



**Lone Star Region**

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**Newsletter**

Will Vick, Commissioner  
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# Commissioner's Notes

We only have a few tournaments remaining, including our national championships, and the 2006 Season will be closed. Our regional championships, for adults and juniors, have concluded and all national championship bids have been determined. We currently have 23 adult teams scheduled to attend the 2006 USA Volleyball National Championships, in New Orleans from May 27 through June 3, 2006. We have 46 teams qualified and selected to compete at the 2006 USA Junior Olympic Girls Volleyball Championships, in Atlanta, on June 28 - July 5, 2006. And at the 2006 USA Junior Olympic Girls Volleyball Invitational, June 29 - July 2, 2006, we have 11 Region teams with applications pending. Although the entry deadline is still pending for the 2006 USA Junior Olympic Boys Volleyball Championships, we are hoping to be represented by 4 outstanding boys teams. The boys' event will also be in Minneapolis, from July 5 through July 12, 2006.

Our adult regional championships were hosted on April 9th, by the Austin Juniors Volleyball Club, in Austin. All went well, and our thanks to Glen Lietzke, and his entire staff. The junior regional championships, ages 11 through 15, were played in Austin on May 6-7. At the same time, the 16's through 18's, were played in Houston. Both were outstanding events as indicated by the number of participants attending each. Congratulations to each of the event hosts, as well as all the participants—great job!

A copy of our Board Minutes are being published in this issue of the newsletter, for your information. The Annual Board of Directors' Meeting was held on Friday night prior to the adult regionals. Take this opportunity to read through the minutes, since those changes addressed here will be those which affect us during the 2006-2007 Season.

With the new on-line registration system, each of you will now be able to log on to your own record and keep it up to date, throughout the summer. Maintaining your record is very easy, you simply go to our Region web site, [www.lsvolleyball.org](http://www.lsvolleyball.org). There you click on "Registrations", and scroll through the instructions. Select the appropriate link and log-on to your records. If you have forgotten your user name and password, you can use the "Forgot Password" and the information will be emailed to you. One thing you should remember when working with this system, be sure you check your filters on your email service. Many are set so high that our system's response is interpreted as SPAM. We will again be using this same system next season for our individual on-line registrations. Hopefully, each member will be familiar enough, with the system, that they can accomplish their registrations using their own email addresses. The majority of the problems this season occurred when individuals were registered by someone else. This is a User Name and Password System and only the individual members should have access to their own information.

We currently have approximately 400 members who are still listed in the system as "Unpaid". These individuals should have already been registered, except for the fact that they haven't sent in their waiver & release of liability. Most of these individual are players, but we also have many officials and coaches who are also included. Once an individual has registered on-line they send in their required forms to their club director or the Regional Office, along with the appropriate fees. This is where we fell short and it is not being monitored by many of the club directors. I sure hate to think that we have unpaid players and coaches out there participating in sanctioned competitions. But, I know that to be a fact, we had one parent contact me for an Insurance Claim. When checking the player's status I noticed that the individual had not completed the registration process. I still don't know the outcome, but I sincerely hope that club director is aware of the liabilities that could be incurred when playing an ineligible, unregistered, player. It's something that every club director should be aware of.

Club directors, you will have until July to get these "Unpaid" members straightened out. After that, I will start deleting them from the system. I'm sure many of them will be interested to know that they were not actually registered, when they had actually been participating in sanctioned events. Next season we are looking at the possibility of building a suspense into the system, whereby the registration will be automatically deleted if the registration is not consummated with a prescribed period of time.

As many of you know, for every year that the Region has been in existence we have increased our membership by a minimum of 10% each year. This year with the excessive number of "Unpaid" members we'll be lucky to end the season with the same number of members as last season. I can assure that we will add some kind of controls for next season, and the penalties will be enforced, for using illegal players and coaches.

## 2007 USA VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2007 USA Volleyball Championships, Open and Co-ed Tournaments will be held in our own Region next year in Austin, Texas. Exact dates and playing schedules will be listed on the USA Volleyball Website. The sites and dates for the Junior National events will be posted as soon as that information is made available to me.

