



LONE STAR REGION

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Commissioner's Notes

Well, here we are fast approaching the close of the 2007 Season. Each of our Regional Championships are now behind us, and right now many of our junior members are preparing for their respective National Championships. While the adults have already enjoyed theirs. 57 adult teams attended the 2007 USA Volleyball National Championships, in Austin from May 27 through June 3, 2007. We have 50 teams qualified and selected to compete at the 2007 USA Junior Olympic Girls Volleyball Championships, in Minneapolis, Minn., on June 29 - July 8, 2007. The 2007 USA Junior Olympic Volleyball Invitational has now been cancelled, because of the limited number of applications. We are currently planning on having three outstanding boys teams representing the Lone Star Region, in Atlanta, at the 2007 USA Junior Olympic Boys Volleyball Championships on July 4-11.

Both the adult and junior regional championships went well. The adult tournament was hosted by the Alamo Volleyball Association, in San Antonio. The girls events were again hosted by the Austin Junior Volleyball Club, and played in Austin and Houston, the same as last season. Again, our thanks to each of the event hosts for their outstanding efforts--great job!

Now it's time to start planning for our 2008 Season. The best way to do this is for each of our members to periodically review their records and keep them current, throughout the summer. This can not be done if you do not know your **log-in information**. To log on to your record you will need to know your **user name** and **password**. If you did not keep a record of this information you should now go to the Region web site, www.lsvolleyball.org and select **Registration**. at the top of the Home Page. This will take you to the Registration Instructions, where you can use the **Forgot Password** option to get this information. That is always your first option for getting this information. With over 15,000 records in our system the Region Office does not have sufficient staff to maintain and retrieve this data for those who can not accept the responsibility for maintaining their own data. If you

have to call the Region Office to obtain this data, be prepared to explain why you couldn't use the proper procedures for getting this information.

In the Region database we still have over 200 members listed on the **UNPAID List**. These members should have already completed their registrations for the 2007 Season. Most of these individuals are players, but we also have many officials and coaches who are unpaid. Once an individual has registered online they send in their required forms to their club director or the Regional Office, along with the appropriate fees.

This has not yet been done, or at least the forms and fees haven't gotten to the Region Office. These records must be cleared from the Unpaid List before we can start registrations for the 2008 Season. Hopefully, we can get those members registered who actually participated in sanctioned events or practices. If not, I will start deleting them from the system as soon as all our competitions are completed for this season. Club directors you will have until the end July to get these "Unpaid" members straightened out. After that, I will start deleting them from the system. I'm sure many of them will be interested to know that they were not actually registered, when they had actually been participating in sanctioned events.

As in past years, a copy of our Board Minutes are being published in this issue of the newsletter, for your information. The Annual Board of Directors' Meeting was held on Friday night prior to the Adult Regionals. Take the opportunity to read through this minutes, since those changes addressed here will be those which affects us during the 2008 Season.

Will Vick,
Commissioner

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Lone Star Volleyball Association
Minutes of the
Annual Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, March 30, 2007
Atrium Inn
Schertz, Texas

Presider: Will Vick, Commissioner

Recorder: Regina Daniel, Secretary

CALL ORDER: The Commissioner, Will Vick, called the meeting to order at 8:15 P.M.

ROLL TO CALL: Absent but excused were Wally Simpson, Toni Leech, and Pat Johnston.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The 2006 BOD minutes were approved as written. (Thomas Hoy moved/Gene Chambliss seconded).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written with the addition of Referee and Scorekeeper Application Fee Increases. (Steve Crane moved/Hal Naumann seconded).

DATE AND LOCATION OF 2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Based on policy defined by the BOD, the 2008 meeting will be held in conjunction with the adult regional championship tournament in Corpus Christ, Texas. The specific date and location will be released at a later date.

ELECTIONS: The Commissioner called for nominations from the floor for the positions currently up for election. All non-opposed positions were accepted by acclamation. (Virgie Mallett moved/Vicki Barnes seconded).

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

REGISTRATIONS: Currently there is an overall increase in individual, as well as team registrations. We closed the 2005-2006 season with 9,773 individuals and 831 teams. As of March 30, 2007, we had registered 10,356 individuals and 881 teams.

REFEREE'S CHAIR: Thomas Hoy reported that to-date, Lone Star Region National and Junior National Referees have conducted 39 referee clinics with a total of 1,255 applications submitted, which represents a 21% increase over last year. Of the 1,255, 1,110 applied, paid their fee and registered with the region, which represents a 14% increase over last year. 203 were re-certifying and 231 were renewing. He also reported that to-date; the Region has 23 National Referees, 19 Junior National Referees, 71 Regional Referees, 281 Provisional Referees and 39 Junior Olympic Referees. Mr. Hoy reported that the Region received 8 Junior National Referee applications and 3 candidates were recommended for advancement to the junior national level. He also reported that Tim Craft, Steve Boucher and Connie Brennan have been recommended for advancement to the national level. Mr. Hoy reported that congratulations are extended to Luis Ramos and Dawn Roberson on their new Junior National Referee status and to Dick Kappel on his new National Referee status.

At this time, Mr. Hoy took the opportunity to present to Gordon Morrison a Certificate of Appreciation expressing the Region's thanks for his help in conducting Referee and Scorekeeper clinics. He also expressed the Region's appreciation to Joe Campbell for his Power Point Presentation, to John Kimmel for his help in the San Antonio area, and to Carlos Rodriguez for his help in the Austin area.

HOUSTON AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Gordon Morrison reported that the Junior Division in the Houston area is growing and there has been an increase in the number of tournaments hosted in the Houston area.

SCOREKEEPER'S CHAIR: Steve Crane reported that there were 44 Scorekeeper clinics held in various locations of the state. He reported that the Region currently has certified 1 International Scorekeeper, 33 National Scorekeepers, 2 Junior National Scorekeepers, 8 Regional Scorekeepers, 79 Provisional Scorekeepers, and 511 Junior Olympic Scorekeepers.

LONE STAR REGIONAL WEB SITE UPDATE: Steve Crane reported that the Team Finder link on the Region's website has received 771 entries this season and continues to be very successful.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Vicki Barnes reported 28 Friendship Tournaments were offered in August, September and October. She also reported that 126 Division Tournaments were offered and 32 were cancelled. She reported that the adult tournament participation was poor for the 2006-2007 season.

A discussion followed the Tournament Director's report concerning possible solutions to facilitate increasing the participation in the adult divisions. Mr. Chambliss took this opportunity to express his opinion that a lack of leadership in the adult divisions is a major contributing factor to the decrease in the number of adult members and teams.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Annell Neale reported that she is in the process of revising and updating the Lone Star Region Member's Handbook. She also reported that the revised and updated version of the Handbook is expected to be available to members on the Region's Web Site in the summer of 2007. She also reported that the deadline for the May newsletter is April 15 and requested that any inclusions in the newsletter be submitted on or before that date.



COACH'S DEVELOPMENT CHAIR: Gene Chambliss reported that he is available to conduct coaching clinics for the adult and/or junior programs. It was suggested by the Commissioner that this information be posted in a bulletin on the Region's Web Site.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: Dick Kappel reported that the number of junior teams (girls) increased by 5.1% increase from 2006. He also reported 6 Impact Training Clinics were held with a total of 92 participants.

VICE COMMISSIONER: Hal Naumann had nothing to report.

LEGAL ADVISOR: Michelle Hanlon had nothing to report.

SAN ANTONIO AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Mar Resendiz reported that the juniors are growing in the San Antonio area. He also reported that the Team Finder link on the Region's Web Site continues to be very helpful.

AUSTIN AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Virgie Mallett reported that the junior divisions in the Austin area are growing. She also reported that there has been a decrease in the number of adult teams in the Austin area.

CORPUS CHRISTI AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Melissa Garza reported that the junior divisions in the Corpus Christi area are growing. She also reported no growth in the adult divisions in the Corpus Christi area.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The report was distributed to each Board member. Any questions concerning the report must be submitted in writing to the Commissioner or Treasurer.

At this time, the Commissioner took the opportunity to report that the Region had contributed to facility up-grades in the Bayou Region and the Gulf Coast Region that were damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

BRAZOS VALLEY AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Absent. Submitted written report.

BUSINESS:

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM: After some discussion, a motion was duly made and carried that contingent upon approval of the 2006 annual Financial Report to be submitted to the Region by USA Volleyball High Performance Program, that the Region will contribute to the 2007 season an amount (earmarked for entry fees) equal to the contribution made for the 2006 season.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES AND REFEREE'S FEE STRUCTURE: After some discussion it was determined that the maximum tournament entry fees would be increased to \$115, per day, when paid referee are not used. The maximum rate per day, when using paid referees would be increased to \$150. This increase will be effective for the 2007/2008 season. (Annell Neale moved/Rachel Nobles seconded).

REGISTRATION FEES – 2007/2008 SEASON: The Commissioner reported that there would be no increase in registration fees for the 2007/2008 season.

BOARD RESOLUTION: The BOD adopted a Resolution to authorize the Lone Star Region to withdraw Funds from Life Investors Company of America, Cedar Rapids, IA and to invest said funds in a tax exempt account at Broadway National Bank, Schertz, Texas, and to execute any necessary documents relative to this transaction and for any future transactions. (Steve Crane moved/Gordon Morrison seconded).

REFEREE AND SCOREKEEPER APPLICATION FEES: A suggestion was made by Steve Crane to increase the Referee and Scorekeeper Application Fees. After discussion, the topic was tabled.

APPLICATION, TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROCESS: Thomas Hoy initiated a discussion concerning the Region members having access to their referee status in a data base. There was also a discussion concerning the benefits derived by each member who completes the process.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The time was 11:45 P.M. (Gene Chambliss moved/Rachel Nobles seconded).

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Daniel

Secretary

From the Referees' Stand

Thomas Hoy, Referee Chair

It has been a great year for getting certified as a referee and I want to thank the referees that spend time rating our players, our national-level referees that prepared the new referees (and some seasoned referees) through our clinics held from October through May this year, and for everyone who went through this process to make the game better for everyone. If you still have ratings or exams, send them on in and we'll add you to the list of certified referees.

Congratulations to all that were selected to officiate finals at the 2007 USAV Open Championships in Austin, Texas. Our region continues to play a significant role in producing top quality officials and we are honored to have them work important matches throughout the season. We also had three raters selected to complete re-evaluations of national referees at Opens this year and this is always appreciated as it keeps us up-to-date.

2007 Junior National Championships

Congratulations are also in order for the following teams which have qualified to play at the 2007 Junior National Championships in Minneapolis:

18's ALAMO—18 Nat Kaepa
AUSTIN JRS—18 Mizuno
CLUB Texas—18 Black
CENTEX—18
TX ELITE—18 Black
TX TORNADOS—18 Mizuno

16's ALAMO—16 Nat Kaepa
AUSTIN JRS—16 Mizuno
AVA OF TEXAS—16 Asics
SA HEAT—161 Navy
TX TORNADOS—16 Mizuno
WILLOWBROOK—16 Asics

15's ALAMO—15 Nat Kaepa
AUSTIN JRS—15 Mizuno
BRAZOS VALLEY—151
HOUSTON—15 National
TX TORNADOS—15 Mizuno
WOODLAND STARS—15 Gold
WILLOWBROOK—15 Asics

13's ALAMO—13 Nat Kaepa
AUSTIN JRS—13 Mizuno
AUSTIN JRS—13 Navy
SOUTHSHORE—13 Mizuno
TX TORNADOS—13 MIZUNO

17's AIM— 17 Nike
ALAMO—17 Nat Kaepa
AUSTIN JRS—17 Mizuno
AUSTIN JRS—17 Navy
CLUB TEXAS—17 Black
EXTEC—17 National
HOUSTON SELECT—17 WH
TX TORNADOS—17 Black
TX TORNADOS—17 Mizuno
VB ACADEMY—171
WACO—17 Blue
WILLOWBROOK—17 Asics

14's ALAMO—14 Nat Kaepa
AUSTIN JRS—14 Mizuno
AVA OF TEXAS—14 ASICS
BRAGGIN RIGHTS—141
SA HEAT—141
SOUTH SHORE—14 Mizuno
TX TORNADOS—14 Black
TX TORNADOS—14 Mizuno
WOODLAND STARS—14 Gold

12's ALAMO—12 Nat Kaepa
AUSTIN JRS—12 Mizuno
TX TORNADOS—12 Mizuno
WOODLAND STARS—12 Gold



Congratulations to the Adult Regional Winners

	Women's A		Women's BB		Women's B
1st	Ball Bangers	1st	Phoenix	1st	No Excuse
2nd	Pretty Baby	2nd	Sudden Impact	2nd	Serves You Right
		3rd	Ninjas with Attitude		
			Full Force		
	Men's A		Men's BB		Men's B
1st	Punishers	1st	Austin Departed	1st	Austin DOD
2nd	Crackers & Rice	2nd	Alamo City Heat	2nd	Hard Times
				3rd	SSM Vikings
					GCVA 181 Gators

Congratulations to the top teams at the Lone Star Junior Regional Championships.

18's	1st	TX Elite 18 Black	17's	1st	Alamo 17 Kaepa Nat'l
	2nd	Austin 18 Mizuno		1st	TX Tornados 17 Mizuno
	3rd	Alamo 18 Kaepa Nat		3rd	Houston Select 17 White
	3rd	Club Texas 18 Black		4th	Texstar 171
16's	1st	TX Tornados 16 Mizuno	15's	1st	TX Tornados 15 Mizuno
	2nd	SA Heat 161		2nd	Houston Juniors 15 Nat'l
	3rd	Alamo 16 Kaepa Nat'l		3rd	Woodlands Stars - 15G
	3rd	Willowbrook 16 Asics		4th	Brazos Valley 151
14's	1st	BRVC 13	13's	1st	Austin 13 Mizuno
	2nd	SA Heat 141		2nd	TX Tornados 13 Mizuno
	3rd	South Shore 14 Mizuno		3rd	Xtreme 131
	4th	TX Tornados 14 Black		4th	Alamo 13 Kaepa Nat'l
		12's	1st	Austin 12 Mizuno	
			2nd	TX Tornados 12 Mizuno	
			3rd	Alamo 12 Kaepa Nat'l	
			4th	Xtreme 12 Black	

BEXAR COUNTY JUNIOR NOTED FOR EXCELLENCE

Janeen Davis of the Bexas County Jrs 171 attended the USA Volleyball High Performance Camp in Pomona, Ca in December and has been accepted to the Karch Kiraly Volleyball Academy in Anaheim, CA. Both of these accomplishments are high honors and mean a great deal of work for Janeen and her family. Congratulations and Good Luck to you Janeen!