

## Region 3 AGM

Saturday May 9, 2009

Present at the meeting:

Robert Mann	President
Sean Pellow	Vice President
Laura Cooke	Secretary/ Treasurer
Stephen Green	Youth Competitions Chair
Lloyd Rumble	FCVC
Jos Nederveen	OVA Representative
David Burke	West Elgin
John Nelson	Weaterloo Tigers
Vince Enright	Official
Lloyd Kresic	Official
Irene Barras	Official

ADP tryout is going on today and many are tied up in this endeavour today.

Introductions were made and the meeting began at 12:05pm.

President's report was discussed:

Please see attached sheets for the full report.

Bob is taking a grass roots approach to volleyball in the region, running many of the U14 Boot Camps for kids in the region. Chris Lawson is busy running this on behalf of the region today. We are trying to keep this local and out of Toronto and affordable to the region.

Many comments came into the region about many of the rule changes that have occurred this year.

Brenda is stepping down as President of the OVA this year and no word has come about as to who is taking over the position. There is concern about the viability of University coaches stepping into this role and forgetting the younger age groups. This a personal concern for Bob and he plans on taking his concerns to the OVA AGM should he stand as president again.

The floor was opened to comments on his report, no concerns were raised.

The VP report, see attached was discussed.

Sean has been in charge of the ADP report and has been working with Jeff to get this ready by the final tryouts on June 6 for the girls and June 7 for the boys. The one major

thing that Sean is trying to develop is a template for athletes and coaches as to what will benefit the athletes the most, ie bringing in University coaches or using the Level 2 coaches that are available to us in the region. Sean expressed concern about the development component of the U13 age group, it has been seen as more of a competition which is more of a U16 feature. The OVA has asked Sean to write an addendum to the constitution and placing the development of the athlete, seeing as those that excel at the younger levels are not necessarily those that excel at the older levels.

Sean will also be moving the site of the Boot Camp to benefit the athletes, to get access for all the athletes in different areas. This is still in the development stage at this time.

Concerns to Sean:

Rosters being shortened by coaches in the Region 5 area?? Is this being dealt with?

Sean's addendum is to fix this problem-unethical and Sean is trying to address it. This is not something that officials should address, we are looking at ways to enforce this right now. There was discussion about how to fix this problem and this will be brought up to the OVA at the AGM in June.

Treasurer's Report, See attached sheet.

No changes this year, Buzz media is paid up and we did have some issues with paying the coaches. We are going to be proactive and have the cheques cut ahead of time. We are going to increase the amounts that coaches get and have only one assistant coach this year. We have streamlined the entire amounts that the coaches get and added expenses into the cash amount.

The question was raised about the second account which I cannot get from Susan after trying a few times, we are going to deal with this at the AGM should I still be the treasurer.

The questions were raised about what to do with the extra cash, as we are not in the process of accumulating funds for R3. We would like to use these funds to grow more volleyball players. Certifications for coaches and referees both indoor and beach.

Investing on the things that the OVA is falling short on, such as U13 and U14 competitions. Half day clinics with a competition, or a half day clinic for the younger kids. There was discussion that there are American athletes coming up to run the some of the clinics in this region, we should look at bringing in high profile Canadian to do the same job.

## **Committee Reports**

*Coaching Committee*-Chris Lawson has stepped up to this he has his own athletes donating their time and the University donating their time for the U14 Boot Camp. There

needs to be word of mouth to the athletes by the clubs in the region. Brochures are taken and given out at Rim Park at the provincial championships and we shall see how it pans out this year. Chris did ask Bob about putting in a letter to support Chris for hosting the CIS championship. There was a question about running a Level 1 clinician's course and the OVA has not run anything recently. We talked about spending the money to fund more coach training for Level 3 and using this with a stipulation to stay in the youth level for 2 years once trained.

*Adult Competitions-* John was originally placed in this category to give us an extra voice for the youth competitions and the adult side of things have fallen off in the past 15 years. The post 18 year olds really have no level to play at, and this is a downfall that the OVA has at this time. We tend to discard these athletes. It was discussed that the U21 teams should not be playing against the U18 teams at this time, physical and talent wise there is too much of a difference. The OVA needs to control the junior varsity and adult type competitions for these athletes.

*Youth competitions Report-* Please see attached, very detailed.

The first four pages report on the competitions, medals won etc. and the rest of the report consists of appendixes. There was a comment on where the medals were won, which Tier these medals were won in. The year was very stressful and heated due to the changes and conflicting thoughts and opinions. With the LTAD coming into effect this has changed the structure of the OVA and youth competitions as the job is being phased out at the end of this term. Stephen became frustrated with the rule changes in February and took it upon himself to speak to other coaches about these changes. E-mail responses were 33 in number. There is a big issue in competition about saving a spot for a team that does not show up, no penalization that occurs for this-the OVA is currently looking into this. One concern that came up was how a team can play two tournaments and still end up in Tier 1 whereas other teams play all of the tourneys and end up in Tier 2 due to one poor finish. Or to pick the best two finishes for a team so that one bad finish does not sink them. Many are taking their teams to the USA where the ball handling and rules are more amicable to teams. There was a suggestion for Jos to ask the OVA to place the points up with the seedings so teams can see where they stand. There was a point made that there was no trainers at provincials and this will be brought up to the OVA. There was talk about OFSSAA moving and aligning with basketball and volleyball. This seems like an impossibility right now, it was tabled with OFSSAA and nothing happened, kind of like nailing Jello to the wall. Rule changes are a big problem right now. The overhand touch rule especially brought out lots of controversy this year, the calls were inconsistent and many were unhappy with this rule change. The sub rule was brought up, Stephen actually got stats on this from the OVA. These are included in the appendix, it seems from the stats that less athletes are involved with the older age groups as the limited subs rule has made it difficult for the coaches to put athletes into game situations as a result. The concern is that we are trying to develop national team athletes that are not funded

properly in this country right now. It seems that limiting the subs actually excludes athletes from the LTAD models.

