

# MINUTES

## ARAA Volleyball Board

Wednesday, January 17, 600pm | Aurelios, Ramsey

### In Attendance

Jennifer Shimek-Commissioner ((2020) 2022-2024)

Alex St John- Director (2023-2025)

Diane Fowler- Uniform/Equipment (2022-2024)

LaRae Olsson- Communications (2022-2024)

Katie Jensen - JO Co-Director (2023-2025) - not present

Jackie Hime - JO Co-Director (2023-2025)

Jessica Perez - Treasurer (2023-2025)

### **Agenda**

No previous minutes to review.

### **Commissioner Report**

- Gala; Great to see everyone outside of Volleyball!
  - Nominees- include JO next year
- Gambling Spending- Requested \$6,490 and received \$4,680
  - Balls on order and Storage Unit has been paid.
    - Free personalization and eclectic pump
- Board positions up in March
  - Commissioner, Communications and Equipment/Uniform
  - Advertising for these positions has started
- Board communication between members, all on same page
- Youth night recap....
- Sportsengine snafu at JO registration open

- Newsletters-
  - In addition to the association wide email- Consider posting just our submission/our own newsletter to ensure that it gets seen in the event a big board newsletter isn't shared

### **Treasurer**

- Account Balance \$15,454.74
  - Discount check from Sportsline \$125.07
- Pay coaches February 1 in person
- GIA and board member amount due to volleyball
  - \$6,925 will ask for
  - \$2,700 for big board children
- Suggestion made to incentivize board members to join the board

### **House**

- SeasonRecap
  - 135 players, 23 coaches, 14 teams, 13 events per team, 200 total events
  - Provide set practice plans to guide coaches
  - Continue with Open Gym before JO - charge a fee
  - Expand organizations that we play
  - Suggestion made to incentivize coaches
  - Communications or House Director to manage a team app for all teams
  - Book the same amount of gym time
  - Have more planned events during open gym times
  - Continue to try to find more high school teams to play against

### **Junior Olympic**

- Tryout recap - Overall long day but went well
  - Only 12 no-show (1am/11pm) and 1 that signed up but we didn't get it, PM group was too packed/chaotic, apparel try on went well, lots of ideas for next year
- Lessons learned (documenting all to plan for next season)
  - Top items are: tryouts, gym space/hours, skill gap closure, open gyms/clinics
- Team bonding activity update
- Creating coach & athlete/parent feedback form for 2024 season
- Pictures 1/24/24
- 17/18 - 1/27 playdate doesn't work for the team
  - Coach to find a free replacement tourney or one less than partial refund
  - Lesson learned for tournaments and coordinating dates with coach and team
- Evaluating tournaments and competition. I.e. Crossfire average v ARAA average
- 15-Maroon - Assistant coach needed

- Evaluating the budget and may adjust head coach pay
  - Evaluating who can help with this role
- 14-Silver Parent feedback
  - Some of the practice and tournament date/s time/s may not work
  - Can pull from 14-Maroon for tournaments
  - Reminder of commitment during registration and sign-ups
- Team Building Activities
  - Period kits - Not much interest at the team level
  - Will add as a requirement to 2024-25 team guidelines
- Ref training went well. Better than USA
  - Inconsistent ref requirements by tournament
  - Crossfire, depending on location, may not have down ref or line judge
    - Due to nets and spacing
    - Team and parents helped out nicely
- If a coach is canceling a practice, JO Director needs to be informed. A sub coach attempt will be made.

### **Uniform/Equipment**

- JO, one size issue - resolved
- Ripit - good to work with
  - Waiting on two libero jerseys

### **Communications**

- JO Tourneys on social - ongoing
- JO Pics on social - please share your tourney pics with LaRae
  - Ask coaches and parents to send pics to [araavolleyballcomm@gmail.com](mailto:araavolleyballcomm@gmail.com)
- Monthly newsletter - Volleyball edition
- Picture schedule on socials
- No photo waivers from any JO players
- Google chat or similar function for board members to stay easily connected

### **Action Items (who and what)**

- Communications to advertise open board positions on social media
- Board members to recruit board members
- JO to encourage team building activities
- JO to work with 15-Maroon on assistant coach
  - Include commissioner and finance
- Board members present at Fred Moore on January 24 for picture day
- JO Tourneys and pics on social media - communications
- Board members send newsletter items to LaRae by 1/26

- Communications will research team chat option
- Communications to recommend House team app

## Next Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

Location TBD

Motion to adjourn was made at 832pm and was passed unanimously.