

Florida Region of USA Volleyball, Inc.
BoD Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2009
Via Conference Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by James Phillips

Members present:

James Phillips, Commissioner
Shanon Lewis, Asst. Commissioner
Dave Carstenson, Outdoor Chair
Terri Jimenez, Indoor Chair
Steve Bishop, Executive Director
Richard Purtz, Board Attorney
Donna Beasley, Secretary/Treasurer
Mike Gale, Official's Chair
Lori Eaton, JAB Representative
Rita Crockett, JAB Representative

Motion to approve meeting minutes from Board & Staff Retreat and BoD meeting from 9/20/09. Motion from Mike G., 2nd from Shanon, passed unanimously.

Commissioner's Report – James Phillips

NCAA Championships update.

Membership count is 6300+ members already this year. Goal of 10,000 members for this season is on track.

Treasurer's Report – Donna Beasley

Donna has completed reviewing the bank statements. The region's cash position is strong, \$200k in savings and we just sent \$31k to USAV for memberships. Donna will finish reviewing the FY 08/09 financials with Steve and get back with the BoD.

Executive Director's Report – Steve Bishop

Wilson Friday Night Adult Tournament kickoff is Friday, Dec. 18th, in Tampa, should be a great success.

Vol-eNews, the Florida Region newsletter, was sent out October, November & December. The newsletter includes Club Highlights in each edition.

NCAA Championships in Tampa later this month, we will be very busy during that week as the host Region.

1st HP tryout is January 22nd in Jacksonville

Florida Fest Tournament in Daytona, will also have a Junior Girl's Tournament and a Men's College Tournament all at the same venue. Also, a Boys' HP combined tryout – both the National HP and Florida Region HP programs. Information has been posted on the region website for the two regional tournaments for girls.

We have sent 12 Member Club Banners out to date. The 1st banner is free and each additional banner is \$25.00.

Old Business:

James Phillips – Michael Hertz is the new Official's Assignor. James gave an overview of the Assignor's position and the role of the Head Rater.

Steve and James gave a review of the schedule for the NCAA Final Four, PAVO & AVCA Convention in Tampa.

Steve Bishop gave an update on Incident Reviews for 2009, we have 4 already this season. One individual who was issued a sanction by the IRC would like to appeal, we have notified the individuals that they have the attention of the board and should be prepared to answer questions. We will respond with the decision on the appeal in the next day or two.

New Business:

The BoD & JAB will now listen to the appeals, we will hang up after each appeal discussion and dial back in to ensure that only BoD and JAB members are on each new call.

Appeal #1 –

Club Director (Member #FL1305649MR10) is appealing the \$500.00 fine for not attending the mandatory Jr. Forum Meeting prior to the start of the FY09/10 season. He stated he was not sure he was going to have a club this year. He also stated that had he known about the conference call meeting to reduce the fine to \$250.00 he probably would not have attended the call.

Appeal Denied, \$500.00 fine stands. (Indoor Chair Abstained)

Appeal #2 –

Club Director (Member #FL1425602FR10) is appealing her suspension and the suspension of her junior volleyball club for violating Region policy while on probation. The Club Director and her attorney petitioned the Board to reconsider the suspension.

Discussion and review by the board of documents from two Incident Reviews (09-003 & 9-004) and the Incident Review Policy governing sanctions for the respective policy violations.

Decision – Club Suspension Stands for 1 year (season) & no Club Director Status for 1 year (season) - If they pay \$2,500.00 fine the individual membership can be reinstated as a coach only. Individual can not have any lead role in a club for at least 1 year(season).

Appeal #3 –

Official (Member #NONE) wants to appeal being denied affiliation with the Florida Region. He was a member with the Gulf Coast Region and has been denied renewing his membership with that region due to previous incidents at junior tournaments. He is also on probation with the National Official Board for personal conduct at the 2009 Girl's JO's. Gulf Coast Region put him on lifetime probation.

Appeal Denied – 5/2

Steve & James will look at the calendar and send out potential dates for the next BoD meeting, end of February or first of March.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35pm