

LONE STAR REGION USAVOLLEYBALL MAY, 2012

COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

It's now time to start closing out the 2012 Season, start planning for 2013. The Region Championships are out of the way, and we now have all of our Region teams identified, who will be competing in their respective National Championships. In the Open National Championships, at Salt Lake City, we will have only five adult teams competing, this season. At Columbus, Ohio, we have 64 teams who have bids to participate at the Girls Junior National Volleyball Championships. And, right now we have six boys' teams with applications submitted to compete in the Boys Junior National Championships, in Dallas. I know you'll all join me in wishing each of these teams great success, as they represent the Lone Star Region.

Before we finalize our 2012 Season, we have one final program that has been added, this year. The Region is now sanctioning events for the newly added Lone Star Region Beach Volleyball. Today, I attended a meeting of a group of Region Club Representatives from the Austin and Houston Areas. The discussion was centered on laying the groundwork for the successful development of the Beach Volleyball Program. As many of you may have noticed, during this season we developed an Outdoor Membership, for both adult and junior members. Now, we will be starting our sanctioned outdoor events. We already have a number of events listed on our Web Site, and I'm sure you'll see the number of events increase, as we go through the Summer Season. These events are not restricted to members with an outdoor membership. Any, registered member with either a Regular Membership, Collegiate Membership, or an Outdoor Membership can participate in these sanctioned tournaments. At this meeting we discussed many topics, but I have a few of the items that I would like to list at this time that will need to be considered: 1) Membership Cards or proof of registration will be required, at check-in. 2) Teams/players will be guaranteed a minimum of four games, or 100 total points of play—weather permitting. 3) Tournament Hosts will ensure that tournament results are posted on the Club Web Site, no later than Tuesday, following the tournament. 4) Events will comply with the USA Volleyball Alcohol Policy, listed on the Region Web Site, under Reference. 5) Coaching will be permitted as long as it complies with the USAV guidelines. 6) Members registering as Outdoor Coaches will register as a Regular Member (\$40 fee) and complete the appropriate IMPACT certification. 7) Tournament play and players will comply with the Official Beach Volleyball Domestic Competition Regulations, as published by USA Volleyball. 8) Tournament hosts will have the latitude to authorize more liberal policies with the boys participating in girls events; however, this should be addressed in the advanced tournament information.

As you start planning for the 2013 Season, remember that 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 2012 Season, we will have a Registration Registrar, Karen Tarmon, (830) 358-7714. 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 one log-in information.

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In preparation for the 2013 Season, **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 your try-outs, camps, or clinics 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.**

Again this season, we have continued to grow our membership. As of this May 1st, we had increased our membership by almost six 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 2012 Season, and that membership will expire on October 31st. Only registrations after September 1st will be for the 2013 Season. Currently, in the Region database, we have 448 **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 2013 Season. Many of these members have actually competed in sanctioned events, but never paid their fees. Hopefully, we can get them 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 registration 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 affect us during the 2013 Season.

**Lone Star Volleyball Association
Minutes of the
Annual Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, March 30, 2012
South Shore Harbor Resort
League City, Texas**

Presider: Will Vick, Commissioner
Recorder: Renee Blakely, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The Commissioner, Will Vick, called the meeting to order at 8:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Absent but excused were Helen Janack, Vicki Barnes and Walter Simpson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The 2012 BOD minutes were approved as written. (Mark Papich moved/ Hal Naumann seconded).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written. (Virgie Mallet moved/ Thomas Hoy seconded).

DATE AND LOCATION OF 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Based on policy defined by the BOD, the 2013 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, Michale Hanlon, legal advisor, had submitted written resignation. Michael Inlow was nominated for the position of legal advisor. All non-opposed positions were accepted by acclamation. By unanimous vote Michael Inlow was elected to the Board as legal advisor effective 2013 season. (Virgie Mallet moved/ Mark Papich seconded).

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 has continued increase, this season. Currently we are showing an approximate four percent increase, over the 2010-2011 Season. Additionally, this gives us an increase of almost 20 percent, for the past two seasons. We closed the 2010-2011 season with 14,840 registered members, and currently we have 15,470 registered, as of Feb 15, 2012.

