

# AIA Sports Advisory Committee

## Girls Volleyball

### Athletic Directors

- 1A Cindy Kirk (Valley Lutheran)
- 2A Doug Meyer (ALA)
- 3A Jacob (Holiday Monument Valley) (via Phone)
- 4A Brian Duguid (Cactus) **not present**
- 5A Sharon Vanis (Hamilton)

### Coaches

- 1A Tyleen Miller (St. David)
- 2A Krista Brown (Thatcher)
- 3A Allan Ramage (Snowflake)
- 4A Sandy Novak (Sahuaro)
- 5A Kim Ulrich-Suss (Deer Valley) **not present**

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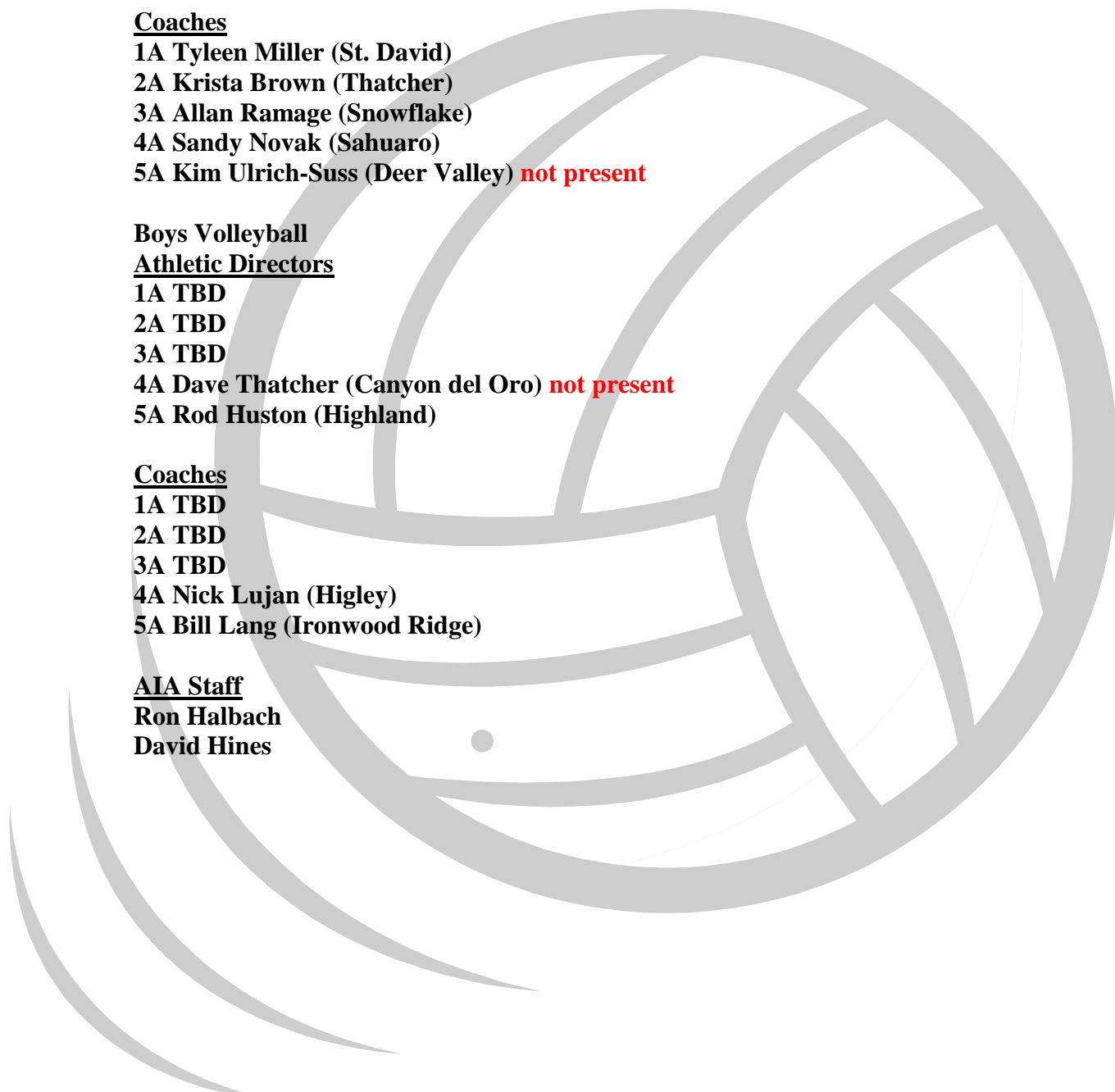
- 1A TBD
- 2A TBD
- 3A TBD
- 4A Dave Thatcher (Canyon del Oro) **not present**
- 5A Rod Huston (Highland)

### Coaches

- 1A TBD
- 2A TBD
- 3A TBD
- 4A Nick Lujan (Higley)
- 5A Bill Lang (Ironwood Ridge)

### AIA Staff

Ron Halbach  
David Hines



**Call to order was at 10:35am**

**Roll Call was taken only 3 members on the list were not present: Brian Duguid (Cactus), Kim Ulrich-Suss (Deer Valley), and Dave Thatcher (Canyon del Oro)**

**Divisions/Sections Timeline was handed out. Ron Halbach stated that The Executive Board will be meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October to approve appeals and begin the process of divisions for team sports for 2011-2013. In order for them to keep everyone in the loop they want to hear feedback from the sports advisory committees. They will also hear feedback on the appeals process for schools appealing up or down in a sport.**

