

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 APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written. (Mark Papich moved/ Steve Crane seconded).

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 Mallett 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 Certified Regional, 1,332 Certified Provisional, 125 Certified 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 2018: 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 USAHP Tournament. The Region will continue to support High Performance Program with three girls' teams and raise the number of boy's teams from one to three.

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 interested 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**

Approved

Will Vick