

Lone Star Region USA Volleyball

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Newsletter***

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Commissioner's Notes

*Will Vick
Commissioner
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball*



COMMISSIONER'S NOTES

Our Lone Star Regional Championships have finished and plans are now underway for the 2020 Season. The Adult Regional Championships were hosted by Thang Nguyen, Adult Tournament Director. Katy Volleyball Academy again provided their Faith West facility for the event. The Junior Regional Championships, hosted by Tournaments Inc. and Austin Juniors, were played on two separate weekends at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. The Girls 18 Regional Championships, held earlier in the season, was hosted by Austin Juniors and held at the Round Rock Sports Center and ASC Cedar Park. A great job was done by all hardworking members who were responsible for hosting each of these Regional events.

For the remainder of the 2019 Indoor Season, we have our Girls' and Boys' Junior National Championships to still take place. The 2019 Girls' Junior National Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana, is scheduled for June 27th through July 6th. The 2019 Boys' Junior National Championships will be in Dallas, Texas, on June 30 through July 7th. According to the large number of teams we had qualify this season, we should be well represented at both events.

Our overall membership has continued to grow for the 2019 Season. We ended the 2018 Season with a total of 20,124 registered members. As of May 31st, our records reflect a total of 20,633 paid members and we will continue to register a number of Outdoor players before the end of the Season. We currently have 39 members still listed on the **UNPAID List** in the Region database. These are members who have registered on-line but have not yet paid their individual registration fees for the 2019 Season. Most of these individuals are players but we also have a few officials and coaches on the list. Registrations are not completed until all fees have been paid. Unpaid members need to go online to add their credit card or have their club mail the registration fees into the Region Office. These records must be cleared before we can start registrations for the 2020 Season. Hopefully, registered members who actually participated in sanctioned tournaments or practices will have their fees updated. **Club directors, you will have until the end July to get these "unpaid" members straightened out as we will start deleting applications from the system as soon as all our competitions have been completed for this season. I'm sure members will be interested to know that they were not actually registered when they had been participating in sanctioned events.**

Registrations for the 2020 Season will begin on September 1st and will need to be completed through the USA Volleyball's online Member Management System (MMS). For the 2020 season, USAV is moving their MMS to a new company, SportsEngine, and sign-in procedures will be different from previous seasons. The Region Registrar, Karen Tarmon, will be sending more information regarding the new MMS as it becomes available. She can be contacted at LSRregistrar@gmail.com or reached at (830) 358-7714.

Should new or renewing members register for Indoor play prior to September 1st, they will be registering for only the remainder of the 2019 Season and said membership will expire on October 31st, 2019. With the limited number of remaining opportunities to play Indoor events, I would think that the majority of our new registrations prior to September 1st will be for the **Outdoor events**.

As you prepare for the 2020 Season, you need to remember that **the Region does not sanction any Junior Indoor events after the conclusions of the Indoor season, and prior to the last day of the State High School Playoffs.** For try-outs, camps, or clinics during the summer, the event hosts will be on their own for their insurance.

Club directors, parents, and players should also be aware that those members who try out for a club will not be obligated to that club until they have actually participated with the club in a sanctioned tournament. Once the player has played for their club in a sanctioned tournament, **they will be expected to remain with that club for the remainder of the season.** Parents should also be aware that the Region does not get involved in the financial arrangements between a clubs and its members.

Our Annual Board of Directors Meeting was held in Houston on March 29th. A copy of our Board Minutes is being published in this issue of the Newsletter. The Meeting was held on the Friday night prior to the Adult Regional Championships. Please take the opportunity to read through these minutes since any changes addressed will be those which affect us during the 2020 Season.

2019 Board of Director's Meeting

**Lone Star Volleyball Association
Minutes of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, March 29, 2019
Hilton Garden Inn
Houston - Energy Corridor**

Presider: Will Vick, Commissioner

Recorder: Carrie Baehr, Secretary

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

ROLL CALL: Absent but excused were Debbie Trainor and Crystal Lyne.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Two items were added by Thang Nguyen. The agenda was approved. (Virgie Mallett moved/ Wally Simpson seconded).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The 2018 BOD minutes were approved as written. (Marc Holmquist moved/ Mark Papich seconded).

DATE AND LOCATION OF 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Based on policy defined by the BOD, the 2020 Meeting will be held in conjunction with the LSR Adult Regional Championship tournament. (Virgie Mallet moved/ Thang Nguyen seconded). Adult Regionals will remain at Faith West Academy. Location for the Board Meeting will remain at Hilton Garden Inn, Houston - Energy Corridor. The specific date of the meeting will be determined at the scheduling of the LSR Adult Regional Championship tournament.

