

SDVBOA SUMMER BOARD MEETING

7/12/2026 12:00 Noon CST

Blarney's—Mitchell, SD

Members Present: Jo Auch, Brian Rook, Sandy Neugebauer, Kristina Sage (zoom), Nick Huntimer, Tami Hosman, Char Carda, Stephanie Kjetland, Mark Nelson, Val Devine, Tacey Dykstra, Lynell Martin, Eric Gerlach, Laurie Thompson, Belinda Miller, Tanya Nelsen (zoom), Misti Henderson, Hilaree Emmons

Members Absent: Sharon Ferry, Brett Distel

Guests: Kim Weed

1. Meeting called to order by President Jo Auch. Jo welcomed and thanked the new board members Brian R., Val D., Misti H. and Belinda M. for their willingness to serve on the board. Jo also welcomed officials that joined the meeting via zoom.
2. Quorum established
3. Agenda. Added items 5a. Increase mileage fee for board meetings, and 9a. Kim Weed to update the boards on the Officials Evaluation program. Motion to approve the additions to the agenda by Hilaree E, second by Tami H. Motion carried
4. Minutes from winter board zoom meeting on 1/7/2026, were approved as presented. Motion by Mark N. Second by Laurie T. Motion carried.
5. Financial report was presented by Sandy N. Reporting period was from January 3, 2026 to July 8, 2026. Income was \$0. Expenses were \$540.78. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Lynell M. Second by Belinda M. Motion carried.
 - a. Discussion was held to increase the mileage paid to reps attending board meetings. Motion was made by Belinda M. to increase the mileage pay to the state rate. Seconded by Laurie T. Motion carried.
6. All-Sports Advisory Council report given by Nick H. Discussion was held about official's training for football, sit out rule for basketball officials has been discontinued, So Dak 16 for volleyball will stay with the current format, also had discussion about the VB season running into the basketball season, Girl's BB numbers are down. Continued discussion about VB state tournament special awards—the coaches don't want teams to warm up and then have to stand around while awards are presented. Some changes were made at the previous state tournament which did improve the time taken to hand out awards. Will continue look at other options for future tournaments.
7. Discussion about the proposed Headset Use. Tanya N and Brett D will send out the final revision of the policy. Board will meet again prior to the start of region meetings to approve the final draft.
8. 2026 Board positions that will be open after this year will be: Char Carda (East Central) Sharon Ferry (Central) Mark Nelson (Northeast) Tacey Dykstra (South Central) and Eric Gerlach (Southeast). These openings will be published in the October newsletter.
9. Official of the year for 2026 selection is Laurie Durr. Congratulations Laurie! Board members were asked to look at officials to nominate for future consideration for official of the year.
 - a. Kim W. updated the board on the status of the VB official's evaluation program. Will start with evaluation of new officials as well as those officials who request to be evaluated. A standardized evaluation form will be used. Working on getting officials to serve as evaluators, these officials must be very mechanically sound and knowledgeable of the rules. Evaluators will be approved by the SDSHAA and will be compensated.
10. Open forum—Proposal was presented by Brian Sieh to change the election process of officers and region reps. Some of the discussion comments included: --comparing volleyball to track and field/cross country is like comparing apples to oranges. --In VB, board members must be certified officials, be mechanically sound and knowledgeable of the rules as they are in charge of holding region meetings and conducting jamborees to train other officials. --There are many more VB officials than track officials. --Concern with this proposal is this could become a popularity contest.

--Every year the open board positions are posted in the SDVBOA newsletter and very few officials submit their names. --The current procedure has been working well—so if it is not broke why fix it?
--Each of the 7 regions are represented, so any official that has a concern, any official can reach out to their rep to bring any concerns to the board. --There is board turn over almost every year, so other officials are getting the opportunity to serve on the board. --Any official that wants to get more involved is able to volunteer to help at jamborees, etc. --Concern was also brought up about the actual presentation of the proposal. Several pages of addendums and meeting minutes were shared with the board with no real summary or justification for the proposal. Seemed like information was shared and then the board was expected to do the research, etc. --On a positive note, when selecting new board members not all board members have direct knowledge of all the officials in every region, so having the region vote on the region rep they may be more knowledgeable of the officials in their area. --May consider requiring the official go through the evaluation process, before their name can be considered for a region rep position.
The proposal was tabled and no action was taken by the board.

11. Rules/Procedure Changes for 2026.

--Libero uniform bottoms don't have to match the rest of the team
--Second referee will sound whistle at 2:30 instead of 2:45 between sets
--A team can designate 2 liberos. Only 1 be on the court at a time. Liberos can wear different uniforms.
--Any non playing teammates or anyone sitting on the bench enters the court during play, illegal alignment is assessed.
--Conduct violation if a coach enters the court during play. Yellow card
--Front row players must lower their hands below the net during the serve otherwise it is screening.
--No audio or visual devices can be worn while playing—unsporting conduct penalty.
--Player conduct penalty if a non playing member uses a prop to celebrate a point, etc.

12. Schedule for dates of region meetings to be submitted to Marsha

13. Region Meeting topics. Libero scenarios, head sets, evaluation program, mechanics, mentoring program, R2 whistle at 2:30 instead of 2:45, screening, prematch, textured ball, etc. Kristiana will put Power Point presentation together before first region meeting.

14. Jamboree schedule will be sent out in officials packet.

15. SDVBOA years of service awards will be handed out at region meetings. 10 years: Randi Bosch, Shyla Derchan, Craig Habben, Don Mitchell, Matt Sisk, Leasa Woodward. 20years: Duane Boer, Patrick Clifford, Brian Ries. 30 years: Hilaree Emmons, Mike Ruth. 35 years: Julie Bjerke, Patrick Dockendorf, Scott Wagner. 45 years: Terry Duffy

16. Winter Meeting will be held on January 13, 2027 via zoom meeting at 7:00 pm (CST), 6:00 pm (MST). Kristina S will send out zoom meeting invite prior to the meeting.

17. Meeting adjourned. Motion by Mark N, Seconded by Tanya N. Motion carried.

VB OFFICIAL HEADSET USE PROCURE APPROVAL

8/3/2026 7:30 pm CST

Zoom Meeting

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Members Absent: Sharon Ferry, Eric Gerlach, Tacey Dykstra, Lynell Martin

Meeting called to order by President Jo Auch. Quorum established

Members reviewed the final proposal for the use of headsets for VB officials. This is optional, no pressure is to be put on officials to use headsets. Belinda M. also submitted an summary of the proposal for easy reference for officials. Headsets will not be used in the post season.

Motion was made by Tanya N and seconded by Laurie T. to adopt the procedure and summary in regards to the use of headsets. Motion carried.

Kristiana will add this information to the region meetings. Discussion was also had about what kinds of headsets are being used. Officials that currently use headsets shared what brand they are using. Kristina will also include this information.

With the SDVBOA having additional funds in our account, Sandy N. proposed that officials purchasing headsets would be reimbursed \$25 per headset with a maximum of 2 headsets per official. To receive this reimbursement, a valid receipt dated 2026 or 2027 must be submitted to Sandy N. Motion was made by Tanya N and seconded by Tami H to approve the \$25 per headset with the max of two headsets per official. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Laurie T and seconded by Brett D to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.