

**Arizona Region  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 28, 2020  
Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting, via Webex, was called to order by Harold Cranswick at 11:40 am

2. **Roll Call -**

Commissioner -	Harold Cranswick
Secretary -	Becky Hudson
Treasurer -	Vacant
Officials Division Coordinator -	Earl Capps
Adult Division Coordinator -	Ron Pelham
Junior Division Coordinator -	Charlotte Pottle

Guest – Eric Hodgson

3. **Approval of meeting minutes**

**Motion:** Move to approve the minutes of the meeting held via WebEx on May 14, 2020.  
Tabled to next meeting

4. **Approval of the agenda**

**Motion:** Move to approve the agenda as amended (Capps/Pottle) Motion Carries

5. **Old Business**

a. **Arizona NCQ tournament**

With the cancellation of the BJNC, GJNC and HP Championships the AZ Region NCQ has also been cancelled.

b. **Allowing Clubs to Reopen**

USAV Task Force have issued guidelines to reopen volleyball events. Arizona has not released Phase 2 to date.

Governor Ducey has entered Arizona into Phase 1. Phase 1 says:

Schools and organized youth activities (eg, daycare, camp) that are currently closed should remain closed

Large Venues (eg, sit down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under strict physical distancing protocols.

Gyms can open if they adhere to strict physical distancing and sanitation protocols.

Livewire has a Gym classification

Epic says that ASC is considered a large venue

ASC reported that they were given the okay to reopen and allow courts to be rented

Revolution and AZ Sky have also opened

AZ Sky has been practicing

Our primary concern is the health and safety of our members – to allow them to make the best decision for themselves.

When Phase 2 is opened, any and all clubs are able to resume practices as long as the state guidelines are followed.

Basketball tournaments at ASC are resuming and allowing no more than 1 parent per player, masks for spectators, no masks for officials, coaches and participants.

**c. Outdoor Season for this summer**

Guidance is still needed on opening of our beach program. Eric as redone the schedule effective June 9. Contact has been made with our site directors and Victory Lanes – both are ready to go when Arizona moves into Phase 2.

Eric has created a list of guidelines for people to participate. If things get out of hand, the program will be shut down.

There will be a max of 42 teams per night – spacing of the parents. A social distancing map was created by Allen Alexander for Victory Lanes – we will use this same map. One parent per team. Masks for participants when not playing.

Eric will gauge the first 2 weeks of the program and see how it works.

AZ Jr Beach program is run by Norm and Kathy Anderson. They held a tournament last week and had 88 teams enter.

Science does not really say that cleaning the balls every match is worth anything.

**d. Clubs using AAU Insurance or Private Insurance to practice**

Harold is waiting for our attorneys to report

We have nothing prohibiting them from using private or AAU insurance to operate their practices.

**e. Refunds to parents**

**Offering discounts or carry over of refund money to next season.**

Because this is outside our purview (contract between a player and club) we need an opinion from our attorney. When we offer guidelines, we give people something to work around. This is working around our recruiting rules.

The attorneys said they were not sure it is a good idea for us to get involved in this. If taken to small claims court the club would have trouble unless the contract specifically said there are no refunds. The club would not be providing the service so the participants should get a refund.

If it is rolled over, we won't know about it until there is a problem. If we say there is no guarantee of making a specific team it looks like we condone it.

Reinforce our rules – Remind everyone what our policy states regarding taking money prior to tryouts. Remind parents buyer beware.

We are relying on the clubs to show good judgement. The parents will need to go to small claims court to resolve it.

**f. AZ High Performance Report**

USAV HP Championships have been cancelled.

Ron would like to do a local camp June 29 – July 2 for all ages. He would bring in a couple of collegiate coaches to work with the kids. The divisions would be called the same as the divisions used by HP. Space out the divisions between buildings. Rita Stubbs is checking with U of A Compliance office to see if she can be involved. Boys and girls.

Ron would like to have a coach's education component with the camps, as well. Classroom for the coaches and on court work. Coaches would help the players and learn the HP program. They would receive coach's education credit for attending. HP Coaches would evaluate and give feedback to the coaches that are helping with the camp.

Nothing USA Sanctioned is happening. USAV could not justify the HP camps and teams without the HP Championships happening.

Coaches are trying to get on AAU rosters so that they can attend the AAU championships. If the coach is not using the institution's money, they are not supposed to be recruiting.