REFEREE'S CHAIR: Thomas Hoy reported that the 2011-2012 volleyball season has been very productive in comparison to former seasons. He reported Lone Star has some of the most accomplished referees within the USAV. He stressed that a couple of our challenges, for the 2013 Season, will be to integrate R2 certifications and online clinics into our Referee's Certification Program. He also reported that we have increased the numbers of certified referees, at the Junior, Provisional, and Regional levels. This season two USAV National Referees' Clinics were held (San Antonio, Houston), two Mini-Clinics (Trainers were Rob Brecheisen [MS] and Steve Owen [NT]), and four referees are being sent to USAV Premiere Referee Camps. Overall, more people are attending clinics, training via VTR, being rated, and completing their certification. The Region increased the number of referee clinics, with a total of 51, to date. Some of these clinics had over 100 participants. Currently, the Region has 32 National Referees, 20 Junior National Referees, 450 Provisional, and 112 Junior Olympic Referees. The Lone Star Region has five members on the USA National Referee Rating/ Training Team and two members who are USAV National Referees Clinicians. The Region received nine Junior National Referee Applications, and two candidates were recommended for the advancement to the Junior National level. Harvey Madrigal had been recommended for advancement to the National level. Mr. Hoy extended congratulations to Toby Day, David Plaisance, and Jack Zaldivar, for the new National status. Mr. Hoy took the opportunity to extend the Region's gratitude and appreciation to the Junior National and National Referees for their continuing service and outstanding work with our junior clubs. They have arranged additional clinics and rating sessions with individual clubs, in an effort to expedite the certification process. The Commissioner also recognized Gloria Cox, Mary Blalock, and Gordon Morrison for the amount of time and effort each has put forth conducting many of these clinics.

SCOREKEEPER'S CHAIR: Steve Crane reported that there were 111 scorekeeper and referee clinics held in 32 different cities. He reported that the Region currently has certified 1 International Scorekeeper, 16 National Scorekeepers, 13 Regional Scorekeeper, 43 Provisional Scorekeepers, and 1,059 Junior Olympic Scorekeepers as of March 28, 2012. Mr. Crane also reported that congratulations are in order for Jack Zaldivar and John Havens for becoming National Scorekeepers. There are no National Scorekeeper candidates for the 2012-2013 Season.

Mr. Crane reported that there will be changes this upcoming season 2012-2013 as the Libero will be able to serve. He also stated new score sheets are going to be posted and will be available on the Lone Star Regional Website.

LONE STAR REGIONAL WEBSITE UPDATE: Steve Crane reported that the Team Finder link on the Region's website continues to be very successful. He reported the 2011-2012 Season had a lot of participation particularly in the Houston and San Antonio area. At this time, Commissioner Vick complimented the Lone Star Regional website as being the best in USA volleyball.

MEN'S PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Nguyen reported that he has the same concerns about the declining adult membership. He reported that only six men's teams were in attendance for 2011-2012 Regional Championships.

FEMALE'S PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE: Rachel Noble suggested incorporating Sunday Tournaments in effort to increase adult participation.

HOUSTON AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Gordon Morrison reported the junior division is continuing to grow. He also reported that the 2011 Summer Season Games were a great success.

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

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Vicki Barnes reported 40 women's team and 25 men's teams competing during the 2012 Season. Of these, only nine attended women's and 6 men's teams attended the Regional Championships. Total adult tournaments scheduled, this season, were 108 divisional (men & women B, BB, & A), and six Open events.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: Dick Kappel reported that the number of junior teams (girls) increased by 6%. Mr. Kappel also reported that there were three new additions to the boy's junior division. He also reported 7 IMPACT Clinics were held with a total of 524 people attending, including training Webinars.

SAN ANTONIO AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Mar Resendiz reported that juniors continue to grow in the San Antonio area. Mr. Resendiz also reported they are making an effort to incorporate sand volleyball tournaments and are currently recruiting participants.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPRESENTATIVE: Steve Boucher reported that the junior teams are continuing to increase with a few new clubs and merging of clubs in occurring in the area.

CORPUS CHRISTI REPRESENTATIVE: Rocky Contreras reported that sand volleyball is becoming more prevalent in the area and there is an increase in participants.

BUSINESS:

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM: At this time, a motion was approved and carried that the Region continue to support the Junior Girls High Performance Program by paying the HP entry fee of the National HP Championships, not to exceed four teams.

REGISTRATION FEES-2011/2012 SEASON: The commissioner reported that there will be no increase in registration fees for the 2012-2013 season unless dictated by the USA National Office.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES AND REFEREE'S FEE STRUCTURE: After some discussion, a motion was made to increase the daily tournament entry fee from \$150.00 to \$160.00. The ten dollar increase will be used strictly to pay officials. (Thomas Hoy moved/ Gordon Morrison seconded).