ELECTIONS: Commissioner Vick called for nominations from the floor for the positions currently up for election. All non-opposed positions were accepted by acclamation. (Mark Papich moved/ Steve Boucher seconded).

Michael Inlow, Legal Advisor for the Region resigned, and Elbert Ortiz was nominated as a replacement. Karen Tarmon read Elbert's resume. The board voted and approved Elbert Ortiz as the new legal advisor for the Lone Star Volleyball Region. Results were accepted. (Virgie Mallett moved / Steve Boucher seconded)

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

REFEREE'S CHAIR: Thomas Hoy reported that the 2018-2019 volleyball season has been very active with clinics, ratings, and tournaments. The region has certified a new record number of referees by 3/22/2019, and three mini camps for new referees in Austin, Houston, and San Antonio were conducted. The LSR currently has 41 National, 34 Junior National, 138 Regional, 1,332 Provisional, 125 Junior, 120 Junior R2 referees, and 337 Adult R2 referees. Dr. Hoy reported that the Region is recommending four Junior National Referee Candidates and two National Referees. The Region continues our mission to foster training for referees to support amateur volleyball competition.

NEW MEMBER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Karen Tarmon - Our member management system is going to move from Webpoint over to SportsEngine. Although there is a learning curve, Karen only sees improvement with this system.

SAFESPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR 2020: Karen Tarmon - The US Center for SafeSport has stated there will now be a 30 minute "refresher" course required each season. Whether the Core Training is taken once and then a refresher courses are taken; or Core Training is taken every two seasons with a refresher course in between has yet to be clarified by the Center.

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.

REGISTRATIONS: Commissioner Vick reported that the Region's registered membership has had an overall increase in individual and team registrations. We closed the 2017-2018 Season with 20,115 individuals, and 1,610 teams. As of March 23, 2019, we have registered 20,409 individuals and 1,644 teams.

SCORER CHAIR REPORT: Steve Crane reported that there were 3,812 completed scorers with more attempting to complete as of the meeting day. Scorer clinics were held in 47 different cities. He reported that the Region currently has certified two International Scorers, six qualified International Scorers, 23 National Scorers, 13 Regional Scorers, 128 Provisional Scorers, and 3,640 Junior Olympic Scorers, as of March 27, 2019. He also reported that there has been a vast improvement on the number of certifications, with the score sheets now being electronically submitted. Congratulations to our two new National Scorers, Mark Begnoche and Joe Lizama.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Thang Nguyen reported that the fall Friendship tournaments did well, and helped with the number of teams in the 2018/2019 Adult Regional Tournament. This year Adult Regionals had 4 women's teams and 4 men's teams. Thang continues to research ways to get more adults involved in the Adult Programs. Currently we have five adult teams scheduled to participate in the 2019 USA Volleyball Open Championships, in Columbus, Ohio.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT: Dick Kappel reported that the number of junior teams (girls) increased. The Lone Star High Performance teams from 2018 finished well placing 2nd, 7th, and 8th in the USA HP Tournament. The Region will continue to support High Performance Program with three girls' teams and raise the number of boys' teams from one to two.

AUSTIN AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Virgie Mallet reported that beach volleyball continues to grow and grow. Indoor is steadily growing.

SAN ANTONIO AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Mar Resendiz reported that everything is still growing, and is hearing about a lot of growth and interest in the Rio Grande Valley area.

BEAUMONT AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Steve Boucher stated that growth is steady, and they are continuing to get referees certified throughout the area. This year they have 75 scorekeepers and 4 referees.

BRAZOS VALLEY AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Wally Simpson reported that the Brazos Valley Area continues to grow and is doing well. A lot of interest in the younger age groups.

HOUSTON AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Gordon Morrison reports that there is a lot of interest in the younger age groups, and the overall the Houston area continues to grow.

BUSINESS:

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM: The Region will continue to pay the entry fees for a maximum of three Junior Girls going to the Junior Girls High Performance Tournament. A motion was made to raise the number of Junior Boys High Performance Teams from one to two, for the 2019 Season by Dick Kappel. Thang Nguyen seconded the motion. The motion was carried and approved.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES – 2019/2020 SEASON: Tournament entry fees will remain at \$115 for "non-paid" official events and \$175 for the first day and \$160 for second / third day for "paid" official events.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES 2019/2020 SEASON (GATE FEE REVIEW): All spectator fees, excluding convention centers, will remain set at a maximum entry fee of \$5 per day for adults and \$3 per day for children 12 and under. Single day fee/passes must be available for multi-day events. All rostered team members are exempt from these fees (this includes players, coaches, chaperones, trainers, and any other club staff members listed).

