

Lone Star Volleyball Association
Minutes of the Annual Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, April 9, 2021
Hilton Garden Inn
Houston - Energy Corridor

PRESIDER: Will Vick, Commissioner

RECORDER: Carrie Baehr, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The Commissioner, Will Vick, called the meeting to order at 8:19 PM.

ROLL CALL: Absent but excused were Elbert Ortiz, Crystal Lyne, Eddie Dahl Jr.

GUESTS: Thomas Hoy, Renee Blakely

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR LOST BOARD MEMBERS: Michael Inlow, Steve Boucher, Gene Chambliss

APPROVAL OF 2019 MINUTES: The 2019 BOD minutes were approved as written. (Hal Naumann moved/ Mark Papich seconded).

APPROVAL OF 2020 ELECTION—NO BOARD MINUTES: The 2020 election and required actions were handled by e-mail due to COVID Restrictions. 2020 Elections and actions were approved. (Steve Crane Moved / Karen Tarmon seconded)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written. (Hal Naumann moved/ Marc Holmquist seconded).

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA: Agenda was amended with one action regarding referee safety. (Mar Resendiz moved / Virgie Mallett seconded)

DATE AND LOCATION OF 2022 BOARD OF DIRECTIONS MEETING: Due to low attendance at Adult Lone Star Regionals, future Lone Star Board Meetings will be in conjunction with the Mizuno Cross Court Classic. The 2022 Board Meeting will be at the Hilton Garden Inn, Houston – Energy Corridor on Friday, March 11th at 8:00 pm. (Marc Holmquist moved / Mark Papich seconded)

ELECTIONS: Commissioner Vick called for nominations from the floor for the positions currently up for election. Joe Campbell nominated Shereka McLain to fill the Golden Triangle vacancy. Mark Papich motioned to close nominations / Virgie Mallett seconded. All non-opposed positions were accepted by acclamation. (Virgie Mallett moved / Mark Papich seconded)

DIRECTORS REPORTS

SCORER CHAIR REPORT: Steve Crane reported that the Region has 4,304 certified scorers, as of April 7, 2021. Scorer clinics were held in 51 different cities. He reported that the Region currently has certified two International Scorers, eight qualified International Scorers, 26 National Scorers, 10 Regional Scorers, 118 Provisional Scorers, and 4,140 Junior Olympic Scorers, as of April 7, 2021. Congratulations to our two new National Scorer Candidates, Beverly Michelson and Tuan Mai.

REFEREE'S CHAIR: Joe Campbell reported that there have been some new developments in the training and education of referees. Virtual referee clinics and registrations were developed to help re-certify referees as well as allow for easier registration processes. Moving forward, all registrations will be electronic. The LSR currently has 33 National, 28 Junior National, 95 Certified Regional, 829 Certified Provisional, and 171 Certified Junior or Junior R2 referees. It was reported that the Region is recommending four Junior National Referee Candidates and two National Referee Candidates, for certification at the 2021 National Championships. The Lone Star Region conducted 82 in person clinics and 5 virtual clinics, this Season. Beach Referee Chair, Carlos Rodriguez is looking to hold a beach referee clinic in the summer of 2021. At this time, the Referees Chair took a moment to remember Ann Heard (Regional Referee) and Steve Boucher (Junior Nation Referee).

NEW MEMBER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Karen Tarmon - Our member management system has moved from Webpoint over to SportsEngine. Although there is a learning curve, Karen only sees improvement with this system.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The report was distributed to each board member. Any questions concerning the report must be submitted in writing to the Commissioner or Treasurer.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT: Dick Kappell reported that the Region's registered membership has seen a 4.1% decline this year in team growth. We closed the 2019-2020 Season with 1,610 teams and this year is currently at 1,552 teams. The Lone Star Region will not field any high-performance teams, this Season. It was reported that 83 girls' teams and 4 boys' teams have already qualified for the 2021 championships.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Thang Nguyen reported that adult friendship tournaments continue to happen once a month. Junior Beach – There is something scheduled for each weekend with 2 to 3 beach qualifiers a month. There are 3 Boys National Tournaments in May and June. The Girls National Beach Championships are July 10 – 15. Thang reported that he was elected to the USA Beach Assembly for USA Volleyball.

REGISTRATIONS: Will Vick reported that the region finished the 2019-2020 with 21,494 individual registrations, and it appears as if we will be slightly short of that number for the

2021 Season. There will be a re-structuring of the high-performance programs, within USA Volleyball. These changes will be announced as we prepare for the 2022 Season. The Commissioner also extended his thanks to Karen Tarmon for all her work within the Region, during this most difficult initial registration season, under Sports Engine. He also recognized Steve Crane and Thomas Hoy for creating COVID SAFE clinics, and handing out pens and sanitizers to each person in attendance.

AUSTIN AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Virgie Mallet reported that there were fewer adult inquiries on how to find a team, but all is well.

SAN ANTONIO AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Mar Resendiz reported that San Antonio is still on semi-lock down.

BRAZOS VALLEY AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Wally Simpson reported that the Brazos Valley Area participation is about the same. Most of the drop off is in the lower clubs without their own facilities, but probably only one team down. He thinks they should be back to normal next year.

HOUSTON AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Gordon Morrison reports that Houston is hot and cold. Some tournaments are very large and some are very small.

COACHES' DEVELOPMENT: No news on Impact since they are doing it all online. It is free if you have a membership or \$35 if you attend a clinic. Moving into next season there will no longer be any in person clinics.

BUSINESS:

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES – 2021/2022 SEASON: A proposal to raise the tournament fees for one day tournaments was proposed. After discussions, Tournament entry fees will go up to \$135 for “non-paid” official events and \$195 for 1-day refereed tournaments. (Joe Campbell motion / Karen Tarmon second)

2021 / 2022 Tournament Financial Form: Tournament directors will be required to fill out their financial forms for each tournament. This is a requirement moving into the future.

Member Recognition: Thomas Hoy was recognized for his outstanding contributions and dedication to the Lone Star Region an USA Volleyball. Thomas Hoy was honored as a Lifetime Member of the Lone Star Region Volleyball Association. (Will Vick motioned / Thang Nguyen second)

Parent / Coach Behavior: It is up to each tournament director to ensure the safety of the referees, coaches, and parents.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The time was 11:47 P.M. (Virgie Mallett moved/ Wally Simpson seconded)

Respectfully Submitted,

**Carrie Baehr
Secretary**