JUNIOR TOURNAMENT FACILITIES SPECTATOR FEES: Gate fee will be allowed, only if approved at the time of sanctioning. And, the charge of these fees must continue to be indicated in the Schedule of Events, on the Region Web Site.

REGION RULES REVIEW AND UPDATE: A number of the Region Rules, within the Members Handbook, were review and will continue to be updated as necessary. As for the waiver of USA Volleyball requirements and restrictions, the Region will continue to follow the guidelines of USA Volleyball. This means that the Region will continue to play using the rules outlined in the current season's Domestic Competition Regulations. Additionally, the Region will follow the Age Definitions, as published by USA Volleyball.

SPECIAL ADDITION TO THE MINUTES: Via email contact with the Board Members, a special vote was requested. As mentioned earlier Michele Hanlon, former Legal Advisor, had resigned. It was discussed honoring her lengthy and dedicate service to the Region, by granting her with a LIFE-TIME MEMBERSHIP, in the Lone Star Region. Somehow, throughout the course of the Meeting we forgot to take the action. This was done later with an email addressed to each of our Board Members. This resulted in a 100 percent concurrence with the recommendation. Michele Hanlon will now be added to our short list of honored Lone Star Region LIFETIME MEMBERS.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The time was 11:13 P.M. (Steve Crane moved/ Thomas Hoy seconded).

**Respectfully Submitted,
Renee Blakely, Secretary
Approved, Will Vick**

FUTURE NATIONAL DATES

Adult Nationals - 2013 Louisville, KY; May 24-29. 2014 Phoenix AZ; May 23-28

Girls Junior Nationals - Dallas, TX; Jun 28-Jul 5. 2014 Minn, MN; Jun 25-Jul 2

Boys Junior Nationals - Reno NV; Jun 28-Jul 5. 2014 TBD

JUNIOR RESULTS

2012 Lone Star Regional Championship Results

Level		Team
12	1st	Ex Rights 121
	2nd	FBFVB 12 Mizuno
	3rd	Sliders 12
13	1st	WACO JRS 13 SWOOSH
	2nd	Valley Sting 131
	3rd	Alii 13 red
14	1st	TEXAS FURY 141
	2nd	WACO JRS 14 SWOOSH
	3rd	FBFVB 14 Elite
15	1st	HOU STELLAR 15 Mizuno
	2nd	Texas Rattlers15-1
	3rd	TEXAS FURY 151
16	1st	WACO JRS 16 SWOOSH
	2nd	Brazos Valley 16 Navy
	3rd	HOU STELLAR16 Premier
17	1st	TEXAS FURY 171
	2nd	HOU STELLAR17 Premier
	3rd	WUVBA 17 Black
18	1st	JCJ 18 BLACK
	2nd	Viper 18 Red
	3rd	AJV 18 TORO

2012 Lone Star Bid Tournament Results

Level		Team
12	1st	TX Tornados 12 Mizuno
	2nd	TCA Houston 12 Black
	3rd	SA STING 12 BLACK
13	1st	Alamo 13 Kaepa Premier
	2nd	Brazos Valley 13 Mizuno
	3rd	TX Tornados 13 Mizuno
14	1st	Brazos Valley 14 Mizuno
	2nd	AVA TX 14 Team Rox
	3rd	Woodlands Wave 14UA
15	1st	AP 15 PHD
	2nd	HJV 15 Elite
	3rd	AJV 15 Mizuno
16	1st	Woodlands Wave 16UA
	2nd	Alamo 16 Kaepa Premier
	3rd	AP 16 Black Mamba
17	1st	Willowbrook 17 Red
	2nd	AJV 17 Mizuno
	3rd	SA Force 171 Darkside
18	1st	SA Force 181 Darkside
	2nd	AP 18 Stealth
	3rd	Skyline 18 RoShamBo

