

SDVBOA WINTER BOARD MEETING

January 7, 2026

Zoom Meeting 7:00 pm CST

Members Present: Jo Auch, Sandy Neugebauer, Kristina Sage, Nick Huntimer, Tami Hosman, Char Carda, Stephanie Kjetland, Mark Nelson, Tacey Dykstra, Lynell Martin, Eric Gerlach, Laurie Thompson, Tanya Nelsen, Brett Distel, Linda Dahlgren, Hilaree Emmons.

Members Absent: Janelle Vis, Sharon Ferry, Erin Schroeder, Matt Sisk,

1. Meeting called to order by Vice President Jo Auch
2. Quorum established
3. Addition to the agenda: 9a. Update of NFHS Proposals, 9b. Update of Officials Observation Program, 15a. Share links and invites for future board meetings. Motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Tami H. Second by Lynell M. Motion carried.
4. Minutes from summer board meeting on July 11, 2025 were presented. Motion to approve the minutes made by Tanya N. Second by Brett D. Motion carried.
5. Financial report was presented by Sandy N. Reporting period was from July 8, 2025 to January 3, 2026. Income was \$2875.00 from conference registrations and money received from the SDHSAA, detailed expenses were \$6770.90 mainly from expenses from the conference. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Linda D. Second by Hilaree E. Motion carried.
6. Mentoring program. Sandy N presented list of participants/evaluators in the program this season. \$800 was paid to the participants from the All Sports Advisory Council. Participation was down by approximately 50%. Need to encourage veteran officials to reach out to new officials to encourage them to take advantage of this program. Thank you to those who took time to mentor the new officials. Also discussed was that when an official is mentoring a new official, they need to let Sandy N. know so she can make sure the follow-up paperwork is received and payment can be made.
7. All Sports Advisory Council Report. Nick H. reported there was discussion of going from 16 to 32 teams going to the post season for Class B. Riding allowance increase will be brought up in the April meeting, especially for post season. Also need to bring up that VB officials make more money during the regular season matches than post season matches, need to increase post season pay. Discussion was held about handing out awards at state VB with teams having to wait until all matches are done, no solutions were given. All Sports Advisory is also working on procedure for sports requesting money for conferences, etc. will let us know when that is completed.
8. Head Set procedure and Use, Brett D and Tanya N. shared headset use procedures used by Michigan and Texas. Board members are to review these and send feedback to Brett and Tanya of what is needed or changed, etc as we will use these as a starting point. Consensus was that we do need guidelines, use of headsets will be optional, will need to be used by both R1 and R2 during a match, being strict on sidebar conversations, etc.
9. 2025 Season Points of Discussion/Issues.

Line up cards definitely still need to be used. Line judge training for post season. Should have officials enter in Bound matches that they have line judged during the season. This information would be beneficial in selecting line judges for post season.

 - a. Official's observation program. This program did get some money from the foundation to get up and running. Kim Weed is the coordinator. Observers will need to be trained, which needs to be done prior to next season. Observation forms will need to be on the website, Observers will be paid and can be active or non-active VB officials. The need for quality observers is a must. Officials were evaluated at the state tournament as a starting point for the program
 - b. NFHS proposals.

- Each team allowed a 3rd time out in set five if the score is tied at 14-14.
 - neutral sites—bench designations
 - court markings—continuous center line
 - safe, stable platform for R1
 - use of new textured ball
 - uniform—libero can wear different colored bottoms
 - use of 2 liberos
10. Selection of new board members. Brian Rook was elected Vice President. This is a 2 year term. Region reps Matt Sisk (Southeast) Erin Schroeder (Northeast), and Linda Dahlgren (Northwest) completed their terms. Tanya Nelson (West) agreed to serve another term. Val Devine (Northeast), Belinda Miller (southeast) and Misti Henderson (Northwest) were elected by the board to fill the open positions in their respective regions. These are 3 year terms. Tanya N. made a motion to approve the new board members, second by Mark N. Motion carried. Terms start immediately after this meeting. Thank you to outgoing board members, Janelle Vis President, and region reps Matt Sisk, Erin Schroeder and Linda Dahlgren for their years of service on the board. Your service is appreciated. Also thank you to all the officials who submitted their names for the open positions.
 11. Open Forum. Brian Sieh requested to be on the agenda to discuss election process of officers and regions reps. Brian did not call in.
 12. 2026 Summer jamborees. Need to have dates to Marsha by April 1, 2026. May not need as many since we just had the state-wide conference.
 13. 2026 Region Meetings. Need to have dates to Marsha by April 1, 2026.
 14. Official Of the Year nominations needed for selection at the summer meeting. Send to Sandy N. prior to the meeting,
 15. Summer Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 12 noon CST in Mitchell. Blarney's is the tentative location.
 - a. Board meeting agenda will be sent to all VB officials prior to the board meetings and officials are welcome to attend the meetings. Will need to let Sandy N know prior to attending to verify our meeting space is adequate.
 16. Meeting adjourned. Motion by Tanya N. Seconded by Laurie T. Motion carried.