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Lone Star Volleyball Association  
Minutes of the  
Annual Board of Director's Meeting

Friday, April 7, 2006  
The Woodward Hotel  
Austin, Texas

Presider: Will Vick, Commissioner

Recorder: Regina Daniel, Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: The Commissioner, Will Vick, called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL: All members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The 2005 BOD minutes were approved as written. (Virgie Mallett moved/ Mar Resendiz seconded).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved as distributed with the addition of 2006 Loss of Revenues and Tournament Seeding. (Thomas Hoy moved/Steve Crane seconded).

DATE AND LOCATION OF 2007 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: Based on policy defined by the BOD, the 2007 meeting will be held in conjunction with the adult regional championship tournament in San Antonio, Texas. The specific date will be released at a later date.

ELECTIONS: The Commissioner called for nominations from the floor for the positions currently up for election. All non-opposed positions were accepted by acclamation. (Thomas Hoy moved/Rachel Nobles seconded).

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

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.

REGISTRATIONS: We closed the 2004/2005 season with 9,552 individuals and 839 teams. As of April 7, 2006, we had registered 9,315 individuals and 931 teams.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Annell Neale reported that there is a printable version of the Lone Star Region Member's Handbook available on the Region's website. She also reported that the handbook would be updated as needed. She also reported that printable versions of the Region's Newsletters are now available on the Region's website. She reported that newsletters will still be mailed to those members who wish to receive their newsletters by mail. Commissioner Vick proposed that Steve Crane put a notice on the Region's website bulletin board that the newsletter is now available on line and where it can be accessed.

WOMEN'S PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE: Rachel Nobles reported that she had received questions concerning notifications to teams regarding playing sites. She also reported that she had received complaints concerning the timely posting of second day schedules for two-day tournaments.

REFEREE' CHAIR: Thomas Hoy reported that to-date, Lone Star Region National and Junior National Referees have conducted 42 referee clinics with a total of 1,037 applications submitted, which represents a 16% decrease over last year. Of the 1,037, 970 applied, paid their fee and registered with the region, which represents a 16% decrease over last year, 198 were re-certifying and 213 were renewing. He also reported that to-date; the Region has 23 National Referees, 20 Junior National Referees, 71 Regional Referees, 247 Provisional Referees, 47 Junior Olympic Referees and 15 upgrades. Mr. Hoy reported that the Region received 6 Junior National Referee applications and 4 candidates were recommended for advancement to the junior national level. He also reported that Dick Kappel had been recommended for advancement to the National level. Mr. Hoy reported that congratulations are extended to Renee Blakely on her new Junior National Referee status and to Sean Carter on his new National Referee status.

At this time, Mr. Hoy took the opportunity to thank Steve Crane for his help and support, John Kimmel in San Antonio for his help in obtaining facilities for clinics, Gordon Morrison in Houston for his help in arranging and conducting clinics, and Carlos Rodriguez for his help in Austin.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: Dick Kappel reported that the number of girls' junior teams decreased by .4% from 2005. He reported that he suspected that the decrease is due to the oversight of the junior club directors in assigning players to the appropriate teams and creating the team rosters on-line. He also reported five impact clinics were held with 122 participants and that one additional clinic is scheduled for the Lone Region at a later date.

SCOREKEEPER'S CHAIR: Steve Crane reported that there were 45 Scorekeeper clinics held in various locations of the state. He reported that to-date he had received a total of 2,277 applications. He reported that the Region currently has certified 1 International Scorekeeper, 12 National

Scorekeepers, 1 Junior National Scorekeeper, 7 Regional Scorekeepers 70 Provisional Scorekeepers and 563 Junior Olympic Scorekeepers. He also reported that the only change to the score sheet for the 2005-2006 season is the requirement that the R1 Referee also sign the score sheets at the end of each match.

LONE STAR REGIONAL WEB SITE UPDATE: Steve Crane reported the addition to the Web Site Menu of a link to access the Region's Newsletter and a link to access the on-line registration process. He also reported that he has added the Lone Star Region Team Finder to the Region's Web Site. This addition assists teams looking for players, players looking for teams, etc. To-date, he reported that he has received 878 entries and that the addition of the team finder has been very successful.

