

LONE STAR REGION USAVOLLEYBALL FEBRUARY, 2010

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

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It's now time to start closing out the 2010 Season, and start planning for 2011. We only have a few tournaments remaining, including the USA Volleyball National Championships. The Regional Championships are now behind us, and many of our adult and junior members are preparing for their respective National Championships. We have 18 adult teams scheduled to attend the 2010 USA Open Championships, in Phoenix from May 29 through Jun 5, 2010. We have 59 teams qualified and selected to compete at the 2010 Girls Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships, in Reno, on June 24 - July 3, 2010. We are currently planning on having five outstanding boys' teams representing the Lone Star Region, in Austin, at the 2008 Boys Junior Olympic Volleyball Championships on July 2-9.

Both the adult and junior regional championships went well. The adult tournament was hosted by the Texas A&M Men's Volleyball Club, in College Station. The girls' events were hosted by the Houston Juniors Volleyball Club, and played in Houston. Many thanks to each of the event hosts for their outstanding efforts—great job!

It's now time to start planning for our 2011 Season. Individual registrations will again start on September 1st, and all registrations will need to be completed through the USA Volleyball On-Line Registration System (Webpoint). This means each of you will need to know your **log-in information**. The best way to keep track of this information is for each of our members to periodically review their records and keep them current, throughout the summer—**keep your contact information current. This includes both mailing and email addresses.** 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 the number of records in our system the Region Office does not have sufficient staff to maintain and retrieve this data for those who cannot 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. As we did during the 2010 Season, we will have a Registration Registrar, Karen Tarmon, 210-599-4743. It is much better if you contact her via email (lsregistrat@earthlink.net). Keep in mind that this still does not relieve the individuals from keeping track of their own log-in information.

In the Region database we currently have 361 members still listed on the **UNPAID List**. These are members who have registered on-line but have not yet paid their individual registration fees, for the 2010 Season. Most of these individuals are players, but we also have many officials and coaches who are unpaid. Once an individual has registered on-line their registration fees need to be sent to the Region, either by the Club or the individual member. The registration has not been completed until all fees have been paid. This has not yet been done, or at least the fees haven't gotten to the Region Office. These records must be cleared from the Unpaid List before we can start registrations for the 2011 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.

It was brought to my attention that during the Lone Star Classic a number of our parents were observed harassing our line judges, during a number of the matches. Unfortunately, these reports could not provide me with names. I have now instructed our officials, and club coaches, to provide me with the names and circumstances, in any future events. I will then be happy to do what I feel is appropriate to ensure that those individuals, members or not, will not get another opportunity to display their immature attitudes, at our events.

As in past years, 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 Regional Championships. Take the opportunity to read through these minutes, since those changes addressed here will be those which affects us during the 2011 Season.

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**Lone Star Volleyball Association
Minutes of the
Annual Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, March 26, 2010
Hilton College Station & Conference Center
College Station, Texas**

Presider: Will Vick, Commissioner

Recorder: Renee Blakely, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The Commissioner, Will Vick, called the meeting to order at 8:20 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Absent but excused were Keith Kubicek, Steve Boucher, Wally Simpson and Mark Papich.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The 2009 BOD minutes were approved as written. (Steve Crane moved/Annell Neale seconded)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written with the addition of Program To Increase Adult Participation (Mar Resendiz moved/Steve Crane seconded)

DATE AND LOCATION OF 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Based on policy defined by the BOD, the 2011 Meeting will be held in conjunction with the adult regional championship tournament. The specific date and location will be released at a later date.

ELECTIONS: Commissioner Vick called for nominations from the floor for the positions currently up for election. Thang Nguyen was nominated for the position of Player Representative (Men).

At this time, the nominee for the position of Player Representative (Men), Thang Nguyen, submitted his presentation to the BOD. At the conclusion of the presentation, the BOD was requested to cast their vote for their candidate of choice for the position of Player Representative. At this time, a motion was duly made and carried to close nominations from the floor. (Steve Crane moved/Rachel Nobles seconded)..

All non-opposed positions were accepted by acclamation. (Virgie Mallett moved /Mar Resendiz seconded)

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

REGISTRATIONS: Currently there is an overall increase in individual, as well as team registrations. We closed the 2008/2009 season with 11,845 individuals and 998 teams. As of March 17, 2010, we had registered 1,067 individuals and 12,706 teams.

REFEREE'S CHAIR: Thomas Hoy reported that it has been another successful year for Lone Star Region referees. To-date, Lone Star Region National and Junior National Referees have conducted 46 referee clinics from October, 2009 through March 12, 2010 with a total of 1,649 applications submitted. He also reported that to-date; the Region has 28 National Referees, 23 Junior National Referees, 92 Regional Referees and 461 Provisional Referees. Mr. Hoy reported that the Region received 18 Junior National Referee applications and Eric Houston, Sal Hernandez, Joe Lazama, and Sallie Bennett were recommended for advancement to the junior national level. He also reported that Dawn Roberson, Peri Copeland and Matt Storm have been recommended for advancement to the national level. Mr. Hoy reported that congratulations are extended to Charlie Bennett, Anibal Colon, Toby Day, John Havens, and Augusto Rodriguez on their Jr. National Referee status and to Renee Blakely and Charlie Tamez on their new National Referee status.