REFEREE/SCORER REQUIREMENTS: Identification of team referee and scorer, on Webpoint team rosters, will again be required prior to acceptance of a Lone Star Region tournament entry for an LSR sanctioned event.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF BEACH PROGRAMS: Will Vick reported that the Region will develop sand courts in the Houston, San Antonio, and Austin areas for continued promotion of Beach Programs in the Lone Star Region. The Region is potentially looking for a High Performance Junior Beach Development Director. More information will be posted at a later time.

SAN ANTONIO FORCE YOUTUBE VIDEO: Board members watched and discussed the concerns of San Antonio Force. A motion to move tournament schedule entries to a month early was carried and passed. (Thang Nguyen moved/ Marc Holmquist seconded)

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The time was 11:47 P.M. (Steve Crane moved/ Hal Naumann seconded)

Respectfully Submitted,

**Carrie Baehr
Secretary**

From the Referee's Stand

Thomas Hoy
Referee Chair
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



For all of us in the Lone Star Region, we would like to 1) thank all the regional and higher certified referees that spent time rating our coaches and players, 2) thank our national-level referees that prepared the teams to officiate through our clinics held from October through April this season (over 183 clinics in 47 cities), and also 3) thank our members who went through this referee process to understand the rules and to make the game fair. We could not have done this without the help of the clubs and tournament directors. Special thanks go to the tournament directors, club directors, and coaches who completed regional referee certification this season so they could help their members get the needed ratings for junior and provisional referee certification. I want to also point out that it is not too late to complete certification this season so if you holding onto ratings or exams, just send me a picture or attachment so we can add you to the list of certified referees (thoy@satx.rr.com). Please remember that if you are still listed as "in-progress" on WebPoint (USAV database) then you probably still need ratings. If so, then go to www.lsvolleyball.org, then use the "Officials Clinics & Info" tab, and then click on the "ATTENTION In-Progress Referees" box for a listing of the four tournaments where we still have raters assigned for R2 ratings. Be mindful that all ratings must be turned in by October 1, 2019. We have rated at over 205 tournaments, over 25 scrimmages, and at four rating clinics this season. Thanks again to the tournament and club directors who scheduled and made this possible.

A heads up for next season, if you were certified this season you can attend any referee clinic next season (2019-2020) free of charge--since you hold a two-season certification. Just sign in 'pre-paid' at the clinic. There will be changes next season because we will have a new two-season rule book (2019-2021). Have a great post-season!

From the Scorer's Chair

C.L. 'Steve' Crane
Scorer Chair
Lone Star Region, USA Volleyball



Welcome to the summer!

What a productive season! We conducted 183 official's clinics in 47 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 job on the part of individuals and clubs (and a little push from Karen and Dick), we now have 4,294 certified scorers in our Region. Congratulations!!

For those of you who have not sent in your score sheets, you still have time. Get them in now and save yourself the trouble of attending another clinic next season. (The absolute, final deadline is 10/31/19!)

We have two candidates for National Scorer that will attend their final rating session at Boy's in Dallas next month. If you see them, wish Ed Lau and Ricardo Elizondo the best.

Tournament Directors: You should be completely out of the old score sheets by now, so I expect to see only the new ones used this coming season. There are still a few stragglers using the old stuff (from 5 years ago!)--QUIT IT!

Have a great summer and enjoy a little Beach VB.

