

**Arizona Region
Board of Directors Emergency Meeting
March 17, 2020
Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 11:34 am by Harold Cranswick

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

Guests:

3. **COVID-19 Emergency Meeting**

a. **USAV Sanctioning pulled through Mar 31**

All insurance coverage has been pulled by USAV through March 31st. This includes all practices, events, or any other event that is sanctioned by USAV/AZ Region or uses the insurance.

Deer Valley USD has cancelled all outside contracts through at least April 13 to avoid risk – clubs in that area will not be able to rent school facilities for practices.

Complaints by DT and Chad that it is a breach of contract if USAV pulls the sanctioning. They want info on a full membership refund to include background screen fees and any other fees associated with being a member. These clubs were both still practicing as of Saturday. They were going to reach out to AAU for insurance or have signed waivers. See also Troy Sherman email regarding waivers.

Marilyn Dumbrell put forward that she is hearing from officials that want a prorated membership fee because they are unable to work.

CDC recommendation is to cancel or postpone any events in the next 8 weeks that consist of 50 or more people in the United States. Events of any size should only be continued if they can be carried out with adherence to guidelines protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing. When feasible, organizers should modify the event to be virtual.

Some clubs have continued to practice. No insurance – putting themselves in a very risky place by continuing to practice. Most have stopped practicing. Most are afraid of not being able to pay bills. Risking the health of all their families if they continue to practice.

All schools are shut down. AIA was not going to stop until the schools shut down. Everything is shut down through March 28. AIA is not taking a stance until they know

more – they have not cancelled their spring seasons yet.

Mar 16 notice from Tucson schools - once everything is over, they will resume play. They did not cancel their spring seasons.

We will sending out another message to club directors and parents to get the message across to everyone helping them to understand they are jeopardizing the health and safety of their families.

Club Directors are worried about the funds they have already paid out. They are worried about the funds that the parents have paid to the club for the season. If they can continue to practice, they can continue to bill them.

If the Fed government provides relief, we may be able to help them in the future. These are businesses for the club directors. Income for themselves. Owning a business involves risk. If they did not provide a cushion for themselves it does make it hard.

Ron has gotten phone calls from those in the South, before we think about refunds, the parents need to know where the money really was spent. This could highlight where the parent's money is going – to the Region, to the club, to the National office.

Ron was at the National office when they were having their meetings last week. They were definitely talking about dates. If they arbitrarily put the dates in that covered the events, they could not come back later and run an event.

b. Qualifier Schedule affected

Cancelled Qualifiers – 2nd week of Crossroads, MEQ, PNQ, Windy City, 1st week of Show Me.

Postponed – NEQ – working with City of Philadelphia to see what can happen. Red Rock Rave was just rescheduled for May 8 – 10 for all ages.

Qualifiers still scheduled:

Show Me Week 2 – Apr 3-5

Lone Star – Apr 4-6, Apr 10-12, Apr 17-19

Big South - Apr 10-12

Far Western – Apr 18-20, Apr 24-26

Northern Lights – Apr 17-19, Apr 24-26

As of this date USAV has not cancelled or postponed any National Championships.

Upcoming:

Girls 18 – May 1-3 - Reno

US Open Championships – May 22 – 27 - Minneapolis

Girls 11-17 – Jun 25 – July 4 – Dallas

Boys JNC – Jun 27 – July 4 - Reno

HP Championships – July 22 – 26 – Philadelphia

c. Vulture Peak Challenge

Week 1 of Vulture Peak in Prescott was scheduled for Mar 28-29

Week 2 of Vulture Peak in Chandler was scheduled for Apr 4-5

Teams that were entered all indicated that they would be interested in participating if

the event was to be held.

The t-shirts are in but Rodney is holding off printing until we notify him to print Vulture Peak or use the shirts for the Region Championships.

d. NCQ Tournaments

11s-15s AZ NCQ – Mar 28-29

16s-17s AZ NCQ – Apr 4-5

Teams that were entered in our NCQ were polled and all but one indicated that they would still be interested in a bid if it was earned.

e. Region Girls Schedule – and Spring Boys

It is requested by Jen Leo that we seriously consider postponing and extending the schedule instead of a blanket cancellation. We have May and June to complete the schedule. At least discuss the situation with the director group before blanket cancellations.