VICE COMMISSION: Nothing to report.

HOUSTON AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Gordon Morrison reported that the juniors are growing in the Houston area and the number of adult teams have decreased.

BRAZOS VALLEY AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Wally Simpson reported that the growth in his area has been in the junior divisions. He also reported that there have been a number of college students interested in coaching for the junior clubs.

MEN'S PLAYER REPRESENTATIVE: Pat Johnston reported that there have been a number of good, competitive tournaments hosted to-date.

COACH'S DEVELOPMENT CHAIR: Nothing to report.

SAN ANTONIO AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Mar Resendiz reported that referring prospective players and coaches, etc. to the Team Finder on the Region's web site has been very helpful. At this time, Mr. Resendiz initiated a conversation concerning requests from individuals for the Region to rate the quality of the active junior clubs. It was determined that those individuals should be referred to each junior club's individual web site for information concerning each club's coaching staff, success rate, fees, etc.

GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Nothing to report.

AUSTIN AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Virgie Mallett took this opportunity to comment on the success of the addition of the Lone Star Region Team Finder.

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Vicki Barnes reported that 15 Friendship Tournaments were offered in August, September and October 2005. She also reported that 89 Division Tournaments were offered. She reported that the adult tournament participation was very poor for the 2005/2006 season. She reported that we currently have 14 women's teams registered in the Power BB Division and 12 men's teams registered in the Power BB Division. She also reported that all adult sanction fees have been paid for the current season.

CORPUS CHRISTI AREA REPRESENTATIVE: Melissa Garza reported that tournament hosts experienced some difficulty in obtaining tournament facilities. She also reported that the Corpus Christi area did not experience significant growth for the current season.

LEGAL ADVISOR: Michelle Hanlon had nothing to report.

#### BUSINESS:

USA VOLLEYBALL HIGH PERFORMANCE PROGRAM: After some discussion, a proposal was made to appoint Dick Kappel, Junior Development Director, to be the Lone Star Region's representative on the USA High Performance Committee. (Michelle Hanlon moved/Virgie Mallett seconded).

After further discussion, a motion was duly made and carried that contingent upon Mr. Kappel's recommendation to the Commissioner, the Region will contribute to the USA High Performance Program, (earmarked for entry fees), an amount equal to tournament entry fees for four teams for the 2006 season. After further discussion, it was determined that the Region's contribution for the 2007 and subsequent seasons will be re-evaluated at the annual BOD meetings.

After further discussion, it was determined that the USA High Performance Program will provide the Lone Star Region with accounting responsibility in the form of an annual Financial Report.

RE-DESIGNATION OF BOARD POSITION: Commissioner Vick made a proposal that the position of Newsletter Editor be re-designated as Media Director. After discussion, a motion was duly made and carried that the position of Newsletter Editor be re-designated in the Region by-laws as Media Director.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY FEES AND REFEREE'S FEE STRUCTURE - 2006/2007 SEASON: After some discussion it was determined that the tournament entry fees and the referees' fund will not increase for the 2006/2007 season.

LOSS OF REVENUE - 2005/2006 SEASON: After discussion, it was determined that the 2005/2006 season loss of revenue could be attributed to the 2005/2006 team fees being waived for teams who registered on-line.

ON-LINE REGISTRATIONS - 2006/2007 SEASON: The Commissioner reported that there would be no increase in registration fees for the 2006/2007 season. He also stated that the on-line team fee will be waived for the 2006/2007 season.

After discussion, a motion was made and passed that the individual registration fee for members who utilize the on-line registration Data Collection Form will be increased to \$40 for the 2006/2007 season.

REGISTRATIONS: We closed the 2004/2005 season with 9,552 individuals and 839 teams. As of April 7, 2006, we had registered 9,351 individuals and 931 teams.

