

Volleyball SSC Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2014 OSAA

Members Present:

- Teena Foster – Three Rivers
- Patty Card – Klamath
- Rich Rohde – SVOA
- Darla Huxel – Blue Mt.
- JoAnn Harley – SOVOA
- Casey Hampton – NEOVBA
- Karen Howton - NEOVBA
- Alicia Provost – GPVOA
- David Oliver – SW ORE
- Robert Freeman – DCVOA
- Shelley Huckins- COVOA
- Korenza Jones – EEVO
- Teena Toyas - NCVOA
- Gail Garwick - Malheur
- Leslie Benton – MVOA
- Debi Hanson – SRI

Guests Present:

- Layla Solar – COVOA
- Bruce Foster – Three Rivers

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 meeting. Motion was made to approve the minutes of the last meeting by Rich Rhode. Motion was seconded by Teena Foster. Vote taken, motion passed.

II. Old Business:

A. Official of the Year. Members were reminded that Official of the Year nominations and bios are to be sent to Debi Hanson. The deadline for the nominations is defined by OAOA. As a reminder, the SSC member gets a vote, as well as the Commissioner. If the SSC member and Commissioner are the same person, they will receive two votes. Everyone seemed to think that the process worked very well last year.

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

August 9: Springfield High School

August 16: Umatilla High School

The following are the schools and years that were suggested:

2015: Salem & Grants Pass

2016: Klamath Falls, Coquille and Imbler

2017: Central Oregon, Portland and Roseburg

There was discussion about who the clinics would benefit, whether or not sending brand new officials would be a good idea. It was stated that everyone will walk away from the clinics with information. It may be overwhelming for new officials. With that discussion, Debi Hanson stated that she would be more than happy to visit each association to do one on one training.

C. Arbiter. Reminder that a quick overview should be given at the first meetings of the year to all officials of Arbiter. This system has a lot to offer and using it to its fullest capacity would be beneficial to everyone.

- D. Scheduling Software:** There has been some discussion about whether or not official scheduling software should be a mandatory item for all associations. There have been some AD's throughout the state wanting to have a statewide scheduling system be implemented to make it easier on them.

OAOA has been fighting this to make certain that the scheduling of officials stays at the association/commissioner level. Darla Huxel stated that it is not right to have how each association schedules their officials dictated to them. There is a cost for the software, and if this is something that the AD's want, then the fee for the software should come out of their budget, not the associations.

Another comment was made that a lot of AD's want to see who is assigned to their games. This is something that needs to be between the Officials Association and the Schools, at the local level, whether or not those names are released.

Debi Hanson stated that having a statewide scheduling module is really like comparing "apples to oranges", and there is not a "box" that everyone will be able to fit in.

III. New Business:

- A. Officials Uniforms.** JoAnn Hartley brought up the discussion about mainstreaming the uniform shirts. Should there be a distributor found that could take care of the issue of all the different types and styles of white polo shirts? Could there be a verbal agreement between Commissioners that there is a certain type of white polo used statewide? There was also questions about the black pants. Is denim acceptable? No. It specifically states that denim is not an acceptable material for the Officials Uniform.

After much discussion, it was strongly suggested that each association set expectations and guidelines of the Officials Uniforms that must be followed. There is no statewide expectation other than what is outlined in the rule book and by OSAA. Each association commissioner is responsible for making sure that the guidelines are followed within their own association.

- B. Evaluations at the State Tournament.** Discussion was held as to what the SSC would like to do about the State Tournament and the championship games. A couple of other sports have a schedule of which association does what at the state tournament level, and they know this at the beginning of the season. A question was proposed to the SSC to see if Volleyball would like to follow suit.

There was a lot of discussion about this topic. Rich made a motion to keep the evaluation process and championship game selection the same. Casey Hampton seconded this motion. Vote was taken, passed with 16 yes votes, 0 no votes.

The following are various suggestions made by the membership to help the evaluators at the tournaments make their selection:

- Take the bias completely out by focusing on the mechanics and knowledge of the game rules
- Evaluators to speak with the score table staff about officials in question
- Evaluators to speak with fellow officials about official in question
- Evaluators to have OCEP training

With no more business Rich moved to adjourn the meeting, Shelly seconded this motion. The meeting was then adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Karen Howton, NEOVBA