

CAROLINA REGION/USAV ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2021 – Online Meeting due to COVID-19

Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director



BOD Attendees: Jim Ross, Krista McGivern, Doug Balsler, Tony Hill, Chris Treadway, Fred Wendelboe, Dylan Mulkey, Steve Ellis

BOD Absent: Tina Readling, Mike Spillman

Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe, Brian Webb

Guest: Steve McKeon, Chuck Morris

Meeting Start Time: 9:00 am

- I. Welcome
- II. Agenda
- III. State of the Game Reports
  - A. North Carolina: Kevin Wendelboe
    - a. Membership Totals:
      - o Adults:

| a. Member Year        | Male - Regular | Female - Regular | Male Limited | Female Limited | TOTALS      |
|-----------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|
| 2020/2021             | 500            | 1123             | 194          | 133            | 1950        |
| 2019/2020             | 632            | 1407             | 154          | 108            | 2301        |
| <b>DIFF 20 to 21*</b> | <b>-132</b>    | <b>-284</b>      | <b>+40</b>   | <b>+25</b>     | <b>-351</b> |
| 2018/2019             | 632            | 1374             | 660          | 384            | 3050        |
| 2017/2018             | 611            | 1279             | 543          | 357            | 2790        |
| 2016/2017             | 592            | 1254             | 523          | 328            | 2697        |
| 2015/2016             | 585            | 1186             | 528          | 319            | 2618        |
| 2014/2015             | 576            | 1076             | 591          | 369            | 2612        |
| 2013/2014             | 558            | 1025             | 533          | 390            | 2506        |
| 2012/2013             | 563            | 979              | 692          | 461            | 2695        |
| 2011/2012             | 553            | 921              | 805          | 524            | 2803        |

\*2021 Registration period ends 8/31/2021

○ Juniors:

| Member Year           | Male – Regular/Y | Female – Regular/Y | Male – Limited | Female – Limited | TOTALS       |
|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
| 2020/2021             | 156              | 7097               | 72             | 350              | 7675         |
| 2019/2020             | 195              | 8963               | 103            | 762              | 10023        |
| <b>DIFF 20 to 21*</b> | <b>-39</b>       | <b>-1866</b>       | <b>-31</b>     | <b>-412</b>      | <b>-2348</b> |
| 2018/2019             | 184              | 8883               | 102            | 640              | 9809         |
| 2017/2018             | 137              | 8249               | 19             | 442              | 8847         |
| 2016/2017             | 111              | 7911               | 17             | 471              | 8510         |
| 2015/2016             | 88               | 7581               | 21             | 515              | 8205         |
| 2014/2015             | 70               | 6839               | 18             | 425              | 7352         |
| 2013/2014             | 28               | 6502               | 21             | 321              | 6872         |
| 2012/2013             | 26               | 6064               | 14             | 260              | 6364         |
| 2011/2012             | 40               | 5297               | 2              | 183              | 5462         |
| 2010/2011             | 55               | 4925               | 6              | 123              | 5109         |
| 2009/2010             | 84               | 4490               | 5              | 78               | 4657         |

\*2021 Registration Period ends 8/31/2021

○ Teams:

| Member Year          | Male - Adult | Female - Adult | Jr Girls    | Jr Boys   |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|
| 2020/2021            | 1            | 1              | 672         | 13        |
| 2019/2020            | 1            | 0              | 898         | 17        |
| <b>DIFF 20 to 21</b> | <b>0</b>     | <b>+1</b>      | <b>-226</b> | <b>-4</b> |
| 2018/2019            | 0            | 0              | 863         | 12        |
| 2017/2018            | 1            | 0              | 805         | 10        |
| 2016/2017            | 1            | 2              | 767         | 9         |
| 2015/2016            | 2            | 2              | 749         | 5         |
| 2014/2015            | 12           | 9              | 665         | 6         |
| 2013/2014            | 4            | 15 (+1 ODR)    | 636         | 2         |
| 2012/2013            | 13           | 15 (+3 ODR)    | 592         | 1         |
| 2011/2012            | 15           | 18             | 530         | 4         |
| 2010/2011            | 16           | 22             | 486         | 5         |
| 2009/2010            | 21           | 28             | 451         | 5         |
| 2008/2009            | 24           | 25             | 393         | 6         |

- a. Website/Social Media/Email –We currently have 845 followers on Twitter (+13 from last year). We have 4187 “Likes” on our Facebook page (+346 from last year). We are still using Constant Contact to send updates to club directors and also maintain a Junior Beach newsletter. The new USAV Member Management System does allow us to create smart groups that will help us communicate with specific membership groups in the future.

