

## Florida Region of USA Volleyball

Special Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2008

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Steve Bishop

Present: Steve Bishop, Donna Beasley, Mike Farah, Dave Carstenson, Terri Jimenez, Mike Gale

Absent: James Philips, Jim Fales, Rita Crockett

It was determined that with 6 of the 9 voting members present that the special meeting (via conference call) met the criteria of the bylaws to amend or alter the bylaws. It was further discussed that each change would be submitted as an individual motion and that a 2/3 vote would be required on each motion to make any changes.

**Motion 1:** Change corporate name to Florida Region of USA Volleyball, Inc. (Current legal name is United States Volleyball Association, Florida Region, Inc.)

Made By: Steve Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Farah

No Discussion

Motion Passed – Unanimous

**Motion 2:** Add language to qualify a member in good standing: “They pay the required fee; and, If performing as a Coach, Club Director, Official, or Chaperone, they successfully complete a background screen;” (Rationale: Current language does not require members to pay a fee and it does not require adults affiliated with a junior’s program or officials to complete a background screen to be a member).

Steve Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Terri Jimenez

No Discussion

Motion Passed – Unanimous

**Motion 3:** Strike language that authorizes Junior Club Directors to vote on behalf of their members: “For Junior Clubs and Adult Teams, the Director of the Junior Club and the Team Rep for the Adult team, shall vote for each Regular registered member or Junior Olympic registered member in his/her team or club respectively.” (Rationale: Members of junior clubs (adults and juniors) should be allowed to vote during elections and not have someone else vote on their behalf.)

Steve Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Donna Beasley

Discussion ensued – Mike Farah expressed concerns about changing the language since the JGA previously recommended the change. Further discussion ensued about overall participation in voting and creating a more democratic process.

Opposed – Mike Farah, Abstained – Mike Gale

In Favor – Donna Beasley, Dave Carstenson, Terri Jimenez, Steve Bishop

Motion Passed – 4 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstain

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**Motion 4:** Add language to address how the Board is to replace the Commissioner in the event that the position becomes vacant. “If the Commissioner position becomes vacant, then the Board of Directors shall appoint a replacement within 14 calendar days, and the appointee shall serve until the next regularly scheduled election. The Commissioner appointee may be decided upon by a majority of the Board members via e-mail, conference call, or during a Special Meeting.” (Rationale: We currently have language to address how the Commissioner is to replace a vacant board position, but no language authorizing the Board to appoint a replacement if the Commissioner position is vacated between elections.)

Steve Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Terri Jimenez

Discussion ensued – Donna Beasley suggested that we add a time specific requirement to the replacement.

Friendly amendment by Mike Farah – add 14 days period for a special meeting either by e-mail, in-person, or conference call.

Motion Passed – Unanimous

**Motion 5:** Modify the language in Article VI, Section B, Staff Relations to read as follows: “The Board of Directors shall oversee the day-to-day operations of the Executive Director and staff and independent contractors of the Florida Region. The Commissioner shall be the liaisons between the BOD and the Executive Director of the region. The Executive Director shall be the first point of contact for any issue regarding staff and independent contractors.” (Rationale: To clarify the Chain of Command for issues that may arise.)

Steve Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dave Carstenson

Discussion – Questions were posed by Mike Farah, Donna Beasley, & Terri Jimenez.

Motion Passed – Unanimous

**Motion 6:** Replace the position of Assistant Commissioner with an Indoor Adult Chair.

(Rationale: The Commissioner would like to have someone in place to assist with growing adult volleyball and places to play in Florida.)

Steve Bishop, No 2<sup>nd</sup>

Motion FAILED due to lack of second

**Motion 7:** To add the language that would allow a contract to be signed by one signer as long as an e-mail approval from a second signer had been obtained in advance of executing the contract. (Rationale: There are times when a contract may be presented and may need to be executed without the time necessary to obtain a second signature due to geographical challenges.)

Steve Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Gale

Discussion – This change would enable any one of the three signers to enter into a contract that may obligate the Region without the knowledge of a second signer or the

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Board until after it is too late. The current language does not prohibit from obtaining a second signature on a different date as long as a second signature is obtained.

Motion withdrawn

**Motion 8:** Add the word “written” to the following sentence in Article IX, Section C: “No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation, and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a written resolution of the Board of Directors.” (Rationale: All resolutions of the Board should be in writing as opposed to a verbal resolution.)

Steve Bishop, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Farah

No Discussion

Motion Passed – Unanimous

**Motion 9:** Adult teams must participate in 2 region sanctioned events to qualify for participation in the Adult Regional Championships and any subsequent reimbursement of National Championship fees, if approved by the Board. In situations where a team has had a name change or two teams fold into one team, at least 4 of the rostered players must have played in at least 2 region sanctioned events to meet the requirement above.

Mike Gale, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Bishop

Motion Passed – Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn at 8:28pm – Mike Farah