Teams Competing in the 2012 USAV National Tournament

Level		Team
12	Nat	Woodlands Wave 12UA
	Nat	Alamo 12 Kaepa Premier
	Nat	TX Tornados 12 Mizuno
	Nat	TCA Houston 12 Black
	Amr	SA STING 12 BLACK
	Amr	TX Eclipse 12 Green
13	Nat	Woodlands Wave 13UA
	Amr	SA MAGIC 131
	Nat	Alamo 13 Kaepa Premier
	Nat	Brazos Valley 13 Mizuno
	Amr	TX Tornados 13 Mizuno
	Amr	AJV 13 Mizuno
14	Amr	HJV 13 Elite
	Open	AUSTIN 14 MIZUNO
	Open	Xtreme 14 Kaepa
	Open	HJV 14 Elite
	Open	SA MAGIC 141
	Nat	AP 14 Samurai
	Amr	HOU STELLAR 14 Mizuno
	Nat	Brazos Valley 14 Mizuno
	Nat	AVA TX 14 Team Rox
	Amr	Woodlands Wave 14UA
	Amr	SA Magic 142
15	Amr	SA Force 141 Darkside
	Open	Woodlands Wave 15UA
	Nat	TX Eclipse 15 Green
	Amr	Willowbrook 15 Red
	Amr	GCVA 15 EAST BEACH
	Amr	HJV 15 National
	Nat	AP 15 PHD
	Nat	HJV 15 Elite
	Amr	AJV 15 Mizuno
	Amr	Centex 15 National
	Amr	TX Tornados 15 Mizuno
16	Open	TX Tornados 16 Mizuno
	Open	HJV 16 Elite
	Amr	Willowbrook 16 Red
	Amr	TX Tornados 16 Black
	Amr	Brazos Valley 16 Mizuno
	Amr	FBFVB 16 Mizuno
	Nat	Woodlands Wave 16UA
	Nat	Alamo 16 Kaepa Premier
	Amr	AP 16 Black Mamba
	Amr	Skyline 16 RoShamBo
	Amr	AJV 16 Cedar Park

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Teams Competing in the 2012 USAV National Tournament (Continued from Page 5)

17	Open	AVA of Texas 17 Team Rox
	Open	HJV 17 Elite
	Amr	TX Eclipse 17 Green
	Nat	Willowbrook 17 Red
	Nat	AJV 17 Mizuno
	Amr	SA Force 171 Darkside
	Amr	Alamo 17 Kaepa Premier
	Amr	Woodlands Wave 17UA
18	Open	AUSTIN 18 MIZUNO
	Open	HJV 18 Elite
	Open	Alamo 18 Kaepa Premier
	Open	AVA of Texas 17 Team Rox
	Amr	Willowbrook 18 Red
	Amr	AJV 18 Navy
	Nat	SA Force 181 Darkside
	Nat	AP 18 Stealth
	Amr	Skyline 18 RoShamBo
	Amr	Renegades 18 National
	Amr	AVA TX 18 Attack

ADULT REGIONAL RESULTS 2012

Women's A

- 1st Pretty Betty
- 2nd Spiked Punch
- 3rd Splinter Cell

Women's BB

- 1st Ballistics
- 2nd Texas Airborne
- 3rd Flying Dragons

Women's B

- 1st Serves You Right
- 2nd Synergy
- 3rd Hit List

Men's B

- 1st Homeboyz
- 2nd Spiked Sport 18's Hammer

FROM THE SCORER'S CHAIR

Congratulations to all those who completed their certifications this season. We had a record number of dedicated players, coaches and officials who completed everything in a timely manner. For those of you who attended a clinic and have not sent in score sheets yet, it's not too late! You may still complete your certification and that will get you through next season with no additional fees. Remember, all conditions must be met within the same season to qualify for certification. Once certified, it is good for two seasons including the certifying season.

Be on the lookout for a couple of rule changes coming up for next season. We will let you know more in the next newsletter.

--Steve Crane

FROM THE REFEREE'S CHAIR

It was another great season for having members complete certification as referees. I want to thank again all the referee leaders that spend time rating our members and players, our national-level referees that prepared the new referees through our clinics held from October through May this year (over 50 clinics), and for those who went through this process to make the game better for everyone. It is not too late to get certified from your work this season, so if you still have ratings or exams, send them in and we'll add you to the list of certified referees for 2012. Remember, you can get rated at a tournament, club scrimmage or any event using USAV rules as long as a rater is available. The rating form is at www.lsvolleyball.org under the 'reference' tab.

I am always being asked, "How do I continue my training as a referee so I can get better?" The answer is: go to www.volleyballreftraining.com and use the 'training materials' link to indoor, junior, and outdoor training modules and videos. There are great explanations AND information, including a blog, on this site, and it keeps everyone up-to-date. The junior information is really good!

Congratulations to all that were selected from the Lone Star Region to officiate finals at the 2012 Lone Star Classic Qualifier in Dallas, Texas, and other Junior Qualifiers around the country. 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, but especially at national-level events. Some of our referees (Gloria Cox, Carlos Rodriguez, Fred Buehler and Mary Blalock) serve on the USAV national referee rating team and their contribution is always appreciated as it keeps us in tune with the latest mechanics and protocols.

Thomas Hoy, Referee Chair

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