

SOUTH DAKOTA

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2020-21 Volleyball Advisory Minutes ZOOM MEETING – **December 2, 2020**

“AA” Coach:	Shelly Buddenhagen, Huron	2023 (2)
“A” Coach:	Darcy Deinert, MV/Plank	2022 (1)
“B” Coach:	Jean O’Hara-Benson, Chester	2021 (1)
Athletic Director:	Mandie Menzel, Phillip	2023 (1)
Principal:	Christena Schultz, Bridgewater-Emery	2021 (1)
Official:	Kelley Devine, Sioux Falls	2021 (1)
Native Am. Rep:	Peri Strain, White River	2021 (2)

1. Welcome- Auch welcomed the committee and several coaches that joined the meeting via zoom at 12:30 p.m. Mandie Menzel and Christena Schultz - excused from the meeting.
2. Approve agenda- motion to approve the agenda by Strain, second by Devine. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Select a Recording Secretary – O’Hara-Benson volunteered to help take notes for the meeting.
4. O’Hara-Benson, Schultz, and Devine have completed their first term and all willingly accepted to remain on to serve a 2nd term. We extend our thanks to Peri Strain for her years of service to the Volleyball Committee.
5. Approve minutes from last year’s meeting- motion by Devine, second by Strain to approve the minutes from the 2019-20 Volleyball meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
6. State Volleyball Tournament report/review-Auch was very pleased with the State Volleyball Tournaments in the three separate locations. She thanked site hosts/managers Class B-Terry Rotert-Huron; Class A- Craig Boyens- Watertown; and Class AA Randy Some-Brookings for the fine job they did in hosting the tournament and maintaining a safe environment for all involved. Also thanked the coaches, teams and crowds for the great job of following covid policies while cheering on their teams at the state event. Great team effort by all.
Buddenhagen asked about the volleyball tournament financials with 3 separate sites compared to when we are all together and wondered how we do financially in those years. Auch stated this year would not be a good representation of finances as we were dealing with less crowd base due to the pandemic. Auch did state that VB is holding their own and maintains in the “black” for finances. We are hoping to be

under one roof again next year, but will wait and see how the pandemic plays out. We will try to have a plan in place if we need to split sites again.

7. Advisory Committee Member reports – (including meeting from State Volleyball – expand agenda based on reports)
 - a. “B” Report – Jean O’Hara-Benson- nothing to report
 - b. “A” Report – Darcy Deinert- nothing to report
 - c. “AA” Report- Shelly Buddenhagen reported that AA coaches would like to be allowed to play some Class A and B opponents without a deduction of seed points. The level of competition is getting so good that it would make for some exciting volleyball, but currently AA schools are apprehensive to do so as they have to take a deduction in seed points.
Motion by Buddenhagen, second by O’Hara-Benson **to allow for Class AA volleyball teams to play up to 3 matches vs. a Class A or Class B opponent, or in an “out-of-state” tournament, without a deduction of seed points. These would be the first three contests vs. Class A and B opponents as they happen on the team schedule. Any other contests after the three allowed, would result in a deduction of seed points as defined in seed point system. Motion passed unanimously.**
 - d. Native Am. Representative-Peri Strain- Strain commented that due to a tribal order most school had not participated in fall sports thus she did not have anything to report. O’Hara-Benson extended her thanks to Peri for all her work in helping to bridge the tribal schools and SDVBCA. Nellie Long, Pine Ridge VB Coach with 622, wins was recognized in this year’s state tournament programs.
 - e. AD – Mandie Menzel- no report
 - f. Official – Kelley Devine – Devine expressed a concern about the difficulty there is when both teams were the same colored uniforms. White this is not covered in the rulebook and there is not a rule against it, Devine pointed out those teams wearing the same colored uniforms can make tracking players/setters more difficult. It was suggested that the home team wear the lighter colored jerseys and visiting team wear darker colored jerseys. If a team does not have two sets of uniforms, then maybe a call between the coaches to determine colors worn for the evening. Auch will take that to the AD’s conference and see if we can make that happen without a formal proposal. Devine mentioned some other things pertaining to pre-match conference and having a captain present for the meeting would be nice. Auch stated that those were all Covid modifications and when we are in a normal year, we would go back to regular protocols.
 - g. Principal- Christena Schultz- no report
 - h. SDHSAA- Jo Auch
 - i. SoDak 16 sites-Board approved still neutral site, but select sites that are in closer proximity to the higher seed.
 - ii. Auch stated that the State Tournament schedule was going to go to one session per day and asked for the committees input as to what that schedule should look like. Tickets would be sold as a day pass only. Discussed the possibility of starting at 1:00; 1:30 and 2:00 so that we could still have a suitable time for the evening contests that might fit into fans work schedules as well. Buddenhagen brought up the idea of leaving the bracket as is, but changing the time of the matches so that 1 vs. 8 contest, and 2 vs. 7 contest are not so spread out, possibly playing those two back to back. That way rest time is a bit more consistent amongst the two teams that will play again the next day.
8. Auch reviewed the NFHS Questionnaire and the NFHS rule proposals that were submitted. Some items that will be up for consideration as National Rule Changes are: allowing 8 seconds for the serve, but no reserve; keep team benches on the same side for the entire match- coaches seem to like this; eliminate the coin toss and have visiting team serve first, extend the attack line with dashed lines; change penalty for not submitting the lineup by the designated time to an unnecessary delay.

9. Proposals: **Allow Class AA volleyball teams to play up to 3 matches vs. a Class A or Class B opponent, or in an “out-of-state” tournament, without a deduction of seed points. These would be the first three contests vs. Class A and B opponents as they happen on the team schedule. Any other contests after the three allowed, would result in a deduction of seed points as defined in seed point system.**
10. Auch asked the group to review the SDHSAA VB handbook and email with any concerns or changes needed.

With no other business for this group, Devine made a motion to adjourn, O’Hara-Benson seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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