

KRVA BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES

MEETING DATE: January 19, 2017

Meeting Location: Teleconference

Welcome/Call to Order (Carlton)

Roll Call:

**ARRIVAL**

Administrative	Commissioner	Michelle Carlton	6:48 PM
	Secretary	Debbie Fajerski	6:49 PM
	Treasurer	Jeff Stubbefield	6:59 PM
Division Chairs	Adults	Chynna Tavares	6:58 PM
	Outdoor/Beach	Chris Ho	7:02 PM
	Junior Girls	Ray Reilly	7:01 PM
	Coach Dev.	Dan Mickle	6:54 PM
	High Performance	Brian Smith	7:17 PM
	Junior Boys	Josh Brenneman	Excused Absence
	Referee	Mike McPoyle	Excused Absence
Guest:	Attorney	John Kiefel	7:10 Depart 7:20

Quorum Declaration: Quorum Achieved

Voting: 8

**Administrative Reports**

**Secretary's Report (Fajerski)**

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (October 12, 2016)

**Commissioner's Report (Carlton) – See Appendix**

1. Recapped her participation and involvement with USA Volleyball and events that are taking place.
2. Thanked all involved for a very successful 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rating Rally
3. Obtained funding for the Region
  - a. \$5,000 from North East Qualifier
  - b. \$25,000 for the next three years from the City of Harrisburg Sports Commission (total \$75,000)
4. Discussion regarding suggestions on the disbursement of available money
  - a. Increase the Junior Boys and Girls Scholarship Fund to \$1,000 for the next three years for each recipient.

MOTION: (Fajerski)

A motion is made to increase the Junior Boys and Girls Scholarship Fund to \$1,000 for the next three years.

Seconded (Carlton)

Motion passed unanimously

b. Monies will be allocated to offset some of the expense of the Regional Championships to be held at the Harrisburg Farm Show.

c. Need for Equipment for Sitting Team Program

d. Possible to allocate funds for the development of a Special Olympic Team.

### **Treasurer's Report (Stubbefield)**

1. At present reports indicate the Region is in good financial standing.
2. Audit and Tax Return have been filed on January 17, 2017.
3. When the audit was conducted, the auditor stated that all purchases must be made with a Purchase Order. (IRS Requirement)
- 4, The Region Office will have a list of approved vendors you may select to use.
5. This policy is effective immediately. Vicki will set forth details and we will work through any issues that occur during the transition of procedure.

### **Junior Girls Report (Reilly)**

1. Currently have 53 waived players, down from last year at 85. Believe this is the result of the Chesapeake Region not allowing waived players.
2. Still dealing with one sanction player – case going to National Arbitration
3. Dealing with a Coach who was intoxicated at a practice – case is going to National Arbitration.
4. Other sanctioned players and clubs have paid their fines and completed retaking Impact and Safe Sport Courses.
5. The Bid will be open to any team that wants to enter. They must complete all

the Region and National Requirements.

6. The Club Challenge will incorporate 2 age groups (same as last year) 13/14, 14/16. 17/18.

7. Both the above events will be 2 days. The 12's will probably be a one day event.

8. Revisit with the Juniors Committee about doing a way with Club and Open Status for the 2018 Season.

### **Coach and Development Report (Mickle)**

1. Cap Certification Program (Discussion)

2. Test Pilot of the Cap Academy (13 week program, once a week for an hour in a class room setting. It was on Saturdays so high school coaches were able to attend. The response was positive. Polling regions that might be interested in participating in this type of program.

3. How do we keep coaches active in their coaching education? (Discussion)

a. Suggest free clinics

b. Conduct clinics featuring high profile coaches

c. 1.6% of our coaches in the Region have a certification of higher than Impact

d. Have a place on the Region Website where coaches may access various ideas for drills, coaching techniques, et.

e. Conduct free coaching clinics at the various Region Events (Championships)

### **Adults Report (Tavares)**

1. A letter and survey was sent to all Adult Members in the Region to analyze information on how to successful promote the Adult Volleyball Program.

2. Suggestions to designate several courts at the Girls Regional Championships for an Adult Tournament

3. Carlton and Tavares will attend the tournament held in New England in March to gather ideas to help promote the Program. Currently there are no sanctioned adult tournaments scheduled and our Region has very few Adult Volleyball Clubs. We would like to help promote the Adult Volleyball Program in our Region.

## **Events Report (Davies/Tavares - provided via email)**

1. About to close on acceptance for BANE. We will fill every division and have a waitlist for each. The 17's and 18's divisions acquired the Bids from the Nittany Ninvitation that disbanded this year. We worked with USA Volleyball and our Scheduler to adjust numbers and objectives appropriately.
2. Tournaments have started and TD's have been great to work with. No real issues other than some location changes and tournament cancellations from low enrollment.
3. This year we sanctioned 192 tournaments – about 20 more than last year. Fourteen were boys' tournaments (one more than last year). We have cancelled four boys tournaments (same as last year). Of the remaining 178 girls' tournaments, there have been 17 tournaments cancelled so far.
4. The Rating Event took place on December 11, 2016 at Millersville University. This was a big hit among the teams and clubs, as well as the officials And will definitely be able to be expanded in the coming years. It was a great Launching point.
5. We are working with Team Travel Source to make sure the clubs understand the Stay to Play policy that is in effect for the BANE, Girls Bid and Club Challenge, as well as the Regional Championships. You can see the information posted on the Region Website under KRVA Events and More page.
6. We are currently working on pulling together all of the pieces for the three Region run events this year.