Adult Tournament News

Thang Nguyen
Adult Tournament Director
Lone Region, USA Volleyball



2019 Adult Regionals Results

Men's A

Texas Airborne

Men's B

Austin Block Party

Women's A/BB

Texas United



Texas Airborne



Texas United

Junior Development News

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



2019 Lone Star Regional Championship Results

Level	Place	Division	Team
11	1st	Bid	TAV Houston 11 Black
	2nd	Bid	LAREDO JRS - 11
	3rd	Bid	W Revolution 11 Premier
	4th	Bid	TAV Houston 11 Blue
11	1st	Elite	AP 11 Baden
	2nd	Elite	ST Lightning 11 Red
	3rd	Elite	AP 11 WilCo
	3rd	Elite	Texas One - 11 Royal
12	1st	Bid	AJV 12 Mizuno
	2nd	Bid	Alamo 12 Premier
	3rd	Bid	W Revolution 12 Premier
	4th	Bid	WACO VBC 12 UA Black
12	1st	Elite	HOU STELLAR 12 PREM
	2nd	Elite	Houston Hazard 12 Black
	3rd	Elite	Fr Challenge Elite 12 Roy
	3rd	Elite	Upward Stars Houston 121
13	1st	Bid	TX Tornados 13 Mizuno
	2nd	Bid	SA Xtreme 13
	3rd	Bid	H Skyline 13 Royal
	4th	Bid	SA MAGIC 13 ELITE NW
13	1st	Elite	Fr Challenge Elite 13-Roy
	2nd	Elite	SA Force 131 Darkside
	3rd	Elite	AJV 13 Cedar Park
	3rd	Elite	TAV Houston 13 Blue
13	1st	Club	VALLEY VENOM - 131 RED
	2nd	Club	SPRTG EDGE-13 EDGE
	3rd	Club	H Skyline 13 Silver
	3rd	Club	TCVA 13 Green Adidas
14	1st	Bid	AP 14 adidas
	2nd	Bid	TX Tornados 14 Mizuno
	3rd	Bid	SA Magic 14 ELITE
	4th	Bid	AsicsWillowbrook14Gold
14	1st	Elite	TX SYNERGY 14 National
	2nd	Elite	HJV 14 Premier
	3rd	Elite	SA Lightning 141
	3rd	Elite	W Revolution 14 Blue
14	1st	Club	HJV 13 Elite
	2nd	Club	Texas Outlaws 14 Black
	3rd	Club	IMPACT - 142
	3rd	Club	SA Force 144 Black

Level	Place	Division	Team
15	1st	Bid	TAV Houston 15 Black
	2nd	Bid	Alamo 15 Premier
	3rd	Bid	AP 15 adidas
	4th	Bid	AJV 15 Mizuno
15	1st	Elite	GCVA 151 Coast
	2nd	Elite	TX LEGACY - 15 ELITE
	3rd	Elite	Country Fire 15
	3rd	Elite	H Skyline 15 White
15	1st	Club	Xcel Volleyball 153
	2nd	Club	HOU STELLAR 15 SELECT
	3rd	Club	AP 156
	3rd	Club	TAV Houston 15 Grey
16	1st	Bid	SA Magic 16 ELITE
	2nd	Bid	AVA TX 16 Team Rox
	3rd	Bid	TAV Houston 16 Black
	4th	Bid	HOU STELLAR 16 ELITE
16	1st	Elite	SA Force 162 National
	2nd	Elite	Texas Shock - 16 Mizuno
	3rd	Elite	Houston Hazard 16 Black
	3rd	Elite	TGV 161
16	1st	Club	W Revolution 14 Premier
	2nd	Club	SA Empire 16 Gold
	3rd	Club	Texas Boom 16 Elite
	3rd	Club	W Revolution 16 Elite-KW
17	1st	Bid	Austin Skyline 17 Royal
	2nd	Bid	TAV Houston 17 Black
	3rd	Bid	Alamo 17 Premier
	4th	Bid	HOU STELLAR 17 ELITE
17	1st	Elite	W Revolution 15 Premier
	2nd	Elite	GCVA 172 East Beach
	3rd	Elite	SA Empire 17 Gold
	3rd	Elite	SA Magic 17 SHOWCASE I
18	1st	Bid	AJV 18 Mizuno
	2nd	Bid	Alamo 18 Premier
	3rd	Bid	TAV Houston 18 Black
	4th	Bid	HJV 18 Elite

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2019 USAV National Tournament Girls Teams

Level	Division	Team
11	Nat	TAV Houston 11 Black
	Nat	LAREDO JRS - 11
	Nat	W Revolution 11 Premier
12	Nat	Austin Skyline 12 Royal
	Nat	AUSTIN - 12 MIZUNO
	Nat	ALAMO - 12 Premier
	Amr	W Revolution 12 Premier
	Amr	WACO VBC - 12 UA
	Amr	SA XTREME - 121
13	Open	Alamo 13 Premier
	Open	AJV 13 Mizuno
	Open	TX Tornados 13 Mizuno
	Nat	SA XTREME - 131
	Nat	H Skyline 13 Royal
	USA	HOUSTON - 13 Elite
	Amr	ALAMO - 13 Elite
	Amr	W Revolution 13 Premier
	Amr	SA MAGIC 13 ELITE NW
	Amr	Asics Willowbrook—13Gold
	Amr	AUSTIN - 13 MOLTEN
	Amr	Aggie Elite 13 National
14	Open	HJV 14 Elite
	Open	ALAMO - 14 Premier
	Open	W Revolution 14 Premier
	Open	AUSTIN - 14 MIZUNO
	Open	H Skyline 14 Royal
	Nat	AP 14 adidas
	Nat	TX TORNADOS - 14 MIZUNO
	USA	Asics Willowbrook—14Gold
	USA	SA Magic 14 ELITE
	USA	TAV Houston - 14 Black
	USA	HOU Stellar 14 Elite
	Amr	WACO VBC 14 UA Black
	Amr	TCVA 14 Green
	Amr	AUSTIN - 14 CEDAR PARK
	Amr	Austin Skyline 14 Royal
	Amr	TEXAS FURY - 14 Legacy
15	Open	H SKYLINE 15 Royal
	Open	TAV Houston 15 Black
	Nat	Alamo 15 Premier
	Nat	AP 15 adidas
	USA	HJV 15 Premier
	USA	TX Tornados 15 Mizuno
	USA	SA MAGIC 15 Elite
	USA	W Revolution 15 Premier
	USA	AVA of Texas 15 Team Rox
	USA	HJV 15 Elite

