

LONE STAR REGION USAVOLLEYBALL MAY, 2011

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

The 2011 Season is almost over, and it's time to start planning for 2012. Our Regional Championships are all completed, and we can now thank our outstanding tournament hosts for their fine efforts. The Adult Regionals were hosted by HOMEBOYZ VOLLEYBALL CLUB, from Austin. And, the Junior Regional Championships were hosted by AUSTIN JUNIORS, with two separate venues, one in Austin and the other in San Antonio. A great job was done by both clubs, and a number of hard working members.

All adult applications for the 2011 USAV Open National Championships are in, and all teams have been accepted. We have 34 adult teams scheduled to participate in May, at the USA Volleyball Nationals, in Dallas. The Region currently has 59 junior teams who have been awarded bids for the 2011 USAV Girls' Junior National Championships, in Atlanta, on June 25 – July 4, 2011. Right now, we only have one application for the 2011 USAV Boys' Junior National Championships, in Minneapolis, on June 29 – July 6, 2011.

It's now time to start planning for our 2012 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 you 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 2011 Season, we will have a Registration Registrar, Karen Tarmon, 210-599-4743. It is much better if you contact her via email (lsregistrar@earthlink.net). Keep in mind that this still does not relieve the individuals from keeping track of their one log-in information.

As you prepare for the 2012 Season, there are a few things that I need to bring to your attention. First, many of you are getting ready for your camps and tryouts, this summer. **You are reminded that the Region does not sanction any junior indoor events after conclusions of the indoor season, and prior to the last day of the State High School Playoffs.** If you are hosting these events, during the summer, you will be on your own for the insurance. **Club directors should also be aware that those members who try out for their clubs will not be obligated to that club until they have actually participated, with the club, in a sanctioned tournament.** Parents should be aware that all financial arrangements with the clubs are between you and the club. **The Region does not get involved in financial matters between the clubs and the members.** Finally, **all Region junior coaches should be aware that they will be required to complete their IMPACT Certification, before they can be added to a junior team, as a coach.**

During the 2011 Season, we continued to grow our membership. Right now, we have increased our membership by a little over 12 percent, and will continue to register members through August 2011. Remember, if you register any time prior to September 1st, you will be registering for the remainder of the 2011 Season. Only registrations after September 1st will be for the 2012 Season. Currently, in the Region database, we have 388 **UNPAID** members. These are members who have registered on-line and have not yet paid their individual registration fees. These records must be cleared from the Unpaid List before we can start registrations for the 2012 Season. Many of these members have actually competed in sanctioned events, but never paid their fees. Hopefully, we can them get paid, and get our system updated. Club directors should look closely at the club database and make sure they have no one listed on their UNPAID List. Members who are not affiliated with a club can send their registration fees directly to the Region Office, or let me know if you wish to have your name deleted from the files. All registrations fees should be paid prior to July 1st. At that time, we will start deleting the names from the UNPAID List.

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 2012 Season.

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**Lone Star Volleyball Association
Minutes of the
Annual Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, April 1, 2011
Best Western
Buda, 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 Wally Simpson, Melissa Garza, Annell Neale and Rachel Nobels.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The 2010 BOD minutes were approved as written with a correction to the SCOREKEEPER'S CHAIR report as follows: "100 scorekeeper clinics" which was duly corrected to read "100 scorekeeper and referee clinics". (Steve Crane moved/Virgie Mallett seconded).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written with the addition of Junior Tournament Facilities Spectator Fees, Referee Payments, Remedies for Facilitating an Increase in Adult Membership, and Junior/Adult Outdoor Tournaments. (Steve Crane moved/ Thomas Hoy seconded).

DATE AND LOCATION OF 2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Based on policy defined by the BOD, the 2012 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. The Commissioner announced that incumbent, Melissa Garza, Corpus Christi Area Representative, had submitted her written resignation. Rocky Contreras was nominated for the position of Corpus Christi Area Representative. All non-opposed positions were accepted by acclamation. (Mar Resendiz moved /Virgie Mallett seconded) By unanimous vote Rocky Contreras was elected to the Corpus Christi Area Representative position effective with the 2012 season.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

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

REGISTRATIONS: Commissioner Vick reported that the region's registered membership is doing extremely well. He reported that there has been a 12% increase in membership for the 2010/2011 season. We closed the 2009/2010 season with 12,936 individuals, and 1,085 teams. As of March 29, 2011, we had registered 14,427 individuals, and 1,272 teams.

