



APPROVED RMR Board of Directors Minutes June 1, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m. by Glenn Sapp.

Members Present: Gary Houghton, Beth Kuwata, Frank Gray, Fran Zelinkoff, Glenn Sapp, Doug Miller, Kirk Rowland, Patti Enright-Harris, George Barrows, Bill Peer and Kathy Schell

Members Absent: Kim Pappas, Cathy Mahaffey, Kent Haggard and Alfonso Pantoja

Others Present: Wendy Sapp and Candace Zane

Minutes: The minutes of the March 29, 2010 Board meeting were accepted. (M#1/S/P)

Treasurer's Report: Tabled

Committee Reports:

Officials Committee:

1. Look at training officials and offer fewer but larger clinics for the 2011 season
2. Gary has been told from various people they want paid officials in Division 2
3. Suggested that we use the friendship tournament for official and score keeper mentoring, training, and rating. All officials will have to donate their time for that day.
4. We will have 2 paid officials clinics for the 2011 season
5. Scorekeepers are considering a power point for their clinics along with a newer set tape

Events Committee

1. US Opens
 - a. RMR sent a lot of teams to the Opens which was held in Phoenix, AZ.
 - b. 2 of the RMR teams made the gold bracket but lost early on.
2. Adult memberships are down across the country

Junior Committee

1. Paid officials in Division 1 are going very well.
2. Will be looking into next year expanding into Division 2

May Meetings Report:

Officials:

1. Not much was discussed.
2. Online Ref clinic really isn't ready to use in our region.

Juniors:

1. They are changing the verbage (cleaning up) in the Jr Qualifier manual.
2. Boys Nationals will be in Minneapolis and Girls Nationals will be in Atlanta
3. Recommended the entry criteria for acceptance into National Qualifiers are identical for both Open and Club divisions, and further, that the criteria referencing 'contiguous states' is eliminated

4. Recommended that at Qualifiers having split Club Divisions where a team winning the National Division bid subsequently earns an Open bid, the National bid will be returned to the Qualifier that originally awarded the bid and offered to the team that was the next finisher to the original bid winner, provided that the next finisher did not finish lower than 4th place.
5. Recommended in order for a Qualifier to split the Club Division into a National and American division for each age group, the split of teams must have at least 32 teams in each division (National and American) and the total number of teams for both divisions must total 64 teams or greater, otherwise the division reverts back to a single Club Division.
6. Recommended the field size for the 12 & Under American Division be increased.
7. Recommended 14 & Under thru 18 & Under Club Divisions be allowed to split into both National and American divisions at National Qualifiers provided that the split of teams have at least 32 teams in each division

RVA:

1. Junior position on the Board of Directors for USA Volleyball is Andy Rittinger.
2. Issues: \$10 membership increase will go into effect with 2011 memberships.
3. A rostered adult must be present at all Junior National events to work at the score table or as the R2.
4. RMR is in compliance. USAV is recommending that all regions should be the same for By-Laws, procedures, etc. operating codes, due process and etc. This is not possible due to different state laws.
5. A new task force on children's health and well-being is being developed. Sexual molestation issues, concussion issues, and disease issues are some of the topics this task force will be handling.
6. USAV has a great background screening procedure compared to other NGB's USAV is good for two years and is considered to be very thorough.
7. Decline of adult play. Regions are looking at ways to increase play at the Adult Level. The rule of 2 may be on the way out. Teams would decide what level to play.
 - a. Not enough younger adults coming in
 - b. Tournaments are too long
 - c. Adults are coaching and not playing
8. Insurance will increase 15-20%. USAV retention fund of \$153,000 will use be used first to set off any increases.
9. No shag-daddies: any non USAV member is not allowed on the volleyball court before or after a match (Junior Events). They cannot scorekeep or line judge unless they are members and have a cleared background screening. Unless they are asked to volunteer by the event staff
10. RMR had 3 fail their background screening, 74 total in the country, mostly due to alcohol related issues.

Old Business:

Mutual fund transfer is still in progress extended deadline to June 30, 2010.
 Check the usage of the 1-800 line and to see if it is beneficial to our membership.

New Business:

1. Approval of Adult and Junior Team reimbursement fund (M#2/P/S)
2. RMR Beach Series Proposal-sand volleyball as a collegiate has been NCAA approved and we are partnering with MSM.
 - a. Funding needed \$3,500 expenditure/possible loss of \$500.
 - b. Teams will be processed the same as Junior Events. Fees will be paid to the office, RMR pays host (M#3/S/P)
3. Future budget concerns

- a. RMR raised the membership fees by \$5 three years ago to \$45, will increase to \$55 in 2011 due to the USAV \$10.00 increase. The RMR does not receive any direct funds from the \$10 USAV increase. RMR will have additional business costs, insurance, etc. in the future. Need to start formulating different ways to meet budget without raising individual membership fees.
- b. Possible suggestions on raising more funds?
 - i. Raise team fees?
 - ii. Increase the Showdown teams
 - iii. Work on it for 2012-2013
 - iv. At the August meeting Glenn will solicit volunteers for a committee
4. RMR on Facebook-good way to get information out to all the Junior Players. Must monitor the site, fastest communication to reach young players. No cost except for staff, the office can verify they are members.

Next Meeting: August 16th, 2010

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. (M#4/S/P)