

Commissioner's Notes



We are currently closing the 2013 Indoor Season and preparing for the 2014. The major events remaining for the 2013 Season are the Boys and Girls Junior National Championships in Reno and Dallas, respectively. All regional championships have been completed and we have already determined our adult and girls regional championship teams. We have also completed our 2013 Girls Regional Girls Bid Tournament. Our adult teams have already competed in the 2013 Open National Championships, in Louisville, KY. The Region was well represented, by our adult teams, and we can be especially proud of our **San Antonio Magic Men's Team**, who won the Gold Medal, in the Men's "A" Division. The girl's national championships are being played in late June and early July. We have 76 teams who have qualified to represent the Region, in Dallas. Currently, we have five boy's teams who have applied to participate at the boy's national event, in Reno.

The 2013 Beach Season will continue throughout the summer. Remember, all members participating in sanctioned beach events are required to be registered with USA Volleyball; this includes both regular and outdoor memberships. Anyone registering specifically for a beach event should consider registering for an outdoor membership. All online registrations completed between not and August 31st will expire on October 31st. If you're not participating in a beach event until after September 1st, I'd recommend you wait until that time to register. That way your membership will be good through the 2014 Season.

As you prepare for the 2014 Season, there are a few things you need to consider. First, many of you are getting ready for your camps and tryouts, this summer. You are reminded that the Region does not sanction any **indoor** junior 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 2013 Season, we continued to grow our membership. Right now, we have increased our membership by almost 7 percent, over last season, 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 2013 Season. Only registrations after September 1st will be for the 2014 Season. Currently, in the Region database, we have 537 **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 2014 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 2014 Season.

2013 Board of Directors Meeting

Lone Star Volleyball Association
Minutes of the
Annual Board of Director's Meeting
Friday, March 22, 2013
Hilton Garden Inn
Houston, Texas

Presider: Will Vick, Commissioner

Recorder: Renee Blakely, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The Commissioner, Will Vick, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M..

ROLL CALL: Absent but excused were Hal Naumann, Thomas Hoy, Rachel Nobles, Walter Simpson and Rocky Conteras.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The 2012 BOD Minutes were approved as written. (Annell Neale moved/ Mark Papich seconded).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The 2013 Agenda was approved as written. (Steve Crane moved/ Annelle Neale seconded).

DATE AND LOCATION OF 2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Based on policy defined by the BOD, the 2014 meeting will be held in conjunction with the Adult Regional Championship Tournament. At this time a motion was made to add to the region handbook that the meeting will be held Friday night prior to the Adult Regional Tournament. (Steve Crane moved/ Thang Nguyen seconded). 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. All non-opposed positions were accepted by acclamation. (Virgie Mallet moved/ Mark Papich seconded).

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

FINANCIAL REPORT: The report was distributed to each board member. Any questions concerning the report may be addressed, in writing, to the Commissioner or Treasurer.

REGISTRATIONS: Commissioner Vick reported that the Region's registered membership had an overall increase in individual and team registrations. He reported that there has been an increase of 855 members for the 2012-2013 Season. We closed the 2011-2012 Season with 15,723 individuals, and 1,342 teams. As of March 29, 2013 we had registered 16,578 individuals and 1,403 teams.

SCOREKEEPER'S CHAIR: Steve Crane reported that there were 128 scorekeeper and referee clinics held in 38 different cities. He reported that the Region currently has certified 1 International Scorekeeper, 16 National Scorekeepers, 10 Regional Scorekeeper, 48 Provisional Scorekeepers, and 1,207 Junior Olympic Scorekeepers as of March 22, 2013. There is one National Scorekeeper candidate for the 2013 Season. At this time Mr. Crane reported that score sheets can be submitted electronically sent by email or a picture via cell phone.

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 there were 56,330 hits on the website between, January and March of this year alone. At this time, Commissioner Vick complimented the Lone Star Regional website as being one of the best in USA volleyball.

MEDIA DIRECTOR: Annell Neale reported that the deadline for the May newsletter is April 15th and requested that any inclusions in the newsletter be submitted on or prior to the date.