Level	Division	Team
15 (cont)	Amr	TX Tornados 15 Black
	Amr	Brazos Valley 15 National
	Amr	AJV 15 Mizuno
	Amr	TX Eclipse 15 UA
	Amr	HOU STELLAR 15 ELITE
16	Open	H SKYLINE 16 Royal
	Open	HOUSTON - 16 Elite
	Open	AUSTIN - 16 MIZUNO
	Nat	SA Magic 16 ELITE
	Nat	AVA TX 16 Team Rox
	USA	HOU STELLAR 16 ELITE
	USA	HJV 16 Elite - S
	USA	AP 16 Adidas
	USA	AUSTIN - 16 MOLTEN
	USA	TAV Houston - 16 Black
	USA	Houston Skyline 16 Black
	USA	AJV 16 Molten
	Amr	Austin Skyline 16 Royal
	Amr	Alamo 16 Premier
	Amr	AJV 16 Navy
17	Open	H SKYLINE 17 Royal
	Open	AUSTIN - 17 MIZUNO
	Open	HOUSTON - 17 Elite
	Nat	Austin Skyline 17 Royal
	Nat	TAV Houston 17 Black
	USA	HOU STELLAR 17 ELITE
	USA	HJV 17 Elite - S
	USA	Texas United 17Red
	USA	AP 17 adidas
	USA	HOUSTON - 17 Premier
	Amr	TX Tornados 17 Black
	Amr	Alamo 17 Elite
	Amr	Alamo 17 Premier
	Amr	WACO VBC - 17 UA
	Amr	AVA of Texas 17 Team Rox
18	Open	H SKYLINE 18 Royal
	Open	SA MAGIC 18 Elite
	Open	W Revolution 18 Premier
	Nat	AJV 18 Mizuno
	Nat	Alamo 18 Premier
	USA	SA STING 18 BLACK
	Amr	TAV Houston 18 Black
	Amr	HJV 18 Elite
	Amr	TX Tornados 18 Mizuno

2019 USAV National Tournament Boys Teams

Level	Division	Team
18	Open	AJV 18 Mizuno Boys
	USA	HVA 18 PERFORMANCE
17	USA	HVA 17 PERFORMANCE
16	Open	AJV 16 Mizuno Boys
	Open	HVA 16 PERFORMANCE
15	Open	HVA PERFORMANCE 15 Red



The Lone Star Region wishes a very hearty **CONGRATULATIONS!** to Glen Lietzke for induction in the American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Mr. Lietzke is the founder and Director of Austin Junior Volleyball.



Glen Lietzke
2018 American Volleyball Coaches Association
Hall of Fame

"Glen Lietzke has been a visionary in the volleyball coaching world, always dreaming about what more he and others could be doing to improve the sport. His list of accolades is numerous, but pale in comparison to the countless players he's had a positive influence on over his 35-year coaching career.

After brief stints at Hopkins Eisenhower High School, the University of Wisconsin at River Falls, and Southwest Missouri State, he began the next phase of his coaching career that put him on the hall of fame path. In 1984, he founded and is the current Director and President of the Austin Juniors Volleyball Board of Directors. That same year, he became an assistant coach at the University of Texas, where he went on to win 12 conference titles and the NCAA Championship in his 18-year stint with the Longhorns.

With Austin Juniors, Lietzke was crowned a USA Junior National Champion twice in 2007 and 2011 as the 17 Open Head Coach. His club offers girls and boys indoor as well as beach, with college commitments and alumni spanning the nation. For his incredible contributions, he received USA Volleyball's George J. Fisher Leader in Volleyball Award in 1998.

"It's obvious when watching Glen coach his teams that he is deeply respected and sincerely loved by his players, and completely immersed in every facet of the match," said Texas A&M Head Coach Laurie Corbelli. "Glen has mentored hundreds of coaches, players, and administrators in volleyball, and I can't think of another United States Club Director



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