- b. Tournaments – Due to COVID-19 and the impact on potential host facilities, we made the decision to cancel all our 2021 one-day events in the Region. This allowed clubs more time to find alternate events in nearby regions that were not as locked down. We processed 1307 tournament entry refunds as a result of the cancellations. We were able to sanction several multi-day tournaments in larger facilities that were able to open up in a limited capacity. We had 559 teams participate in those multi-day events.
- c. Regional Championship Results – Regional Championships were cancelled due to COVID-19.
- d. Coaching Program:
  - o All IMPACT clinics are held online now through the USAV Academy. Coaches that need the clinic are automatically enrolled when they choose a Coach membership. They will access the course from within their Membership account. That part of the new system seemed to work well this season.
- e. Officials Program:
  - o All indoor clinics were cancelled this season due to COVID-19.
  - o The Region eliminated the team officiating requirement for the 2021 season only since the one-day tournaments were cancelled. Members could still take the ref and score clinics online if they wished.
  - o The new Learning Management System worked much better than the old system and there were no reported outages as we have had in the past. Numbers were still reduced nationally due to COVID, so we'll need to evaluate in upcoming seasons as the numbers return to pre-COVID levels.
  - o Although we did not require certification, we did have the following numbers complete their online courses:
    - CR Junior First Referee- 841
    - CR Junior Second Referee – 1182
    - CR Junior Line Judge – 1554
    - CR Junior Scorer – 1167
    - CR Junior Asst Scorer/Libero Tracker – 1416
    - CR New Officials Course – 14
    - CR Provisional Officials Base Course – 27
    - CR Regional Officials Base Course - 24
  - o The Officials Accelerated Advancement Program was not held during 2021 due to COVID. We will look to resume in 2022.
  - o The following Professional Officials were accepted by USAV to be rated for their Junior National certification this summer: Stephen Koehler; Victoria Ivie; and Kennedy Paine.
- f. Summary – While we had all hoped to be back on the indoor courts fully in North Carolina for the 2021 season, that was not able to happen. With the state slowly opening back up and the vaccines giving people more hope that we can get back to normal, we will look to the 2022 season for a return to normal operations. We did have the anticipated 20+% decline in membership, but our solid budgeting and financial reserves has allowed us to come through those declines without any issues. We're looking forward to a more normal season in 2022.

B. National State of the Game:

- Volleyball Nations League is going on in Rimini, Italy at this time. Our Women's National team is currently the #1 team in the World and is 9-0 during the event so far. The Men's National team is #3 in the World and is 4-5 currently.
- USAV has just announced the Women's roster for the Olympics in Tokyo.
- The Beach teams representing USA at the Olympics are Alix Klineman/April Ross; Kelly Claes/Sarah Sponcil; Taylor Crabb/Jake Gibb, and Phil Dalhausser/Nick Lucena.
- Dave Gentile has been elected as the new USAV Board Chair
- USAV Board is studying whether to restructure based on new guidance from USOPC. Could include big changes for the Regions and our influence on the Board.
- The new MMS roll out was less than ideal. Many issues with the new system. Slowly getting better with more enhancements coming.
- USAV is still being impacted by effects of COVID. Staffing still reduced and a lot of turn-over.
- USAV canceled HP Championships without prior notice to Regions, so caused a lot of issues for those already booked or making plans. Regions stepped up and are providing an alternate event.
- Colorado Crossroads has been removed as a National Qualifier.

IV. 2021 Board Election Results:

- President: Jim Ross
- Treasurer: Doug Balsler
- Secretary: Chuck Morris
- Youth & Junior Girls' Rep: Emily Bingham
- Youth & Junior Boys' Rep: Dylan Mulkey
- Youth & Junior Girls' Rep East: Steve McKeon
- Youth & Junior Girls' Rep West: Chris Treadway

V. Meritorious Service Awards:

The Region can recognize up to five Individuals for outstanding service to volleyball in North Carolina each year. Individuals may only receive the award once under current regulations. The following individuals were recognized as 2021 Carolina Region Meritorious Service Award winners:

- A. Krista McGivern
- B. Tina Readling

We will have a write-up of each individual's contributions to North Carolina volleyball on our website and in the next newsletter.

VI. Old Business - none

VII. New Business - none

VIII. Next Meeting –To Be Announced.

IX. Motion by Doug B., second by Fred W. to:

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| Adjourn the 2021 Carolina Region Annual meeting at 9:23 am |
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