**g. SafeSport Agency**

No information from SafeSport Center regarding the 3 cases from Arizona that they have taken jurisdiction over.

**h. Hand Sanitizers – contact John Manross**

EVJ Parent - his company makes and sells hand sanitizers. He has reached out to USAV and the AZ Region.

This is something we need to invest in. Maybe purchase the 1<sup>st</sup> gallon for a facility. Then they can purchase it from us or order it themselves.

Mixture to wipe off the bleachers.

Lysol wipes from Uline.

Do we buy in bulk for our Facility, Spiral and Court One, Navajo Nation?

Nothing smaller than a gallon. Small ones will be taken. Individual packet size hand sanitizers. We could put our logo on the individual packets and hand out to attendees. Buying in bulk is the most cost effective.

Beach – 4-6 gallons

Plan for the Fall.

Lysol wipes - for beach as well

Camps – hand sanitizers – 6 gallons

Motion: Move to purchase hand sanitizer and wipes for use by beach program and HP camps for the summer. (Hudson/Pelham) Motion Carries

**6. New Business**

**a. Insurance Certs**

We were asked about the use of our Insurance for the summer. Traditionally we end the certificates on June 30 because that would be the last that teams would be practicing before going to Jr Nationals. With Jr Nationals cancelled, do we still offer

the use of our insurance for teams to practice? Reason given for the need for the insurance was “season closure”. The teams are practicing to go to Volleyball Festival. For now, that event is pressing forward – possibly all in private facilities if Phoenix Convention Center does not allow the event. The event has been extended to 2 four-day schedules with different ages playing in the two sessions.

Ethical obligation to follow the guidelines.

NCAA recruiting Dead Period has been extended to July 31<sup>st</sup>. No recruiting will be happening all summer.

Post on our website and via social media the insurance certificates deadline and player release deadline.

**b. Navajo Nation**

The Navajo Nation has been hit hard by the COVID 19 virus. We have several clubs up on the reservation. Eric has been communicating with April Clairmont of Starlings Tuba City about what is needed. Eric has a list of items needed and an address and FaceBook page to ship to or donate funds for the Navajo and Hopi people.

After the Club info email five people inquired what they can do for the Navajo Nation.

**c. Beach NBT Events**

The BNQ events are scheduling for 2021. Eric has asked if this is something we want to go forward with even if we lose money. It is not a money maker for us. It is a 2-year commitment.

Eric checked with the bigger sand clubs. Three of the bigger sand clubs will participate if offered. We will need an athletic trainer and one official (as facilitator). It is not required to print shirts. We can have more officials if want – possibly for the semis and finals. We can have the official do the semis and finals. Florida players do not like to have officials come in for just the last match.

Motion: Move to renew a 2-year commitment for the NBT events to play in Arizona. (Pelham/Hudson) Motion carries

Hand sanitizer with our logo on it for give-aways.

**d. GoToWebinar**

The program GoToWebinar has a monthly rate and a yearly rate. The annual rate saves us \$50 per month over the monthly. It is not a cheap program.

Do we want to stay month to month or is this program something that we will take advantage of for the year – is it worth the cost to go annual?

\$250 / month for month to month. Save \$50 per month if an annual subscription. As information comes in, we can use a webinar to record info and post. Each month provide some information that they could listen to that does not take as much time as a full day meeting. Use for officials training. Effective way to disseminate info from the top to mid- level leadership to the individual.

GoToWebinar – has been good format. Can't talk but those registered can type in questions for the presenters. Summer gives us the time to consider different webinars and produce them now.

Suggestions for Webinars

During the crisis – once a month webinar for the club directors.

MMS items – show directors how to do things

Coaching education will change some – protocols at events will change somewhat.

YouTube Channel – post the webinars. Help club directors to know their job better.

City programs – budgets are being cut 30% or more. Volleyball is on the fringe.

Club directors should be told that they may not have as many that can pay full fare.

Motion: Move to change our GoToWebinar subscription from a month to month to an annual subscription. (Hudson/Pottle) MC

**e. National Meetings Report**

**Items of interest**

1. Task force created to investigate the junior age definitions. This was at the request of the JA. The Task Force is made up of members from the JA and RVAA and maybe Staff.
2. Motion was passed to allow the following age waivers be allowed at Bid tournaments, Girls Qualifiers and all of the JNC events:
  - a. Boys 12s if the boys are in 6<sup>th</sup> grade
  - b. Boys 13s if the boys are in 7<sup>th</sup> grade
  - c. Girls 17s if the girls are in 11<sup>th</sup> grade

The boys' waivers are for growing the boys' division. The girls' waiver is to allow the 17s that are J8 members to participate with a 17s team for recruiting purposes.

