

USA VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION ASSEMBLY MINUTES

DOUBLETREE HOTEL, AURORA, CO

OCTOBER 7-8TH, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME Andy Reitingner, Chair

A. Introduction of minutes taker-Heather Koehler Williams for this meeting.

B. Call to Order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Andy Reitingner at 9:00 AM MT

Present: Aloha, Kent Ma; Arizona, Harold Cranswick; Badger, Jen Armson-Dyer; Bayou, Angelle Simms; Carolina, Kevin Wendelboe; Chesapeake, Lisa DiGiacinto; Columbia Empire, Cody March; Delta, Joe Williams; Evergreen, Meredith Coupland; Excelsior Empire, Hazel Goldstein; Florida, Steve Bishop; Garden Empire, Kevin DesLauriers; Gateway, Steve Mueth; Heart of America, Lisa Madsen; Heart of America, Bertile Wamelink; Hoosier, Terry Sweasy; Intermountain, Jason Badell; Iowa, Brett Myers; Keystone, Michelle Carlton; Lone Star, Will Vick; Moku O'Keawe, Angie Andrade-Morioka; New England, Dave Peixoto; North Country, Laura Bush; Northern California, Donna Donaghy; Ohio Valley, Brian Hofman; Oklahoma, Shawn McCarty; Old Dominion, Skip Weston; Palmetto, Jimmy Pedon; Pioneer, Nancy Funk; Puget Sound, Cindy Compoc; Rocky Mountain, Keith Murlless; Southern, Steve Kenyon; Southern California, Ann Davenport; Sun Country, Natasha Campbell; Western Empire, Rocco Lucci.

Athletes: Erin Aldrich-Shean via teleconference.

Absent with no Proxy: Alaska, Julie Webber; Gulf Coast, Philip Bryant

New Commissioner: Bayou, Angelle Simms; Sun Country, Natasha Campbell

Teleconference Participants: Lakeshore, Eric Lazowski; North Texas, Steve Carrera; Great Plains, Craig Wiedel, USAV, Shelby Brown; USAV, Chris Vadala;

Board Reps Present: Bob Baker, USAV Board of Directors.

Various USA Staff Members: Daniel Becker, Janice Kosbab, Michelle Goodall, Bernie McClain, Stacy Kearns, Peter Vint, Melissa Weymouth, Chrissy Elder, Molly Crockett, Clarence Hughes, Rylan Underwood, Kristy Cox

Quorum was declared.

II. SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER
Steve Kenyon read the rules of the order for the meeting

Kenyon

III. MINUTES/AGENDA

Reitinger

A. The minutes of the May 2023 RVAA meeting were approved electronically following the meeting.

B. Review of Agenda

IV. USAV STAFF REPORTS

Goodall/Vint

Goodall has been in her position in Member Services for five months. Janice Kosbab is leading the CSR team. An online ticketing system has been implemented for tracking and responding to questions. USAV Beach has transitioned from bracketpal to volleylife. New championship manuals are available. Discussion about success of National Teams. Reitinger suggested a results page for all national teams rather than individual pages. Issue with excess shipping charges on rules books are being handled by USAV. Steve Bishop suggested we need rule books in hand earlier.

Vint discussed the resignation of both Dave McCann and Jordan Kelly. Training academy is on hold while they plan for new staff. USAV has provided bulks codes to interested regions. 7,650 codes were purchased and 282 (3.7%) are in use. Membership engagement in USAV Academy is 690 (1.3%). Impact 2.0 is now active.

V. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

VI. ZONALS

VII. LUNCH 12:30 P.M. MT- Andy Reitinger- Thanked Jaime Gordon and the AVCA for providing lunch. Jaime Gordon presented on youth volleyball- growth in the sport in participation, attendance, and television viewership.

VIII. SPONSORSHIP REPORTS

A. SPORTS IMPORTS- Danielle Calo

Sports Imports have been partners with USAV since 2013. They provide net systems for the volleyball industry along with branded net tapes and pole pads. They offer all USAV members a 15% discount.

B. Molten – Melissa Dawson

She shared updates about previous supply chain issues. Stated that the priority distribution would be to USAV club programs before retailers.

IX. VENDOR REPORTS

A. NCSI- Suzanne Boyd and Sarah Nielson

Shared the season comparison over three years. Turnaround time is up from last year in most cases.

B. EPIC- Jennifer Rains

Jennifer rains provided an update with the renewal efforts for the USA Volleyball insurance program. Focus on the incumbent carrier. Insurance market for sports and entertainment is still limited with scrutinized underwriting efforts (especially regarding abuse prevention). The prior liability loss history and open claims continue to influence renewal pricing and terms. Terms are like the expiring coverage except removed extended officials' coverage.

There is a premium increase of + 5.62%. Membership has increased +11.43%. Per member rate decreased 5.21%. The expiring rate was \$6.83 cost per member, and the renewal estimate is \$6.48 per member. Future renewal premiums could be impacted by reported risk exposures, open/ongoing claims activity and market appetite.

Program was renewed with incumbent carrier (Coalition). Renewed per the expiring coverage terms and conditions, \$2M limit with a \$5k deductible. Majority of policies are an automatic renewal with minimal change to premium for the 11/1/2023-11/1/2024 term. Most had 1% change in premium.

X. COMMITTEE MOTIONS (reports on meeting/motions)

A. Beach Committee Bishop
One motion to consider.

B. Competition Committee Mueth
One motion to consider.

- C. Education Committee Myers
No motions to consider.
- D. Marketing & Branding Committee Bush
No motions to consider.

Evening Social was hosted by SportsEngine at Legends of Aurora 6:00 p.m

- XI. RESUME GENERAL ASSEMBLY
The meeting was called to order by Andy Reitinger at 9:00 AM MT
- XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AWARDS Madsen
Awards will be given out in May.
- XIII. ALL STAR CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE Kenyon
Steven Kenyon shared that the 20 regions who participated in the All Star Championship will vote on the location for 2025.
- XIV. NEW BUSINESS
No new business
- XV. APPROVE NEXT TIME MEETING DATES
Columbus meeting will be May 20-21. Survey will be sent out to decide location for October 12-13, 2024, meetings. A survey will be sent out to set the location for the March RVA meeting.
- XVI. BEST PRACTICES
- XVII. ADJOURNMENT Motion Campbell/Second Simms
The meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM MT on Sunday, October 8th, 2023. 2nd Sims **Motion passes unanimously.**
- XVIII. ACTION ITEMS
-Clarification on how we as regions should give feedback to USA Volleyball- Andy Reitinger
-SportsEngine needs to be available, not useful in May meetings because session falls during other meetings, suggested a programmer be available from SE- Dave Peixoto

- Not enough time during May meeting to get things accomplished- Steve Kenyon
- Suggestion for a vendor day at May meetings- Steve Mueth
- Suggestion for a 3rd virtual meeting between May & October- Steve Kenyon

XIX. MOTIONS FROM OCTOBER 2023

Motion 1: (WilliamsMarch) Motion to request that USAV Gender Commission clarify transgender vs. binary policy and female to male transition.

Motion Carries Unanimously.

Motion 2: (DiGiacintoCompoc) Asking the required amount for a Beach Summer Membership to be removed, allows Regions to set the price. The current max is \$25.00 with \$16.00 going to USA Volleyball Currently.

Motion Carries Unanimously.

XX. FLOOR MOTIONS

Motion 1: (Kenyon/DiGiacinto) Motion to add to RVAA manual that to be eligible for the USAV Board of Directors as the RVAA representative, you must be a principle representative.

Motion Carries 31-20