

**Florida Region of USA Volleyball, Inc.**  
BoD Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2009

Via Conference Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:10a by James Phillips

Members present:

James Phillips, Commissioner  
Shanon Lewis, Asst. Commissioner  
Dave Carstenson, Outdoor Chair  
Terri Jimenez, Indoor Chair  
Rita Crockett, JAB Representative  
Lori Eaton, JAB Representative  
Steve Bishop, Executive Director  
Richard Purtz, Board Attorney

Members absent:

Donna Beasley, Secretary/Treasurer  
Mike Gale, Official's Chair

The meeting minutes for the Jun 2009 Board/Staff retreat were not completed at the time of this meeting and will be distributed to the members once they are completed and will be voted on at the next BoD meeting.

James gave a brief Commissioner's report and highlighted the accomplishments of the Region during the 08/09 season.

Steve gave the Treasurer's report in Donna's absence. Steve indicated that the Region's cash position was strong and the financials had been provided to Donna through Jul 31, 2009. The Aug 2009 financials are being finalized and will be provided to Donna (& James) as soon as they are finished. The Region has opened a new restricted account to manage scholarship funds that have been donated to the Region. Scholarships will be broken into two categories: 1) scholarships for high school seniors; and 2) scholarships for HP all-star players.

Steve referenced the written Executive Director's report that was distributed to all JAB & BoD members.

Terri gave an update on the JAB Elections and the decision of the JAB regarding voting members to the BoD. Rita Crockett and Lori Eaton were selected by the JAB as primary voting members of the BoD.

James gave a quick review of the Board/Staff retreat that was held in Ft. Lauderdale and complimented the staff for another successful retreat.

Terri and James discussed the recently held District Jr. Forum meetings that were held in August 2009. Discussion revolved around the format of holding the meetings in conjunction with educational opportunities for coaches, officials, and club administrators. All of the feedback that has been received indicates that the clubs prefer the smaller district meetings. This format will be followed again in August 2010 prior to the start of the 2010/2011 season.

James updated the BoD on the plan to identify and select a Regional Official's Assignor for the 2009/2010 season. Applications will be accepted and then interested individuals will be interviewed before a selection is made. Candidates must be a Jr. National or National Official to be eligible for consideration.

Dave gave a quick update on the Jr. Beach Tour and the East Coast Beach Nationals that took place during the summer of 2009. Dave highlighted that the tour showed significant growth and that the Florida Region held their first official Jr. Beach Regional Championships in Ft. Lauderdale. Pictures of the winning teams was posted on the Outdoor page of the Region website.

Steve updated the BoD on the Incident Reviews that have been conducted during the 2009 calendar year.

Steve discussed the status of the Club Transfer that was requested by a District 1 club in Tallahassee. The request was denied since the club was not located near an adjoining border and the transfer would create confusion for the other clubs in the area. The Club Director was given the opportunity to address the BoD after the decision was made, they declined.

Steve updated on the BoD on the 2009/2010 contracts that have been executed so far: Orange County Convention Center and the Double Tree Hotel on International Drive. Other contracts are pending and future updates will be made as contracts are signed.

Steve informed the BoD that he would be attending the SPORTS 2009 Conference that was being hosted by the National Council of Youth Sports in Orlando.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Motion #1: Made by JAB Committee

JAB Committee proposed that for the 2010/2011 season that 14U age division players (and below) be allowed to tryout starting on Sep 1 and 15U age division players (and above) be restricted to begin tryouts on the Sunday after the FHSAA state volleyball tryouts. Current penalties for non-compliance will remain unchanged.

Motion passed unanimously.

##### Motion #2: Made by Jimenez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carstenson

Increase the official's pay for Regional tournaments to the following:

Jr. National/National officials	\$30
Regional Officials	\$27

Provisional Officials \$25  
This pay scale would be for the best 2/3 matches.

Motion passed unanimously

Steve updated the BoD on the new Women's Pro Volleyball League that has popped up on the radar. He has reached out to the league organizer and will update the BoD with any relevant information as it becomes available

Steve proposed recognizing clubs for their continued affiliation with the Florida Region and awarding longevity pins to clubs for 5yrs, 10yrs, 15yrs, and 20yrs. This idea was accepted by the Board as long as the event budget will not be materially impacted.

Shanon recommended a new award for the Best Club Website. This award will be considered after a set of criteria is established to determine how to evaluate club websites.

The next meeting date will be Sunday, December 13, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20p. Jimenez, 2<sup>nd</sup> Eaton