3. Background screen disqualifiers have been updated to include the USOPC disqualifiers. The list of those disqualifiers was not provided. The reason reported was to speed up those records that should be looked at against our disqualifiers.
4. Cecile Reynaud reported that the BOD is considering hand whistles for officials, long sleeve jerseys for teams, synthetic balls for play (easier to clean).
5. Proposal was made to merge all the assemblies of USAV – RVAA, JA and Officials Assembly. The purpose was to bring all the people to the table at one time to make decisions. It was introduced as a talking point and very draft format. Give feedback to Andy Reitingner. Qualifier Directors want a seat at the table with voice.
6. Boys Survey  
There was no interest in eliminating the summer boys' championships – USAV is considering adding a winter championships in Jan/Feb timeframe.
7. Juniors are looking at a ranking system. Ted Wade of Austin Juniors is working to put data together to see how well it works. Recommendation was to allow some human element in the seeding process.

8. JA Elite Committee – building spreadsheet – how to build a HP program – best practices – for RVA's that want to start programs. Peter Vint looking at fewer USA teams which would help the Regions field better teams.
9. Rule Book to be a living document – changes can happen in the middle of the season. How to put out the notices of rule changes.
10. New document repository for officials

**f. AVCA partnership renewal**

Hoping coaches are taking advantage of programs they are putting out.

**g. First Point Volleyball meeting report**

Motor MVB changed their name to First Point Volleyball Foundation. Wade Gerrard and John Speraw started the program to grow men's & boys' volleyball at the local and national level. Bruce Lincoln leads the group in Arizona.

Open Gym Webinar - Good discussion regarding HS with the virus situation. Tony Oldani has already been told that he will have no use of Brophy for school year for club practices.

Dan McDonnell played at Brophy and is now on National Team. Gave his story in the Open Gym Webinar.

The Foundation is working on scholarships with schools. So far, there has been no drop off in collegiate teams for men's VB.

The group was enthused that Colorado has approved Boys HS volleyball.

The group would like to stay up to date and are looking for financial support.

Interested in getting men's VB at the community college level. Harold contributed that they need to mobilize parents of players to demand men's VB in the Maricopa County CC District. Perhaps Arizona Region can help with this going forward as leagues are stepping stone for these programs.

**h. Retreat scheduled for July 10, 11, 12**

Lake of the Woods resort – rolled deposit over to 2021

Think about the agenda and structure of the retreat.

We should make those that we would like to meet with aware of the Retreat dates. No info has been given to any of the Jr Committees or Officials Leadership about the Retreat.

**i. Club Director Webinar in June to explain the changes coming**

Not sure we will have that info in June.

We need to be available to our clubs/members more.

**j. COVID 19 waiver for Beach Program**

Do we need a waiver for each person in the beach program?

Get ready to go for Beach Program start by June 9

**k. MMS System**

Webpoint is not an option going forward. NCVA and others have contacted them about using them for this year and they have declined, won't answer any email messages or return any phone calls.

The Qualifiers had asked SE MMS to work with them on the data download for other tournament registration systems. They told them they would. Word just came to them that the program is done, only AES will have direct download. No coordination was given.

**l. National Beach Tour –**

The NBT is still trying to hold the Championships event in California.

**m. Next meeting – Thurs, June 11, 11:30 am**

**7. Announcements**

Peter Meyer's father passed away May 26. Condolences to Peter and Katy Meyer.

**8. Meeting Adjournment**

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting (Pelham/Pottle) MC

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm

**Action Items as a result of this meeting**

- Order hand sanitizer and sanitary wipes for the beach program, HP camps and the Fall season.
- Post on website and via social media the deadline for insurance certs and player releases.
- NBT Agreement to be entered into with USAV for the next 2 years.
- GoToWebinar subscription to be converted to an annual subscription.
- Investigate leagues for men's community college volleyball in the fall.
- Contact Jr Committee and Officials leadership participants for meeting during the retreat
- Develop COVID 19 waiver and release of liability for Beach Program and beyond