

# Volleyball SSC Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2009

Members Present: Laura Oakland, Siri Olson, Cynthia Harber, Leslie Benton, Teena Foster, April Garibay, Steve Beard, Beth Upshaw, Patti Vieira, Alicia Provost, Rich Rohde, David Oliver, JoAnn Hartley, MaryAnn Vidourek, Heidi Justus-Koehler, Debi Hanson  
Guests: Darci Garwood, Gail Garwick, Darla Huxel

The meeting opened at noon & 2008 minutes were approved (Rich motioned, David 2<sup>nd</sup>)

OAOA Report – Debi gave an OAOA report and took comments and questions from the committee to address to the OAOA Board. A lengthy discussion on the fee freeze ensued. Debi encouraged commissioners to poll their constituency and get feedback to Jack ASAP.

### **Comments to the OAOA:**

- 1) **The freeze decision needs to be made before the fall season begins.**
- 2) **If the freeze is adopted during the middle of the fall season please do not make it retroactive but start at that point.**
- 3) **Please send out information specifically on the dues increase for commissioners to present to their officials.**
- 4) **Associations should have some authority on choosing how they operate. Is this a maximum fee anymore? Legally can you make an association charge the maximum if they choose not to?**

FRC Report – Laura gave a summary on the FRC meetings she and Debi attended. She also requested copies of each association's fee schedule for future reference. A discussion also took place on what each association does for paying tournament mileage.

**Action: The SSC recommends to the FRC to please round off the tournament numbers for accounting ease.**

### Guest Speaker – Cindy Simmons

- § Cindy reviewed the state tournament evaluation system and forms
- § The discussion continued about the 2008 OSAA State Championship conflict of interest policy and it's affect.
- § Cindy also announced that for the 2009 State Championships that all eight officials would work the final two championship matches at each sight. The additional 4 officials would do lines for each match.

The following proposal was designed by the SSC:

**The Volleyball Sports Specific Committee proposes that all officials chosen for the state championship matches be selected by the OSAA evaluation process and be considered neutral/non-local.**

Motion to put on floor – Rich Rohde, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Oliver

### Discussion:

- § We need to trust the evaluation process/evaluators and allow the officials they choose to work the championship matches.
- § The normal OSAA conflict of interest policy should stand in regard to all matches.
- § In the sub-rounds the home team gets home court advantage, fan advantage but should not get officials advantage. The policy of having outside officials is a good one and there is no move to change it.
- § At the state site after the initial rounds the officials chosen for the championship games earn the right to officiate these matches and that involves their "integrity" as a neutral

official. It would be a distinct disadvantage to their reputation to officiate one way all tournament and change for the final match, no matter who is playing.

Steve Beard called for the question; vote was unanimous to present this proposal to Cindy Simmons as a united voice from the SSC.

Awards - The official and association of the year were discussed. It was decided that Debi would solicit nominations from the commissioners near the end of the season and via email the SSC would choose one person to nominate to the OAOA board. **A motion was made after discussion by Beth Upshaw to do away with the Association of the Year category. (Siri Olson 2<sup>nd</sup>) Motion passed unanimously.**

Conflict of Interest Documents – Leslie presented a sample of the MVOA conflict policy along with discussion of the need for an independent contract and absence policy. Leslie is to be contacted if anyone wants a copy emailed for adapting to his or her local association. Debi encouraged all members to send copies of their absence policies to OSAA. David pointed out that the absence policy is clearly stated in the AOH.

Rule Manual & Information – Send ideas to Leslie or Debi for putting together in the off-season. This will be a supplemental manual for official's training. Debi also encouraged commissioners and trainers to send their questions (even ones that get answered) to her so she can send out training information throughout the season.

#### 2009 Clinics

§ Budget – Debi shared the clinic financial information to date.

§ **Motion made and then amended to give stipend of \$300 per day to Gloria Cox and drop registration fee from \$20 to \$15. Accepted unanimously.**

§ Checks to be made out to GPVOA and run through their books. Debi will have an accounting prepared for anyone who would like it. Laura Oakland will take care of collecting money at each site.

§ SSC members at each site will help with running of each clinic.

§ Leslie gave an update on door prizes and gifts. Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated.

§ **It was suggested and approved that the SSC take \$200 of the clinic funds and develop a door prize of 4 registration entries to the 2010 OAOA Leadership conference. Associations will be entered at each site that have members present at each clinic.**

#### 2010 Clinics

§ Leslie suggested a plan of having one clinic in Salem with the leadership clinic in June.

§ Darla expressed interest in hosting a 2010 clinic. She will contact Debi about the possibility of having this in conjunction with a jamboree as in the past.

§ It was discussed that the Salem clinic be divided into two sections – OCEP Principles and OCEP Playoffs.

New Business – It was decided that is the SSC has funds left over after the clinics are over that money be offered to the OSAA to assist in funding evaluators at the state sites and possible training of new officials.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM. The next meeting will be prior to the OSAA Volleyball Commissioners meeting at 9:00 AM.