SEEDING OF TOURNAMENTS: After some discussion, it was determined that the Lone Star Region seeding system currently in place will continue to be used for seeding tournaments. It was noted that there is a link on USA Volleyball's website where the top ten teams by divisions from each region are listed.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The time was 11:30 P.M. (Steve Crane moved/Gordon Morrison seconded)

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Daniel  
Secretary

## Texas Senior/Master Volleyball

How long has the Senior Association been around? I don't know but more fingers than I have on my two hands. Every year after the USA Volleyball Nationals, I go to the Commissioners of Lone Star Region and North Texas Region, ask for a roster of those of you who will turn 50 years young the next year. I am starting now to try to locate new seniors, so if your birthday in year 2007 turns you 50, please contact me, make it easy for me as I hear we have a new Commissioner in North Texas and it a bit harder starting over with new folks. Presently we have about 325 seniors on the rolls, but we have a large group that just talk volleyball, we need more players. How to contact, check out [www.tsmvolleyball.org](http://www.tsmvolleyball.org), click **Seniors**. There will be a Masters/Seniors picnic again this year. At the time I do not know the details but it should be in the month of August, watch for further information. The summer schedule for Senior Events are: Farmers Branch, both genders on Saturday, July 15, South Austin Recreation Center, ladies Saturday, August 12, men Sunday, August 13, the Senior Olympics State Event in Austin during the month of September, and the Huntsman World Senior Games in St George Utah, October 13 thru October 21. Yall take care now!

--Carl Thompson

## From the Scorekeeper's Chair

Wow! A record has been established, 92 scorekeeper and referee clinics this season. That is an average of one clinic every two and a half days. There were no excuses for missing a clinic. If you made one of those clinics now is the time to get your scoresheets in.

If you are unsure of your status look on the LS website (<http://lsvolleyball.org>), click on Official's Clinics, then Scorekeeper Status. There are links to reports for all levels and, if you are missing something, the "Application on File Not Complete" report will tell you what is missing. The key to the report is directly below the links.

--Steve Crane

## Junior News

Dick Kappel, Jr. Development Director

### 2006 Lone Star Junior Regional Championship Results

Congratulations to the top teams at the Lone Star Junior Regional Championships.

<b>18's</b>	1st	Willowbrook 18 Asics	<b>17's</b>	1st	Austin Jrs 17 Mizuno
	2nd	Bexar County 18		2nd	Team TX Elite 17 Black
	3rd	South Shore 18 Mizuno		3rd	Houston Jrs 17 National
	4th	Club Texas 18 Black		4th	TX Tornados 17 Nike
<b>16's</b>	1st	AMV - 161	<b>15's</b>	1st	TX Tornados 15 Nike
	2nd	Houston Jrs 16 National		2nd	Austin Jrs 15 Mizuno
	3rd	TX Riptide 16 Baden		3rd	Zero Gravity 15 Blue
	4th	Willowbrook 16 Asics		4th	Austin Jrs 15 Navy
<b>14's</b>	1st	Austin Jrs 14 Mizuno	<b>13's</b>	1st	BRVC - 131
	2nd	Willowbrook 14 Asics		2nd	South Shore 13 Mizuno
	3rd	Houston Jrs 14 National		3rd	Woodland Stars 13 Gold
	4th	TX Tornados 14 Nike		4th	Austin Jrs 13 Mizuno
			<b>12's</b>	1st	Austin Jrs 12 Mizuno
				2nd	Maverick - 121
				3rd	TX Tornados 12 Nike
				4th	Alamo 12 Kaepa

### 2006 Junior National Championships

Congratulations are also in order for the following teams which have qualified as well to play at the 2006 Junior National Championships in Atlanta (teams available at print).

<b>18's</b>	Austin Jrs 18 Mizuno	<b>17's</b>	Alamo 17 Kaepa
	Bexar County 18		Austin Jrs 17 Mizuno
	Club Texas 18 Black		Club Texas 17 Black
	South Shore 18 Mizuno		Houston 17 National
	Texas Tornados 18 Nike		Team TX Elite 17 Black
	Willowbrook 18 Asics		TX Tornados 17 Nike
<b>16's</b>	AMV - 161	<b>15's</b>	Alamo 15 Kaepa
	Austin Jrs 16 Mizuno		Austin Jrs 15 Mizuno
	Extec 16 National		Austin Jrs 15 Navy
	Houston 16 National		South Shore 15 Mizuno
	TX Riptide 16 Baden		Southwest 15 National
	TX Tornados 16 Black		TX Tornados 15 Nike
	TX Tornados 16 Nike		Zero Gravity 15 Blue
	Willowbrook 16 Asics		