Outdoor Report (non available)

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Postponement of Nomination of Officers

Discussion: Nominating Committee (Carlton, Smith, Tavares) met regarding the nomination of officers for the 2017 terms for the positions of Secretary, Junior Boys Chair and Coach/Development Chair. The Board of Directors is undergoing a restructure process. Commissioner Carlton will be meeting with the company on January 28, 2017 regarding the progress. The Nominating Committee agreed to present to the Board the following motion.

- a. **MOTION:** Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, a motion is presented to postpone the 2017 nomination of officers and subsequent voting for the positions of Secretary, Junior Boys Chair and Coach/Development of the KRVA Board of Directors until the restructure process is complete.

**Vote:** 2 opposed  
6 In favor

**Motion is passed**

2. The membership will be notified via the website of the postponement of the nomination of officers and subsequent election.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Commissioner Carlton advised the Board that the Region and the OVR Region are in the process of undertaking joint sanctioned tournaments. At present none are scheduled but are pursuing the possibility of future tournaments.

2. Notification to the Membership regarding sanctions imposed on Clubs, Club Directors, Coaches and Players.

a. Discussion: This topic will be presented to the Region Legal Counsel, John Kiefel.

3. Policy Change of Codes

a. The Board of Directors will collectively address the different polices in place regarding Open, Club during the Planning Meeting held this summer

4. Sportswrench

a. Junior Girls Chair Reilly has spoken with Barry Goldberg regarding the Region implementing the Sportswrench Program. Pros and Cons to be discussed upon review of the system.

5. Flexibility of Board Meetings

Discussion: The KRVA Board of Directors currently conduct 4 official Board Meetings per year, dates determined by the Commissioner. If a member is unable to attend, they will advise the Commissioner in advance. If excused, this will not go against their policy of attendance.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD Meeting: March 17, 2017 – Time and Place TBD

Call for Adjournment of Meeting at 9:07 – **MEETING ADJOURNED 9:07 PM**

Submitted by: Debbie Fajerski, Secretary, KRVA

## **APPENDIX**

### Keystone Regional Volleyball Commissioner's Report January 2017 Board of Directors Meeting

#### National News

The USAV Board of Directors have hired a new CEO for USA Volleyball, Jamie Davis. Jamie will bring a much anticipated new direction to USA Volleyball National. We welcome him and look forward to meeting with him to briefly discuss the role of the region in USA Volleyball's future. A meeting with Jaimie is already in the works. The Regional Volleyball Commissioners have been invited to meet with him in small groups this February, location to be decided soon.

I will be in attendance at the USA Volleyball Board of Director's meeting in Colorado Springs, January 28 and January 29, 2017. We have five Regional Volleyball Commissioners who sit on the USA Volleyball Board of Directors to represent the regions voice and needs. I have accepted a nomination to the Diversity Committee for the USA Volleyball Board of Directors. This is a new role that I am looking forward to as it is a concern for all non-profit organizations and I hope to bring more insights to our own Board of Directors.

The Regional Volleyball Association (Regional Commissioners) has elected Ken Cain (Southern Region Commissioner) as the new Chairman of the RVA. Welcome Ken! He has already been very busy handling issues and concerns that have crossed his desk. I served as Chair of the Nominating Committee and I thank my fellow Committee members for all their time and patience. Ken will preside over the next National Meeting in Minneapolis in May. I have joined the Premier Volleyball League's Board of Directors as the Secretary. My thanks to the board for accepting me into their ranks. We will be working together to move the League forward and continue to find opportunities and sponsorship for our adult players after college.

#### Regional News

The tournament season is moving swiftly along. The region will soon be hosting the Boy's Atlantic NorthEastern Tournament in Harrisburg, PA. Registrations have increased so the tournament is at capacity. This year we will be offering boys BIDs in every age group. It's very exciting to have all the teams at the Farm Show vying for a BID to the National Tournament. It will be held in Columbus, Ohio in June/July 2017. A nice "commute" for our home teams since many of them can drive to the tournament. We are pleased to announce that Molten has donated the volleyballs specifically for the tournament this year. They have been a continued sponsor for the Keystone Region. We would also like to welcome Athlete Vision. They will be offering video for the event on ten courts. This is a great recruiting tool for our junior players. The site and info is free for college coaches. Keystone Region will be subsidizing the players who are Keystone members. There will, of course, be a National Boys HP tryout on Friday evening.

We enjoyed great success and fun with the region's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Rating Rally in Millersville and Pittsburgh. Thank you to Millersville University for donating the site. We also thank all the teams that participated. It is helping our officials continue their careers and hone their skills for officiating our events. I would like to welcome the new officials to our ranks. We

really appreciate you coming out to work for our events. I would also like to thank the Northeast Qualifier for the generous donation which made this event possible. We have secured sponsorship from the city of Harrisburg Sports Commission and the County Commissioners. The Keystone Region is very grateful for the generous award! We will gladly apply this to our Harrisburg events for which it was intended. We have been very fortunate to be able to work closely with the Farm Show these past few years. It enables us to offer quality events for our members. The juniors are able to see their friends and fellow club members playing under the same roof. There is continued interest to support a Special Olympics or Sitting team at Open Nationals this year. We have a couple of board members who volunteered to spearhead this project so hopefully we will be able to send one of those groups this year. My thanks to the all the hardworking KRVA Board members who are making all of our programs possible.

Respectfully, Michelle Carlton, KRVA Commissioner