REFEREE'S CHAIR: Thomas Hoy reported that it has been another successful year for Lone Star Region referees. Mr. Hoy reported that the Region's Jr. National and National Referees are among the best in USA Volleyball. Mr. Hoy reported that the Region increased referee training for the current season in an effort to continue improvement of our officials' skills and the quality of refereeing in the Lone Star Region. Mr. Hoy stated that a major portion of the training has been targeted toward the provisional and beginning regional level referees. He stated that in effort to provide training, mini-camps were conducted at several larger tournaments, two National Referee Clinics were held in the region, and six people are attending USAV Premier Camps at the Region's expense. Mr. Hoy also reported that although the Region has increased referee training and recruitment, there has been a decline in the number of certified referees for the 2010/2011 season. Mr. Hoy reported that guidelines and/or procedures are needed to motivate members to complete their certification process. To-date, Lone Star Region National and Junior National Referees have conducted 50 referee clinics. He also reported that to-date; the Region has 29 National Referees, 24 Junior National Referees, 66 Regional Referees, 397 Provisional Referees and 91 Junior Olympic Referees. Mr. Hoy reported that the Lone Star Region has six members on the USAV National Referee Rating/Training Team and two members who are USAV National Referee Clinicians. Mr. Hoy reported that the Region received 7 Junior National Referee applications and 1 candidate was recommended for advancement to the junior national level. He also reported that Jack Zaldivar, David Plaisance and Toby Day have been recommended for advancement to the national level. Mr. Hoy reported that congratulations are extended to Sallie Bennett, Sal Hernandez, Eric Houston, and Joseph Lizama on their Jr. National Referee status and to Peri Copeland and Matt Storm on their new National Referee status.

At this time, Mr. Hoy took this opportunity to extend the Region's gratitude and appreciation to the Junior National and National Referees for their outstanding work in conducting referee and scorekeeping clinics, providing ratings and their help in obtaining facilities for the clinics.

SCOREKEEPER'S CHAIR: Steve Crane reported that there were 111 scorekeeper and referee clinics held in various locations of the state. He reported that the Region currently has certified 1 International Scorekeeper, 15 National Scorekeepers, 22 Regional Scorekeepers, 86 Provisional Scorekeepers, and 1,378 Junior Olympic Scorekeepers. Mr. Crane also reported that Jack Zaldivar and John Havens have been recommended for advancement to the national level.

Mr. Crane also reported that there are no major changes to the score sheets for the upcoming season.

LONE STAR REGIONAL WEB SITE UPDATE: Steve Crane reported that the Team Finder link on the Region's website continues to be very successful. He reported that the website receives inquiries from countries around the world. He also stated that he has added to the Team Finder link a new section for Junior/Adult Outdoor Tournaments.

MEN'S PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Nguyen reported that he has received many inquiries concerning the decline in the adult membership. Commissioner Vick stated that this matter would be discussed at length as an Agenda Item.

HOUSTON AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Gordon Morrison reported that the Junior Division in the Houston area is continuing to grow. Mr. Morri-

son also reported that the 2011 Summer Senior Games are going to be held in Houston June 17th through June 25th. Referees, support staff, etc. for this event is strictly on a volunteer basis. Mr. Morrison also reported that the event coordinators are asking for 400 volunteers (as many as possible from the Houston area). Commission Vick suggested that Mr. Morrison contact the Senior Competition Manager for this event, for information regarding what type of support staff volunteers (in addition to referees) are going to be needed.

AUSTIN AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Virgie Mallett reported that there has been an increase in the number of small junior clubs in the Austin area.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Vicki Barnes reported that there were 110 combined individual division tournaments.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: Dick Kappel reported that the number of junior teams (girls) increased by a 17.8% increase from 2010. He also reported 6 IMPACT Clinics were held with a total of 281 people attending (229 Lone Star Region participants, plus 52 Webinar participants).

At this time, Commissioner Vick requested that Mr. Kappel notify all junior club directors of the national bid quotas awarded for the Lone Star Region Regional Tournament, as follows: 1 National Bid and 3 American Bids, with the exception of the 12 & Under Division, who will receive 1 National and 2 American Bids.

COACHES DEVELOPMENT CHAIR: Mark Papich had nothing to report.

At this time, Commissioner Vick announced that in the near future, it will be a USA Volleyball requirement that all junior coaches become IMPACT certified. In this regard, Commissioner Vick suggested that Mr. Papich become involved with the task of developing a program, which will ensure that we will be in a position to provide IMPACT certification for each junior coach.

SAN ANTONIO AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Mar Resendiz reported that the juniors continue to grow in the San Antonio area.

At this time, Commissioner Vick reported that the Final Four was going to be held in San Antonio next season. He suggested that Mr. Resendiz confer with Mark Papich, marketing and ticket sales, and Thomas Hoy, officials' hospitality room, concerning these matters.