Regular Junior Tournaments Cancelled so far – Mar 14 – Mar 31

12s Club - #4 & #5

Club 13-16 - #5

Boys Spring #2 & #3

Championship #5

Open #4

Remaining Schedule as posted:

Apr 11: Championship #6

April 12: Easter

April 18: Club 12s – 16s #6 and Boys Spring #4

Eric's 4s tournament was scheduled for Mar 15 and was cancelled.

f. Region Adult Schedule

Next scheduled event is April 19

Adult RC – May 3

USAV has not released a change or cancellation of the US Open Championships in May.

g. Region Championships Scheduled

18 Open RC – April 18

15-18 Club RC – April 25

14-17 Open and 12s RC – May 2

14 Club RC – May 9

h. Refunds

To date refunds have only been issued to those that had registered for the Pre-USAV HP Tryout Clinic that was scheduled for Mar 15

i. Regarding Clubs that Continue with their own insurance or waivers

From Bill Lang - I think Terri's statement is valid. Despite the USAV's statement and ban, some clubs and coaches have continued practices and/or workouts. It puts us all in a bad situation.

[Terri Spann's statement - I think the confusing part is people aren't ending practices. With AAU coverage, personal coverage and new waivers being signed. I just seeing this getting ugly. I'm hoping to follow our region lead. Like the other states mandated not practices at all. I'm feeling pressure to keep practices if other clubs are doing it.]

I've reached out to other club directors to see how they are handling this issue for my own information and to follow some "best practices" guidelines. It's helpful to me to know that our club is handling everything the same as some of the other established clubs.

I know that the Region doesn't like to get involved with how clubs/coaches run their businesses, but I think a statement of some sort would be sent out by the Region:

"With respect to the USA Volleyball ban of all USAV-sanctioned activities through March 31, 2020, any club and/or individual member coach that continues to practice (with/without private insurance) or host individual and/or group training sessions stands to come before the Arizona Region Executive Board and may face their Region membership being revoked for the remainder of the season."

j. Jr Club Forum

It was suggested that we have a Jr Club Forum now while practices are suspended. It brings a lot of people into a small area – which we are not supposed to have – but it would be good timing.

The current Girls Club Forum is scheduled for Apr 26

Charlotte to meet via conference call with Jr Girls Committee this Friday and then arrange for a Girls Club Forum during the suspension.

k. Region Response to COVID-19 as of 3/17/20

The health and safety of our members and their families is always our main objective. In this very unusual time, this calls for flexibility, patience, and above all, concern for our families and their health.

The USAV Insurance has been pulled through at least March 31st. Anyone practicing or participating in any way (including those that have signed waivers to participate) are at risk of full medical expenses in case of injury and damage costs to any facility. USAV, AAU, JVA and all other sports organizations have suspended participation in an order to reduce the impact of this virus on the health of our families and our health care system. We strongly encourage everyone to follow the good hygiene guidelines, observe the self-distancing and refrain from group events to help put this virus to bed. This will allow us all to get back to normal in a much quicker time frame.

At this time, we have no further information from the US Government, the local government, USAV, the school systems to know how to proceed beyond March 31st. Our Junior Girls Committee will be meeting this Friday to discuss options for proceeding after we are given the okay to resume play.

Any financial questions will be dealt with once we know the extent of the closures and cancellations.

Thank you for your patience during this very unusual time. We will send out

communication as we receive it from USAV or any other governmental entity that affects our organization. All our communication can also be found on our website under the Corona Virus Response page. This also links to the USAV Corona Virus Response page on the USAV website with their updated responses.

- I. **Message from Chris Vadala** – Economic Response bill for Congress Survey of the economic impact on the industry. Wants this to cover the Regions as well. The survey needs to be done today to include in the response to the USOPC.

Officials and site directors – these are losing revenue as well.

- m. **Options**

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Hold Jr Forum during the suspension of play.

If we can resume in April –

Option A: When resume up, hold our Qualifier and Region Championships starting April 11 and then offer optional events in May and early June.

Option B: Push back the entire season from Mar 14 into June.

Option C: Cancel what has been cancelled and move forward with the season as scheduled when we are able to resume.

Option D: Allow the boys spring season to play during the week to free up courts on Saturdays once resumed.

If we are not able to resume until May -

Option E: Cancel what has been lost and hold the Region Championships and AZ NCQ.

Option F: If schools are still operating in June, pushing what we can into June and finish before the National Championships.

- n. **Officials Stimulus**

Look at work schedules and see who would need this stimulus the most.

Donate past funds to a pool for those most affected. If there is anyone that comes to us who is in need, then we can offer some help. Determine the number of times a person can come for help.

- 4. **Meeting Adjournment - the meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm**