

# SSC Board of Directors

## Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2018 OSAA Offices

*Present:* Patty Card – KCVOA  
Alicia Provost – GPVOA  
JoAnn Hartley – SOVOA  
Tami Sasser – TriCo  
April Garibay – 3 Rivers  
Teena Foster – 3 Rivers  
Tom Dill – SWVBA  
Karen Howton – NEOVBA  
Annie Dudley – SVOA  
Cynthia Harber – North Coast  
Heidi Justus – NEOVBA  
Robert Freeman – DCVOA  
Korenza Jones – EEVO  
Leslie Benton – MVVOA  
Layla Solar – COVOA  
Darla Huxel – BMVA  
Debi Hanson

*Next meeting:* (Prior to or after 2019 OSAA Commissioner's Meeting)

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Meeting was called to order by Leslie Benton, Chairman

### I. Minutes of Last Meeting:

All members had a chance to look over the minutes of the last meetings. **Annie Dudley made a motion to approve the minutes are presented. Patty Card seconded the motion. Leslie Benton called for the vote; motion passed unanimously.**

### II. New Business:

- A. Official of the Year.** Members were reminded that Official of the Year nominations and bios are to be sent to Leslie Benton. The deadline for the nominations is October 18, 2018. Leslie will get the nominations out to the SSC Members, and will request votes, and will remind those members to vote. Leslie stated that it is very important to vote, as there was a 3-way tie last year.

Comments and discussion were had around different ideas of how to identify the nominees to those who may not have firsthand knowledge of the nominee. Ideas discussed were having a committee of Commissioners that could recommend a nominee. There was another thought to include pictures with the ballots, so that there could be possible recognition of the nominee by voting members. Leslie stated that a picture could be placed with the ballots, and would work to that end.

- B. Clinics:** Please be sure to have your officials register for the upcoming clinics:

2019: Eugene (add principles class) & Medford

2020: Klamath & Salem

2021: Imbler & Portland

2022: North Coast

Discussion was held about the reasoning behind having only one training for this year (2018). One reason was that only 30 officials needed the training, and the majority of those officials were in the Mid to East side of the state, making the Clinic in Dufur the easiest. However, now with the fires present in the Dufur area, there may be a need to move the location of the clinic.

Debi Hanson spoke about shortening up the clinics to 3 hours and adding the principals of officiating piece to the training day. This way, if there are officials that just need the principals, or just the training, both are available. Debi also stated that it is a good idea to just integrate the principals of officiating into the associations regular trainings.

Before the training comes to your area, please let Debi know if there is anything specific you would like covered. Debi and others like to make sure that the clinics are relevant and needed, so clinic topics are flexible, and will be tailored to the host associations desires.

- C. OAOA Coach of the Year.** Debi reminded everyone to be sure to nominate their coaches for the OAOA Coach of the Year. The applications are available online. This is quite an honor for a coach to receive, since it is from the Officials Association. Jennifer Teeter from Imbler was nominated and won the award while she was President of OACA, which was a tremendous honor. Debi stated that even if you don't have all of the information for the nomination form, just fill out what you do have.
- D. Training Ideas.** Debi would like to establish more relationships with trainers to help alleviate any issues that can arise when officials go to the State Tournaments. She asked if trainers would like to have a webinar set up every couple of weeks through out the season to go over any questions that have come up. More of a question and answer time. There were those who were on board with this idea, and others that weren't. Nothing definitive was decided.

Debi then discussed how another state has started using a "Purple" card in addition to the "Red" and "Yellow" cards the official already uses. This Purple card is to state to the host administrator that there is an issue with the fans, and play will be stopped until the issue is resolved. Everyone was in favor of this, and **Teena Foster made a motion to have Debi complete the research of the Purple Card and its intent and purpose to be discussed in next year's meeting. Heidi Justus seconded the motion. Leslie Benton called for the vote; motion passed unanimously.**

- E. Card Usage.** Volleyball has historically been very low, (0), in the number of ejections. We have focused so much on not wanting to change this, to the detriment of the control of the game. It is the emphasis this year for game management. With this, officials need to lose the "pride" they have in the fact that volleyball doesn't eject persons that truly need to be ejected. Instead of being tolerant of bad behavior, Officials need to start using their cards in the correct manner. Officials need to step up and be role models for spectators, students, parents, coaches, and school officials. We cannot tolerate behavior that needs to be disciplined.
- F. State Tournament Officials.** All State Officials names and information needs to be turned into K.T. no later than October 8, 2018.

Discussion was held about the possibility of sending an Officiating "Crew" as opposed to a single official from the Associations. The thought was that it can be intimidating to stay in a room with another official that you don't know, and not having the comfort level of calling the game when working with a partner that you don't know. (For clarification, the term "Crew" means 2 officials.) A multitude of questions were asked, one being: "Would this team of officials only officiate with each other then?" The answer was yes,

that the Championship Officials would be chosen as a team, not individual officials. There was a list of pros and cons started for this process:

**Pros**

1<sup>st</sup> Time to State Tournament Comfort Level  
Communication lines are more open  
Creates more of a team atmosphere

**Cons**

Official Availability  
Inconsistencies would be harder to correct  
Team could be penalized or rewarded for effort of one, not necessarily both officials  
Personal Conflict of Interest  
Smaller Associations sometimes don't have more than 1 official qualified to go to State

Nothing definitive was decided, and good discussion of this topic was had by all.

With no more business **Patty Card made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Teena Foster seconded the motion. Leslie Benton then adjourned the meeting.**

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Karen Howton, NEOVBA