At this time Mark Papich reported that there is a limited number of Pre-Sale (\$52.00) Tournament Passes (comprising all three games) available to each junior volleyball club.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPRESENTATIVE: Steve Boucher reported that the juniors are continuing to increase. He also reported that there is the possibility of a new sports facility in Lumberton.

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.

Mr. Kappel also stated that he still continues to work closely with Donise King to monitor the High Performance Program.

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 2011/2012 season.

REGISTRATION FEES-2011/2012 SEASON: The Commissioner reported that there would be no increase in registration fees for the 2011/2012 season unless dictated by the USA National Office.

USA VOLLEYBALL RULES MODIFICATION (LIBERO SERVICE): A discussion was initiated concerning the USA Volleyball Libero Service Rule. After discussion, it was agreed upon by the BOD to continue to follow the Domestic Competition Rule guidelines pertaining to Libero Service as set forth by USA Volleyball.

At this time, Gordon Morrison initiated a discussion concerning the use of ultra volleylite balls by the 12 & Under Divisions. Mr. Morrison stated that only ultra volleylite balls are used at the Jr. National Tournament for the 12 & Under Divisions. At this time a motion was made, and passed, that commencing with the 2011/2012 season all Lone Star Region tournament hosts are required to provide ultra volleylite balls for the 12 & Under Divisions, in accordance with USA guidelines. (Gordon Morrison moved/Mark Papich seconded).

At this time, Dick Kappel volunteered to notify all tournament directors of the new rule regarding the use of ultra volleylite volleyballs for the 12 & Under Divisions commencing with the 2011/2012 season.

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT FACILITIES SPECTATOR FEES: Dick Kappel initiated a discussion concerning the implementation of charging gate fees at all junior tournaments. After much discussion, it was determined that the Lone Star Region would continue with the Region's current policy with the addition of the following: The Tournament Directors must obtain advance approval to charge gate fees. This request must be submitted at the time the tournament director submits his/her request for his/her sanctioned tournament schedule for approval. The gate fee request must justify the reason for charging gate fees and the amount that will be charged. The tournaments that have gate fees approved will be published on the final approved Junior Event Schedule.

REFEREE PAYMENTS: Thomas Hoy initiated a conversation concerning the inequities of referee payment received at one-day tournaments with play-offs. After some discussion, Commissioner Vick suggested that Thomas Hoy, Michele Hanlon and Gordon Morrison, form a Focus Group, (that will include tournament hosts), to research the problem and/or possible solutions. Commissioner Vick requested that the Focus Group submit a report at the 2011/2012 BOD meeting outlining their recommendations.

REMEDIES FOR FACILITATING AN INCREASE IN ADULT MEMBERSHIP: After being discussed at length, it was the BOD's decision to continue to provide playing opportunities and playing sites for adult tournaments. Commissioner Vick made the suggestion that the adult teams co-register in order to allow the players to move from team to team within the club.

JUNIOR OUTDOOR TOURNAMENTS/ADULTS: A discussion was initiated concerning the new outdoor clubs. Mr. Crane stated that as of now there are 30 tournaments scheduled. Commissioner Vick suggested to Thomas Hoy that he begin working with the club directors to implement an outdoor referee development program. At this time, Mr. Hoy informed the BOD that the Region has an Outdoor Tournament Co-Coordinator and 22 certified outdoor referees. Commissioner Vick reported that Dick Kappel will be assisting the club directors in developing their sanction and registration procedures. Commissioner Vick stated that the Region needs to give the outdoor program all the support and assistance we have available to contribute to the success of this program.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The time was 11:24 P.M. (Steve Crane Mars Resendez moved/Mark Papich seconded).

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Blakely
Secretary

Texas Juniors Beach Tour Event a Success!

From: Bobby Jones <projectserve78@gmail.com>

Dear Will and Dick,

I am so excited to tell you all that the event on March 20th was a complete success! We had 18 teams show up to Zilker Park at 8am. We fielded exactly 8 teams in the 14U division creating 2 pools of 4, and combined the 18U/16U divisions into 2 pools of 5. The girls loved it tremendously and so did our 2 boys teams!

We allowed the 16U girls to play off for a 16U champ due to the fact that the 2 first place teams were our two 18's teams.

I appreciate all of your help!

