club policies and player/parent rights.
- Recommendations to Ex Board to be forwarded regarding the Jr Club Team Policies, the Jr Club Director Agreement
- Feedback to be sent to ECO on the East Valley Juniors coach sanctions.

Approved 11/25/08

- Lisa Naughton to talk to Andy Reitingger about the AVC tournament in Arizona in 2009
- Michelle Malis to assume the position of the Jr Division Coordinator.