

Minutes of Montana AAU Volleyball Committee Meeting held at Castle Rock Middle School, Billings, MT, January 10, 2010.

ATTENDEES:

Craig Allred- Rimrock Kaepa – Acting Director; Natalie Bills- Avalanche –Newly elected Secretary; Deb Keller- MT Jrs.; Liz Hanser- Central Spikers; Bill Hanser- Central Spikers; Ken Strickler- Central Valley; Dee Batey- Central Valley; Deidre Newman Great Falls VBC; Iona Stookey- Project Spikers; Steve Beaumont- Great Falls VBC; Vanessa Lund- Yellowstone Knights; Nik Dirkson- Yellowstone Knights; Ashley Dirkson- Yellowstone Knights; Kari Cellan- Project Spikers; Carmen Harback- Gardiner; Bill Hodges- Hardin; Vivian Hodges- Hardin; Michelle Martin- Roundup; Chris Woegens- Rimrock Kaepa.

Craig Allred opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Craig Allred mentioned that there was need for a new secretary. Michelle Martin motioned that Natalie Bills be secretary. Kari Rogers seconded the motion. Craig, as director, appointed Natalie as the secretary.

Steve Beaumont stated that refereeing of matches went better after discussions were had during coaches meetings prior to tournaments. He stated that there was an incident that was handled well by a tournament director.

Craig Allred noted that the rules remain the same from the previous year and highlighted the centerline rule, and that there is still no two libero rule. He also shared that there is a video on Youtube that discusses when net contact is a violation: www.youtube.com/watch

Craig Allred asked committee would like to continue to have the annual meeting on the second Sunday of January. Committee agreed. It was suggested by Steve Beaumont that there is a 'back-up' date in case of bad weather. Craig Allred also suggested having a meeting after the club season ends.

Craig Allred asked that club directors keep updated information on the website to eliminate confusion.

Craig Allred asked if tournament fees should remain the same or change. Vivian Bailes asked if Grand Prix tournaments should charge more per team to compensate extra costs. It was decided that all tournaments remain at the same charge as last year.

Craig Allred brought up 'standing rules'. Michelle Martin motioned that a rule be made that if a ball is on the court at all it be called a re-play by the officials. Bill Hodges seconded.

Craig Allred stated that flags for line judges at tournaments are highly recommended.

Craig Allred reviewed that 6"x8" uniform numbers are recommended while 4"x6" uniform numbers are the minimum allowed. He also reminded directors that numbers on front and back of uniforms are required.

Iona Stookey discussed problems with athletes refereeing while on their cell phones and coaches that don't stand with their kids while refing, particularly the U18's. It was suggested that if there is a problem at a tournament that the tournament director will be responsible for addressing the issue.

Iona Stookey mentioned that it is allowed for a coach to be under 18 years old as long as they have a current AAU card.

Craig Allred mentioned that on the AAU website there is a way to upload team rosters. It was decided that clubs will distribute rosters to team directors as they have in the past.

Craig Allred mentioned that all clubs are required to pay \$1.00 per athlete to MTVB for website upkeep, etc. Checks should be mailed to Craig Allred.

Craig Allred asked if there was a better way for clubs to register for tournaments. It was decided that the registration process remains the same and suggested that directors let new directors know that they need to register for tournaments early.

Craig Allred mentioned that there is a need for a tournament on March 27-28. Dee Batey mentioned that he will try to have a tournament in Belgrade that weekend. It was also mentioned that Flathead Valley may be having a tournament that weekend.

Craig Allred also stated that tournaments should be set before January 1, sharing that this year was much better than previous years.

Iona Stookey mentioned that if an athlete has a concussion that we cannot let them play before receiving a Doctors note clearing them for participation. She also suggested having coaches know the signs of concussion.

Craig Allred reminded directors that AAU cards need to be checked and reminded directors to have AAU sanctions turned in for tournaments.

Craig Allred mentioned there was a question on age limits. It was decided that it is up to club directors who plays on their teams, whether it's by age or year in school, for example: 14 and/or in eighth grade or lower.

Steve Beaumont mentioned that clubs have had players play on two days during one weekend. It was decided that athletes can play on different days with different teams as long as they are in different tournaments.

Iona Stookey suggested that at club parent meetings club directors tell parents that they are required to follow all tournament and site rules while at competitions.

Ken Strickler asked if a players parents can come onto the court in the event of their child being injured. Craig Allred stated that an athletes parents always take priority to anyone else trying to help.

Craig Allred mentioned that it is important for tournament directors to have AAU incident forms available to fill out as soon as possible after an incident.

Michelle Martin moved to close the meeting. Steve Beaumont seconded.