14 & Under Finalists



Contestants



16 & Under Finalists

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT NEWS

2011 Lone Star Regional Championship Results

Level		Team
12	1st	SA STING 12 PURPLE
	2nd	H.O.T. Volleyball Van
	3rd	TX Red Hots 12 Molten
13	1st	KATY 13 Black
	2nd	Alii red
	3rd	SA Lightning 131 Gold
14	1st	BrazosValley 13 Mizuno
	2nd	TEXSTAR 141
	3rd	STJ 141
15	1st	Brazos Valley 15 Navy
	2nd	Xtreme 15 Orange
	3rd	Texas Coastal 15
16	1st	AP 15 PHD
	2nd	AP 16 En Fuego
	3rd	Woodlands Wave16 Molten
17	1st	HJV 17 National
	2nd	Alamo 15 Kaepa
	3rd	Strikers 171
18	1st	Renegades 18 National
	2nd	SA HORNET 18 SHOWCASE
	3rd	Renegades 18 Black

2011 Lone Star Bid Tournament Results

Level		Team
12	1st	Woodlands WAVE - 12 UA
	2nd	XTREME - 12 BLACK
	3rd	ALAMO - 12 Kaepa
13	1st	AUSTIN - 13 MIZUNO
	2nd	SA MAGIC 131
	3rd	XTREME - 13 BLACK
14	1st	EXTEC - 14 ROXY
	2nd	TX PRIDE - 14 Elite
	3rd	Woodlands WAVE - 14 Under Armour
15	1st	CENTEX - 151
	2nd	SOUTHWEST - 15 ASICS
	3rd	AUSTIN - 15 MIZUNO
16	1st	ALAMO - 16 Kaepa
	2nd	
	3rd	AUSTIN - 16 MIZUNO
17	1st	AVA of Texas 17 Team Rox
	2nd	ALAMO - 17 Kaepa
	3rd	AP 171 electric
18	1st	AP 181
	2nd	Bexar County 18 Asics
	3rd	ALAMO - 18 Kaepa

Teams Competing in the 2011 USAV National Tournament

Level		Team
12	Nat	Woodlands WAVE - 12 UA
	Nat	XTREME - 12 BLACK
	Amr	ALAMO - 12 Kaepa
	Amr	BRAZOS VALLEY - 12 Mizuno
13	Nat	AUSTIN - 13 MIZUNO
	Nat	SA MAGIC 131
	Amr	TX Tornados 13 Mizuno
	Amr	BrazosValley 13 Mizuno
	Amr	XTREME - 13 BLACK
	Amr	PEARLAND - 13 MAROON
	Amr	AVA of Texas 13 Team Rox
14	Open	Centex 14 National
	Open	Southwest 14 Asics
	Nat	EXTEC - 14 ROXY
	Amr	MAVERICK 141
	Amr	AVA TX 14 Team Rox
	Amr	TX PRIDE - 14 Elite
	Amr	Woodlands WAVE - 14 Under Armour
	Amr	PEARLAND - 14 MAROON
15	Open	Alamo 15 Kaepa
	Open	TX Tornados 15 Mizuno
	Open	Woodlands WAVE - 15 Under Armour
	Open	Texas Pride 15 Elite
	Open	TRV - 15 Elite
	Open	CENTEX - 151
	Nat	SOUTHWEST - 15 ASICS
	Nat	AP 151 phd
	Amr	VB ACADEMY 151
	Amr	SA Elite 151 Navy
	Amr	AUSTIN - 15 MIZUNO
	Amr	HOUSTON SKYLINE - 15 RoShamBo
	Amr	AUSTIN - 15 CEDAR PARK
16	Open	AsicsWillowbrook16Red
	Nat	Texas Pride 16 Elite
	Nat	ALAMO - 16 Kaepa
	Amr	Texas Alliance 16 Fusion
	Amr	IMPACT 16 Navy
	Amr	AUSTIN - 16 MIZUNO
	Amr	TRV 16 Elite
	Amr	BRAZOS VALLEY - 16 Mizuno

Teams Competing in the 2011 USAV National Tournament

(Continued)

17	Open	AJV 17 Mizuno
	Open	TX PRIDE - 17 Elite
	Open	Woodlands WAVE - 17 Under Armour
	Nat	San Antonio Juniors 171
	Nat	AJV 17 Navy
	Nat	AVA of Texas 17 Team Rox
	Amr	Texas Elite 17 Nike
	Amr	Southwest 17 Asics
	Amr	ALAMO - 17 Kaepa
	Amr	AP 171 electric
	Amr	TX Eclipse 17 Green
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18	Open	AVA TX 18 Team Rox
	Open	AsicsWillowbrook18Red
	Nat	AP 181
	Nat	Bexar County 18 Asics
	Amr	CC Wave 18
	Amr	ALAMO - 18 Kaepa
	Amr	AUSTIN - 18 MIZUNO
	Amr	TX Eclipse 18 Green
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