**Once divisions are published then appeals to move must be submitted by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Those appeals will be presented to the Sports Advisory Committee. The committee will meet via phone conference to make recommendations of approval or disapproval of schools on appeals. The Executive Board will make final decisions on the appeals Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 2010.**

**AIA State Tournaments Reconfigurations were passed out. The reconfigurations was initiated because both the Regional and State Tournaments across the board were not able to stay viable. Their budgets were not heading in the positive direction.**

**Ron Halbach stated that subjects that The Sports Advisory Committee talk about may go beyond the scope of volleyball. For example the appeals process may need to consider more than just the sport of volleyball. Most times The Sports Committee will talk about issues that are volleyball specific.**

**Ron Halbach asked the question and wanted input from the committee concerning the appeal process. Should there be an appeal done by schools and what are the criteria that will determine that process?**

- **Tylen Miller – Is there something that can be stated about a school having a competitive program at the JV level before they are allowed to have a varsity schedule.**
- **Bill Lang – We need to base all our decisions on competition not just on school enrollment.**
- **Ron Halbach – If a school is slotted for division 2 nothing forces them to move up or move down.**
- **David Hines – If someone goes up a team will not move down to even things out. Only a few schools have appealed in the past and the Committee should ask what is the best for the sport of volleyball before making any decisions.**
- **Ron Halbach – Boys volleyball has one division. If a school has both boys and girls volleyball, the girls team would be placed in a division in accordance with the school's enrollment.**
- **Doug Meyer – You (a school) are put in a division based on your population.**

- Ron Halbach – Sections will be determined by geographical locations.
- Sharon Vanis – Will schools be able to move up and down?
- Ron Halbach – With appeals, some divisions could be larger than others.
- Allan Ramage – Is there room to appeal down because of travel?
- Ron Halbach – An appeal for basketball will be done by sport and gender. If a boys team wants to appeal up the girls team from their school must also appeal up.
- Bill Lang – Is that going to happen in Volleyball?
- Ron Halbach – Currently that is not going to happen.
- Tyleen Miller – Will the exemptions for 1A be maintained. For example that Seniors can play on JV or that some players can play on both JV and Varsity. If players are not allowed to continue to do this I am afraid that will destroy the small schools numbers.
- Doug Meyer – I don't think that many schools should be allowed to petition down because of all the politics.
- Sandy Novak – What about a school that is first starting out can they petition down in order to get their programs going?
- Nick Lujan – Is computer scheduling going to be done geographically?
- David Hines – Chinle was allowed to petition down because of geographics
- Allan Ramage – As I look at it I will be playing schools for travel purposes. I have 4A schools around me that looks like it might hurt me in the long run with power points.
- Ron Halbach – Don't forget there is a balance of schools you play in your section and you will be allowed to play outside your section with schools that are near you.
- Bill Lang – Why does Volleyball not have a sectional tournament like basketball will have? It is hard to know what to ask if we don't know what it will look like.
- Ron Halbach – The history behind having a sectional basketball tournament is that those tournaments generate enough interest by fans to justify having one. It is a tradition that wants to be repeated.
- Sandy Novak – What will be determined first divisions or sections?
- Ron Halbach – Divisions will be determined first then if there is movement they can accommodate that. Once all movement is over then sections will be determined.
- Rod Huston – The numbers just don't make sense to me. If divisions one has 58 teams and division 2 has 48 teams they both get 16 spots in state. Is that fair?
- Ron Halbach – Is there a need to put a cap of teams in a division?
- Doug Meyer – It would make sense that we will not get a huge difference between divisions. The past shows that only a few will move up or down.
- Sandy Novak – What is the criterion now for teams moving?
- David Hines – Geographic concerns and competition concerns.
- Nick Lujan – How do you balance it out fairly.

- **Cindy Kirk – If there is only one division for boys volleyball and we are trying to promote a sport. It seems that there should be more than one division. I would not start a boys volleyball team until I didn't have to play 5A schools.**
- **Nick Lujan – If there were 2 divisions in boys volleyball it would be easier to promote the sport.**
- **Ron Halbach – so it looks like there are three options (1) Move up (2) Move down (3) Move as a school or as a sport**

**(1) Should schools be allowed to move down**

<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Cindy Kirk	Jacob Holiday
Doug Meyer	Krista Brown
Sharon Vanis	Sandy Novak
Tyleen Miller	
Allan Ramage	
Rod Huston	
Nick Lujan	
Bill Lang	

**(2) Should schools be allowed to move up**

<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>
Tyleen Miller	Cindy Kirk
	Doug Meyer
	Krista Brown
	Allan Ramage
	Jacob Holiday
	Sandy Novak
	Sharon Vanis
	Rod Huston
	Nick Lujan
	Bill Lang

**(3) Should a schools appeal by sport or by school**

<u>School</u>	<u>Sport</u>
Sharon Vanis	Cindy Kirk
Rod Huston	Doug Meyer
Bill Lang	Tyleen Miller
	Krista Brown
	Jacob Holiday
	Sandy Novak
	Allan Ramage
	Nick Lujan

**Two tournament guides were passed out. One guide is for administrators/coaches who are taking a team to the state tournament or hosting a state volleyball game. . A separate guide was passed out for spectators. Ron encouraged all of us to show our administrators, coaches and teams where the tournament guides are. Many coaches don't know the expectations placed on them for the state tournament.**

**All 5 state brackets were passed out by David Hines.**

**The next meeting of the Sports Committee will be in December. At that time we will evaluate the 2010 state tournament.**

**Rod Huston moved to adjourn our meeting and Sandy Novak 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. It was unanimous that we adjourn.**