See 12's, 13's & 14's next page

**14's** Alamo 14 Gold  
Alamo 14 Kaepa  
Austin Jrs 14 Mizuno  
Club Texas 14 Black  
Houston 14 National  
Southwest 14 National  
TX Tornados 14 Nike  
Willowbrook 14 Asics  
Willowbrook 14 Molten

**13's** Alamo 13 Kaepa  
Austin Jrs 13 Mizuno  
BRVC - 131  
South Shore 13 Mizuno  
TX Tornados 13 Nike  
Woodland Stars 13 Gold

**12's** Austin Jrs 12 Mizuno  
Maverick 121  
TX Tornados 12 Nike  
Woodland Stars 12 Gold

## [Link to Junior Tournament Schedule](#)

# Boys' Playing Opportunities

### Cardinal Stritch University

**Coach Poppelman from Cardinal Stritch University.** My team is currently ranked 8th in the nation in the NAIA's latest poll. I'm looking for talented boys that are interested in playing volleyball at the next level. I'd like any contact information you may have so I can get in touch with them as soon as possible.

I look forward to hearing from you and your players.

Thanks,

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Head Men's and Women's Volleyball Coach  
Cardinal Stritch University  
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Milwaukee, WI 53217  
W-phone # 414-410-4518

H-phone # 414-672-6682

Mobile # 414-736-6583

### Pflugerville Club

PVCA is currently looking into beginning 2 boys' volleyball teams for next club season. Our goal is to have a 16's and 18's team. The 16's will consist of boys that are either 15 or 16 years of age by Sept.1, 2007. The 18's will have boys that are 17 or 18 by Sept. 1, 2007. If you have a son interested in playing competitive volleyball, please contact us at PVCA@austin.rr.com. If you are interested in Coaching, contact us and send a resume. We will have a meeting in May to see how much interest there is in a new program. Please let any other boys in the Austin area know about this new part of PVCA.

Russell Larson, Director PVCA  
1-512-834-1711 (home)  
1-512-496-5443 (cell)  
1-512-832-1677 (fax)

# Adult Regional's Winners

## Women's A

Ball Bangers - 1st  
Rita & Speedo's - 2nd

## Men's A

Texas Rangers – 1st  
Crackers & Rice – 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Women's BB

Sets Appeal - 1st  
Core – 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Men's BB

Big Nasty - 1st  
Homeboyz - 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Women's B

Network – 1st  
Hyenas – 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Men's B

Fear No One Too – 1st  
Hard Times – 2<sup>nd</sup>

## [Link to Adult Tournament Schedule](#)

## Discounted Hotels

### WHEN CALLING FOR RESERVATIONS ASK FOR LONESTAR VOLLEYBALL RATE

Valid on Friday, Saturday & Sunday nights.  
Other nights are subject to the hotel's best available rate.  
**Up to 4 people per room**

#### **San Antonio :**

Special Rate of \$52.00 , at Hotel Marquis , 2635 NE Loop 410. Krystal Garcia (210) 653-9110 ext. 191 or Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites for \$57.00, at 3855 IH 35, Benz-Engleman exit, Tammi Perez (210)226-4361 ext.191

#### **Houston :**

Special Rate of \$55.00 , at the Sheraton Brookhollow, Call 800/688-300 or large group rates call Heidi Nokes @ 713/613-0648 or The Marriott , West Loop by Galleria , for \$65.00 Rick Johnson , 713/960-0111 (W) 832/483-9821 (Cell ) or Hilton Garden Inn Northwest , 7979 Willow Chase Blvd. \$69 , Donna Bacon 832/912-3100

#### **Austin :**

Special Rate of \$55.00 at The Woodward Hotel, 3401 S. IH35 & Woodward 1-800/966-3927 or 512/448-2444

**ALL RATES AT ALL TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY**

*Next Newsletter Deadline*

*July 15, 2006*