*ADP*-Jeff is away right now at tryouts. The ADP committee is working well and the final cuts are as listed above. Jeff has done a good job at organizing things and putting coaches in place. There were no women that applied for the female teams as had coaches, only assistant coaches. Lucas Hodgson from Brock and Dennis from Mac are the head coaches for the regional teams on the women's side. We are short for head coaches on the men's side currently.

*Beach*-Shawn Furneaux has volunteered to chair the R3 beach program. This is a new position. One of the long term goals is to offer more tournaments in this region instead of having the athletes travel to Toronto. The current rules are that athletes play in 3 tournaments in order to qualify for provincials and nationals for beach and this means travel to Toronto on ALL of these occasions. The short term goal is to run a satellite tournament in Port Stanley this year, the points will not be as much as a regular OVA tourney but this is a test to see if the region can handle this event right now. The big problem is the lack of nets like there are available in Toronto. The OVA is allowing this to occur and in the future we would like to have more of these tournaments. The age groups have changed so that after U16 there is youth open. July 11<sup>th</sup> is the date of the Port Stanley tournament.

*Officials*- See the report, the last officials meeting is today and Paul is unable to come to the meeting as a result. Paul is going into his second year of his two-year term. There was some upset officials over the vote to decrease the payment for mileage. Bob fielded some angry phone calls but managed to come through the crisis none the worse for wear.

## **New Business**

*Constitution*- The proposed changes were spoken about at the meeting. The new constitution is not as verbose and that the administration of the program and the administering is cleaner. The way that Bob read it is that the decision making 'power' has moved from the regions and over to the paid employee of the OVA that is on one of the *formed* committee to address how volleyball runs. The focus is on efficiency and safety. Brenda from the OVA is trying to rush this through prior to her stepping down it seems and there is concern about this. There was a lawyer involved in the rewrite of the constitution and it was brought to the executive as the drafts occurred. The major change is in the committees that follow each portion of the LTAD. The region is not responsible to mirror the committees in their own associations (although it would be beneficial to have this man power may make this very tough). There was some concern raised about how the committees were selected although the information is not available as to who is

on each of these committees. There was no written notice given as to the changes of the constitution and there needs to be 10 days written notice about the changes so there is no basis for the new constitution and this is a concern. Things we should be concerned about in the new constitution are that the only vote that we are going to have is for elections only. The unbalanced voting for the regions will still keep standard and we will only get one vote even though we have one of the largest regions in numbers. The way that I am to understand this is that the OVA has currently not been allowing us to use all of our votes allotted to us until there are elections and this is wrong and has been for the past couple of years. Also the OVA cannot make unilateral decisions without consulting the AGM and this has not occurred either, especially in the area of the rule changes. The real issue is if the new constitution is going to help volleyball or is it not? We need to figure this out prior to the AGM and vote accordingly. The main argument is how rushed this has come about and that the membership has not had enough time to look over this document. Bob in closing of this issue wanted each of us to look at this new document versus the old document and to speak to our clubs and send an e-mail to Bob about what we like or dislike in this constitution and be ready to debate it.

*Rule Changes-* These have been discussed in the constitutional arguments and prior to this.

*Executive Elections-* The term for Region 3 will be for one year this year and then a two year term after that.

*U16 Regional Games-* Going to the winter games and allowing athletes to decompress and avoid the usual conflicts with beach volleyball. Lloyd Rumble did not agree with this at this time due to injury. Jos confirmed that this has not been tabled before. The scheduling with high school, OVA and Regional Games.

*New Games-* There was a concern raised about the three day provincials. There should only be two days as is customary. There is a financial burden on Hotels etc. For provincials there was no play out for the next year's standings and also there was a concern about the net height and to guarantee more than one game on the final day of provincials. Work crews from each team to do lines and scoring when they are off.

The 12 sub is a HUGE concern. Parents having to pay to watch their own child for the weekend with a more expensive registration fee and the extra day and extra costs incurred. Georgetown has decided after their meeting that the U13 will not play in the U13 and will play in the U14 instead due to the perpetual rotation rule.

*Elections-* Jos Nederveen was elected to be the scrutineer for the elections and John was put in charge running the elections.

President-Llyod Rumble nominated Bob Mann and Lloyd Kresic seconded this. Jos Nederveen closed the nominations and Bob Mann is the president by acclamation.

Vice president Vince Enright nominated Sean Pellow and Lloyd Rumble seconded the motion Sean Pellow was acclaimed as vice president.

Secretary/treasurer- Sean Pellow nominated Laura Cooke and this was seconded by Irene Barras. Laura Cooke was nominated by acclamation.

Delegates for the AGM were chosen from the list of persons at the meeting the date is the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of June. It was suggested that if you go as a delegate that the Region covers the dinner for the delegates for this year. Any agendas for the board meeting need to be received prior to the meeting.

Motion was tabled to confirm the delegates in the list created by Bob Mann and confirmed by Lloyd Kresic and seconded by Laura Cooke. Voted on and carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was tabled by Bob Mann and confirmed Laura Cooke and seconded by Sean Pellow.