MEN'S PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE: Thang Nguyen reported that he has the same concerns about the declining adult membership. Several tournaments this year were cancelled due to lack of participants.

HOUSTON AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Gordon Morrison reported the junior division is continuing to grow, with this steady development of the junior division Houston facilities are expanding as well.

AUSTIN AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Virgie Mallet had nothing to report at this time.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Vicki Barnes reported 9 Women's teams and 7 Men's teams attended Adult Regional's March 30, 2013. Ms. Barnes submitted a four team pool format with all teams advancing to playoffs and recommended it be added to the Regional Handbook for use by adult teams. After some discussion it was decided to be reevaluated during the 2014 Season.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: Dick Kappel reported that the number of junior teams (girls) increased by 6.6%. Mr. Kappel reported that there were two new additions to the boy's junior division. He also reported 6 IMPACT Clinics were held with a total of 193 people attending including webinar training.

COACHES DEVELOPMENT CHAIR: Mark Papich had nothing to report at this time.

SAN ANTONIO AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Mar Resendiz reported that juniors continue to grow in the San Antonio area. Mr. Resendiz also reported adult participation continues to decline.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE REPRESENTATIVE: Steve Boucher reported that the junior teams are continuing grow.

LEGAL ADVISOR: *Michael Inlow had nothing to report at this time.*

BUSINESS:

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM: At this time, a motion was made for the Region to pay the entry fees for the three Junior Girls High Performance Teams attending the National Championship. (Dick Kappel moved/Gordon Morisson seconded).

Some members of the Region have requested that the Lone Star region support Sand and Boys High Performance Program in addition to the girls. After some discussion it was decided the subject would be revisited at the 2014 BOD Meeting.

REGISTRATION FEES-2013/2014 SEASON: The commissioner reported that there will be no increase in registration fees for the 2013-2014 season unless dictated by the USA National Office.

At this time Commissioner Vick announced that starting in September 2013 the Region will implement an on-line payment system for registrations. We should also implement on-line registration and payments for Region Clinics.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES AND REFEREE'S FEE STRUCTURE: After some discussion it was determined that the tournament and the referees' fund will not increase for the 2013-2014 Season.

GATE FEES AT TOURNAMENT SITE: After discussion the BOD decided to leave the payment structure the same.

REGION RULES REVIEW: Commissioner Vick requested Annell Neale to review the terminology of the Members Handbook to update outdated verbiage and make changes as necessary.

NATIONAL BID REFUSAL: Commissioner Vick proposed if a team qualifies for the Junior Olympic National Tournament at the Juniors Lone Star Regional Tournament and refuses the bid the club will be sanctioned from participating in the Regional Tournament the following year. It will be instituted starting the 2013 season and added to the Juniors Rules. (Thang Nguyen moved/Mark Papich seconded).

OFFICIALS CERTIFICATION PROCESS: Thomas Hoy's letter concerning team officiating skills was disturbed to the BOD Members. Commissioner Vick decided to discuss the matter when Mr. Hoy is present.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA CONTRIBUTION: The Lone Star Region was asked to make a contribution to the Veterans Memorial Plaza in Schertz, Texas. A motion was made by Michael Inlow to donate \$5,000. (Mark Papich moved/Vicki Barnes seconded).

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The time was 10:10 P.M. (Mars Resendiz moved/Steve Boucher).

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary

Renee Blakely



Congratulations!

**2013 USA Volleyball Open Championships
Louisville, Kentucky
Men's A**

**Gold Division
1st Place**

SA Magic Men's Team

Lone Star Region



Back Row (L-R)

Lance Pulliam, Rickey Harrison, Peter Salatich, Leif Moore

Front Row (L-R)

Albert Trevino, Michael Garcia, Oscar Arcos

From the Scorer's Chair

What a great and productive season! We conducted 132 official's clinics in 32 cities across the Region. A huge thanks to all the clinicians who took the time and effort to conduct these sessions. With that and a super effort on the part of individuals and clubs, we now have **1,576** certified scorers in our Region. Congratulations!!

Now, on to the adventure of a new season with some new rules. It is time for the DCR (Domestic Competition Regulations) to be issued that will guide volleyball for the next two years. Along with that are completely new score sheets that were designed with Tournament Directors in mind. I will have those posted on the LS web site in early October.

The scoring process has not changed much, but you will probably want to take a look at the new reference material before your playing season begins.

Have a great summer,

C.L. 'Steve' Crane

Scorer Chair

Lone Star Region – USA Volleyball



From the Referee's Stand

On the referee's side of the court, this was a good year as many members completed certification as referees. I wish to thank 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 130 clinics), and also those who went through this process to make the game better for everyone. I want to say that it is not too late to complete certification this season, so if you still have ratings or exams, send them in and we will add you to the list of certified referees for 2012-2013. Be mindful that if you still need a rating 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 also want to comment on how proud I am of the individuals, and mostly the juniors, that have taken advantage of www.volleyballreftraining.com (VRT) and used the indoor training materials to improve their knowledge of the game through professional training modules and videos. There are great explanations AND information on this website and it keeps everyone up-to-date. This site now has an ongoing transcript where anyone can complete courses or trainings and have them added to their individual transcript. In January alone, nationally over 80,000 juniors logged in to the VRT and started a transcript.

Congratulations to all that were selected from the Lone Star Region to officiate finals at the 2013 USAV qualifiers, NCVF, Open Nationals and important national tournaments still to be held around the country. Accolades to the Lone Star Region officials who have been chosen to work the 2013 High Performance tournaments. 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, Sonny Fernandez and Mary Blalock) serve on the USAV national referee rating and training teams and their contribution is always appreciated as it keeps us up-to-date on the latest mechanics and protocols.

Thomas Hoy,

Referee Chair

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Junior Development News

Richard "Dick" Kappel,
Junior Director
Lone Star Region—USA Volleyball



2013 Lone Star Regional Championship Results Girls

<u>Level</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>
11	1st	TEXAS ACES 11 RED
	2nd	Xtreme 11 Kaepa
	3rd	AJV 11 NAVY
12	1st	SA STING 12 PURPLE
	2nd	TGV 121
	3rd	Resilient 12 National
13	1st	KATY 13 Black
	2nd	Resilient 13 National
	3rd	San Antonio Challengers
	3rd	Alamo 13 Gold
14	1st	Max Performance 14 Red
	2nd	AP 14 Juggernaut
	3rd	GCVA 14 East Beach
	3rd	Legends 14 Black
15	1st	AP 14 Samurai
	2nd	KATY 15 Black
	3rd	Legends 15 Black
16	1st	WoodlandsWave14UA
	2nd	AVA TX 14 Team Rox
	3rd	Texas ONE 16 Elite
17	1st	Xtreme 15 Kaepa
	2nd	AP 15 PHD
	3rd	Texas Coastal 17
18	1st	AP 16 Black Mamba SHOCKWAVE 181
	2nd	BLACK
	3rd	Legends 18 Black

Boys Junior Regional Results

18's

1st Tejas 18's

2nd AVA 18's

3rd Spike Sport Hammer and STVA

16's

1st Tejas 16's

2nd Houston Stars

3rd High Intensity

Additional Results Continued on Pages 8-10

2013 Lone Star Bid Tournament Results

Level	Place	Team
12	1st	TX Tornados 12 Mizuno
	2nd	TX Tornados 12 Black
	3rd	Alamo 12Kaepa Premier
13	1st	TX Tornados 13 Mizuno
	2nd	Alamo 13Kaepa Premier
	3rd	Xtreme 13 Kaepa
14	1st	SA Magic 141
	2nd	AJV 14 Mizuno
	3rd	FB Fire 14 Mizuno
15	1st	SA Magic 151
	2nd	Skyline 15 RoShamBo
	3rd	HJV 15 Elite
16	1st	TX Eclipse 16 Green
	2nd	AsicsWillowbrook16Red
	3rd	AJV 16 Mizuno
17	1st	AJV 17 Navy HOUSTELLAR17NI- KEELITE
	2nd	
	3rd	WoodlandsWave17UA
18	1st	Alamo 18Kaepa Premier
	2nd	SA Force 181 Darkside
	3rd	Southwest 18 Asics

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Teams Competing in the 2013 USAV National Tournament

Level	Division	Team
12	Nat	TX Tornados 12 Mizuno
	Nat	TX Tornados 12 Black
	Nat	Woodlands Wave 12UA
	Amr	Alamo 12 Kaepa Premier
	Amr	HJV 12 Elite
	Amr	Xtreme 12 Kaepa
13	Nat	TX Tornados 13 Mizuno
	Nat	Alamo 13 Kaepa Premier
	USA	SA Sting VB 13 Black
	USA	Xtreme 13 Kaepa
	Amr	SA MAGIC 131
	Amr	TCA Houston 13 Black
	Amr	AJV 13 Mizuno
	Amr	AP 13 Puma
	Amr	FB Fire 13 Mizuno
14	Open	Woodlands Wave 14UA
	Open	Alamo 14Kaepa Premier
	Open	TX Tornados 14 Mizuno
	Nat	SA Magic 141
	Nat	AJV 14 Mizuno
	USA	AP 14 Samurai
	USA	HJV 14 Elite
	USA	Brazos Valley Juniors 14 Mizuno
	Amr	FB Fire 14 Mizuno
	Amr	WACO JRS 14 SWOOSH
	Amr	SA STING 14 BLACK
	15	Open
Open		AJV 15 Mizuno
Open		Xtreme 15 Kaepa
Open		HJV 15 Elite
Nat		SA Magic 151
Nat		Skyline 15 RoShamBo
USA		FB FIRE - 15 Mizuno
USA		SA Force 151 Darkside
USA		CC Crossfire 151
USA		AP 15 PHD
USA		AVA TX 15 Attack
Amr		Brazos Valley Juniors 15 Mizuno
Amr		AJV 15 Cedar Park
Amr		Asics Willowbrook 15 Red
Amr		Houston Stellar 15 Nike Elite
Amr		Woodland Wave 15 UA

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Teams Competing in the 2013 USAV National Tournament

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16	Open	Woodlands Wave 16UA
	Open	AVA of Texas 16 Rox
	Open	SA Force 161 Darkside
	Nat	TX Eclipse 16 Green
	Nat	Asics Willowbrook 16 Red
	USA	AP 16 Black Mamba
	USA	AJV 16 Mizuno
	USA	TEXAS FURY 16 Rox
	USA	Southwest 16 Asics
	Amr	SA MAGIC 161
	Amr	TX Tornados 16 Mizuno
	Amr	Skyline 16 RoShamBo
	Amr	HOUSTELLAR16NIKEELITE
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17	Open	HOUSTON SKYLINE - 17 RoShamBo
	Open	HJV 17 Elite
	Nat	AJV 17 Navy
	Nat	HOUSTELLAR17NIKEELITE
	USA	HJV 17 National FJ7HOUJR2LS
	USA	AsicsWillowbrook17Red
	USA	AJV 17 Cedar Park
	Amr	TCA Houston 17 Black
	Amr	SA Force 171 Darkside
	Amr	WoodlandsWave17UA
	Amr	FB Fire 17 Mizuno
Amr	AP 17 Eclectic	
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18	Open	AVA of Texas 18 Rox
	Nat	Alamo 18 Kaepa Premier
	Nat	SA Force 181 Darkside
	USA	Alliance 18 Fusion
	USA	AP 18 Gazelle
	Amr	AJV 18 Navy
	Amr	Southwest 18 Asics
	Amr	IMPACT - 181
Amr	AJV 18 Mizuno	

Adult Regional Tournament Results

Vicki Barnes
Tournament Director
Lone Star Region—USA Volleyball



Women's A

1st SW Heat #1

2nd SW Heat #2

Women's BB

1st Wolfpack

2nd Angelo State

Men's A

1st Crackers and Rice

2nd TX Booyah

Men's BB

1st Spike Sport

2nd Kingwood Krushers

**Congratulations to all who competed at every level and
Good Luck in the 2013-2014 Season!**

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May 2013 Newsletter

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