

MINUTES

ARAA Volleyball Board

Tuesday, February 18th 2025 | 6:30pm | Willy McCoys

In Attendance

- Alex St John, Commissioner PRESENT
- Jen Shimek, Assistant Commissioner PRESENT
- Jennifer Cole, Communications & Equipment/Uniforms PRESENT
- Jessica Perez, Treasurer NOT PRESENT
- Olivia Wolbert, House Director PRESENT
- Katie Jensen Junior Olympic Director PRESENT
- Jackie Hime, Junior Olympic Director PRESENT
- Becky Althoff, Volunteer and Events PRESENT

Meeting called to order: 6:45pm

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed from the last meeting and approved.

Commissioner Report

- Board member's resignations
- Dome "Not Dome" update
- Coach applications will need to go through Sports Engine
- Emergency action plan

Treasurer/Budget Report

House Director Report

- Updating website for House Volleyball
- Flyers started - for 2025 season
 - Ready to send out in May to schools
 - Need registration link
- Ages - Boys/Girls - Grades 3-8
- High school boys - help with coaching for fall season
- Youth night - Boys varsity game
 - Tentative date -

Junior Olympic Volleyball Report

- Coaches second payment due (at the end of February) confirm evals are done before issuing - Last week of February
- Mid-season evaluations are in progress (overall feedback TBD, will discuss at next board meeting the good/bad)
- End of season coach club/internal feedback form (need to copy form from last year)
- End of season parent/player feedback form (need to create) keep it simple with rating system and one comment field at the end, here is what we have so far
 - gym time preference
 - practice length preference
 - gym location preference
 - apparel satisfaction
 - uniform satisfaction
 - what other apparel items would they like? (example: backpacks instead of pants or spandex)
 - favorite tournament
 - least favorite events
 - would they want to do an out of town tournament in the future
 - would they be interested in fundraising or volunteering next year to reduce program cost
 - overall coaching satisfaction (1 bad-5 fantastic)
 - would they recommend the ARAA JO club to others
 - will they return next year?
 - do they follow ARAA on social media?
 - would they be interested in summer & fall clinics
- Determine end of season equipment drop off date/location & final check issuance (last week of practices would be ideal which is last week of March, many coaches are using it for the last team event)
- ARAA JO coaches feedback form (need to create)
 - These are our off season items as we wrap up the season we'll tackle before fall:
- Upcoming agenda items for summer (determine tryout date 2025, open gyms in summer/fall led by coaches, registration/how to take checks vs Sports Engine and have it ready before tryouts, cash or stripe only tryout fee, 2-day format worked well, identify uniforms/team store... new vendor perhaps? gym rentals, coaching clinics, summer skills clinics, do we need any new equipment? flyers before schools out? host house kick-off event, host JO kick off event? fundraising, and contracts review, identify coaches for 2025/26!)

Equipment/Uniform & Communication Report

- Equipment needs from coaches - First aid, whistles, ice packs, replacement balls
- Jerseys -
 - BSN - Kristi & Jacob
 - Smash Athletics
- End of season equipment pick-up
- Inventory check - many flat balls
 - Baden blue & white balls - watch for deals on personalization
 - Midwest Volleyball Warehouse

Events & Volunteer Report

- Fundraising ideas
 - Discount Cards - Anoka Downtown Businesses

- Discover Anoka meeting in March
- Shoe laces/hoodie strings sales
- Applebee's Fundraiser - Dining to Donate
 - 15% of sales would be issued to ARAA volleyball
- Looking at other options for dinner/ice cream fundraising

Action Items (what and by whom)

- Coaches payment
- End of season equipment pick-up
- End of season coach club/internal feedback form
- End of season parent/player feedback form
- Anoka discount card
- Updating website for House Volleyball

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18th - 6:30pm @ Willy McCoys

Meeting called to end: 8:56pm