At this time, Mr. Hoy initiated a discussion concerning the inception of officials completing clinic and testing requirements online. Mr. Hoy stated that it is his opinion that officials with a rating lower than Jr. National need the benefit of attending a clinic.

Commissioner Vick took this opportunity to state that the Lone Star Region has one of the most outstanding Officiating Programs in USA Volleyball. He also stated that this would not be possible without the support of the BOD. He also took this opportunity to commend Steve Crane, Thomas Hoy and Gordon Morrison for the Official Certification Program and stated that it is the best in USA Volleyball as a result of their dedication and hard work.

SCOREKEEPER'S CHAIR: Steve Crane reported that there were 100 scorekeeper clinics and 2 free adult clinics held in various locations of the state. He reported that the Region currently has certified 1 International Scorekeeper, 14 National Scorekeepers, 14 Regional Scorekeepers, 63 Provisional Scorekeepers, and 1,110 Junior Olympic Scorekeepers.

Mr. Crane also reported that the scorekeeper certification process currently in place will stay the same.

Mr. Crane extended his thanks to Gordon Morrison, Joe Campbell and Rich Richardson for conducting the 2 free adult clinics. These clinics offer the parents the opportunity to learn the USAV rules.

LONE STAR REGIONAL WEB SITE UPDATE: Steve Crane reported that the Team Finder link on the Region's website continues to be very successful and received too many entries to count for the current season. Mr. Crane also reported that current officials can verify certification status in the Official's Info section on the Region's website.

Mr. Crane also reported that there is an improved Power Point Official's Clinic presentation available on the Region's website.

CORPUS CHRISTI AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Melissa Garza reported that the junior divisions are increasing and the adult divisions continue to decline.

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HOUSTON AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Gordon Morrison reported that the Junior Division in the Houston area is continuing to grow. At this time, Mr. Morrison initiated a discussion concerning increasing the tournaments fees for one day tournaments. Commissioner Vick stated that this would be covered later in the agenda.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Vicki Barnes reported that 9 Women's Teams and 11 Men's Teams attended the Adult Regionals on March 27, 2010 in College Station, Texas. She also reported that the adult membership continues to decline.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Annell Neale 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.

WOMEN'S PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE: Rachel Nobles reported that she has received many inquiries from players concerning this season's inception of the new USA Volleyball "Net Rule".

Commissioner Vick stated that the rule was initiated by FIVB who sets the guidelines and rules followed by USA Volleyball. FIVB has stated that the new "Net Rule" promotes play. Commissioner Vick also stated that the FIVB has conducted testing that resulted in no unusual incidences of injuries.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: Dick Kappel reported that the number of junior teams (girls) increased by a 8.2% increase from 2009 He also reported 6 Impact Training Clinics were held with a total of 240 people attending.

SAN ANTONIO AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Mar Resendiz reported that the juniors continue to grow in the San Antonio area. He also reported that the adult participation in San Antonio is still decreasing.

At this time, Mr. Resendiz stated that he has received numerous complaints from parents of junior players concerning the Libero Rule that prohibits members of USA Volleyball Liberos from serving.

Commissioner Vick stated that the USA Libero Rule would be discussed at length as an Agenda Item.

AUSTIN AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Virgie Mallett reported that in the Austin area the juniors continue to increase and the adults continue to decline.

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

BUSINESS:

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM: At this time, a motion was made and carried that the Region pay the entry fees each year for the Jr. Girls High Performance Teams (not to exceed 4 teams) going to the National Championships (Thomas Hoy moved/Vicki Barnes seconded).

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES AND REFEREE'S FEE STRUCTURE: After some discussion, it was determined that the tournament entry fees and the referees' fund will not increase for the 2010/2011 season.

REGISTRATION FEES—2009/2010 SEASON: The National office has proposed an increase in registration administrative fees, beginning with the 2010/2011 season. After discussion, a motion was made and carried to increase the individual registration fees within the Lone Star Region to \$40. This \$10 increase is commensurate with the increase directed by our National Office. (Dick Kappel moved/Annell Neale seconded)

Commissioner Vick stated that there will no team registration fees for the 2010/2011 season.

USA VOLLEYBALL RULES MODIFICATIONS (LIBERO SERVICE): A discussion was initiated concerning the USA Volleyball Libero Service Rule. Steve Crane and Thomas Hoy stated that Libero Service is not permitted at the National Qualifiers and Jr. National tournaments. Therefore, it was agreed upon by the BOD to follow the Domestic Competition Rule guidelines pertaining to Libero Service as set forth by USA Volleyball.

INCENTIVE PROGRAM TO INCREASE ADULT MEMBERSHIP: After being discussed at length, it was the BOD's decision at this time to continue to provide opportunities and playing sites for adult tournaments.

ELECTION RESULTS: Commissioner Vick reported that by secret ballot, Thang Nguyen has been elected to the position of Player Representative (Men) effective with the 2010/2011 season.

At this time, Commissioner called for a motion for the Lone Star Region to bestow a lifetime membership to retired personnel, Gene Chambliss, Carl Thompson and Regina Daniel.. (Steve Crane moved/Virgie Mallett seconded)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The time was 10:55 P.M. (Hal Naumann moved/Virgie Mallett seconded)

Respectfully Submitted,

**Renee Blakely
Secretary**

ADULT RESULTS

The Lone Star Region wants to thank the A&M Men's/Women's teams for having the USAV Regional at the A&M University facility.

WOMEN'S A

1st Place Pretty Betty
2nd Place Phoenix

WOMEN'S BB

1st Place Tombstone
2nd Place Flying Dragons

WOMEN'S B

1st Place Lady Warhawks
2nd Place Two Blocks Away

MEN'S A

1st Place Nemesis

MEN'S B

1st Place HVA 18 National
2nd Place Homeboyz 2

Hope to see everyone next season,

Vicki Barnes

JUNIOR RESULTS

2010 LONE STAR BID TOURNAMENT RESULTS

- 12 1st Brazos Valley 12 Mizuno
2nd Xtreme 12 Black
3rd Xtreme 12 Purple
- 13 1st Maverick 131
2nd SA Sting 13 Black
3rd Southwest—13 Asics
- 14 1st Woodland Wave—14 Black
2nd Texas Tornados—14 Black
3rd Austin Jrs—14 Mizuno
- 15 1st Texas Tornados—15 Mizuno
2nd AP 15 PH
3rd Austin Jrs—15 Navy
- 16 1st AP 16 Stealth
2nd Texas Tornados—16 Black
3rd AJV 16 Navy
- 17 1st Willowbrook—17 Red
2nd Bexar 17
3rd AJV 17 Cedar Park
- 18 1st Southwest—18 Asics
2nd AJV 18 Cedar Park
3rd Texas Tornados—18 Black

2010 LONE STAR REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

- 12 1st Longhorn Juniors - 12
 2nd Texas Red Hots – 12Red
 3rd Texas Tornados – 12 Teal
- 13 1st Texas Red Hots—13 Silver
 2nd SA Hornets—13 Gold
 3rd Longhorn Jrs 13
- 14 1st HJV 13 National
 2nd ALII 14
 3rd Strikers 142
- 15 1st PVA 15 Pink
 2nd HJV 14 National
 3rd TRV 15 Black
- 16 1st Texstar 161
 2nd Coastal 16
 3rd VB Academy—16 Regional
- 17 1st Montgomery—Gold 17
 2nd TX Airborne - 17 National
 3rd SA Hornet—17 Gold
- 18 1st WUVBA 18
 2nd WUVBA 18 Red
 3rd Westside 18

TEAMS COMPETING IN THE 2010 USAV NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

14 Open

Alamo—14 Kaepa

Texas Tornados—14 Mizuno

15 Open

Austin Juniors—15 Mizuno

Texas Tornados—15 Mizuno

16 Open

Austin Juniors—16 Mizuno

AVA TX 16 Team Rox

Texas Tornados—16 Mizuno

17 Open

AVA TX—17 Team Rox

Texas Tornados—17 Mizuno

18 Open

Alamo—18 Kaepa

Texas Tornados—18 Mizuno

Austin Jrs—18 Mizuno

Willowbrook—18 Red

12 National

Brazos Valley—12 Mizuno Xtreme—12 Black

13 National

EXTE—13 Knockout Maverick 131
SA Sting—13 Black

14 National

Texas Tornados—14 Black Woodland Wave—14 Black

15 National

Austin Jrs—15 Navy AP 15 PHD

16 National

AP 16 Stealth Texas Team—16 gold

17 National

Austin Jrs—17 Mizuno Bexar 17
Willowbrook—17 Red

18 National

Austin Jrs—18 Cedar Park Southwest—18 Asics

12 American

Exrights 12 Pearland 12 Maroon Xtreme—12 Purple

13 American

SA Magic—131 Southwest—13 Asics Willowbrook—13 Red

14 American

Austin Jrs—14 Mizuno Brazos Valley—14 Mizuno
SA Elite 14 Navy TRV 14 Elite Xtreme—14 Black

15 American

AVA TX 15 Team Rox Brazos Valley—14 Mizuno
TRV 14 Elite Texas Tornados—15 Black

16 American

Austin Jrs—16 Navy Southwest—16 Asics TX Eclipse—16 Green
Texas Tornados—16 Black Willowbrook—16 Red

17 American

Alamo—17 Kaepa Austin Jrs—17 Cedar Park CC Wave 17
Houston SW Heat—171 Blaze Southwest—17 Asics

18 American

AVA TX 18 Tea Rox Bexar 18
TX Elite—18 Black Texas Tornados— 18 Black

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