

Carolina Region/USAV  
May 5, 2007 Juniors Advisory Board meeting  
New Hope PCA, Clemmons



Attendees: John Eads (DIVA), Miche Franken (PTVC), Tim Gabel (Triangle), Jenna Hinton (Triangle), Rick Kiser (CJV), John Lasher (PTVC), Ed Matthews (RCWVC), Linda Osterman (Alamance Force), Suzie Pignetti (CJV), Tina Readling (Alamance Force), Martha Rice (proxy from Amy Brock-Hickory Hammers), Trina Sharpe (Sports Academy), Donna Woody (Hickory Hammers), Wesley Woody (proxy from Nancy Mulholland – Hickory Hammers)

Additional registered proxies: Denise Hayes (Sports Academy) to Trina Sharpe; Kim Mansfield (PTVC) to Trina Sharpe

Staff Attendees: Chuck McCracken, Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting began: 1:25 pm

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Chuck McCracken
- II. Season Review – 58 boys members; 3383 girls members; 3441 total. 349 girls teams; 6 boys teams. 71% of girls teams played in their regional championships.
- III. End of Season Survey Results – Chuck went over the results of the survey that was posted on our website at beginning of April. We did get responses from participants across all age groups and divisions. Advisory Board participants were reminded to keep the survey results in mind when considering any issues to vote on during today's meeting.
- IV. Carolina Region Recruiting Statement – Suggestion was made to separate the document in to two separate documents to avoid confusion: (a) Recruiting Policy and (b) the Tryout guidelines. Staff will separate it out for 2008. The Advisory Board agreed to add the following statement to the Tryout guidelines: "Some middle and private school seasons can last longer than the high school season so the region recommends club directors check with middle and/or private school coaches in their area to determine optimum tryout dates for their various age groups." Question raised whether the tryout guidelines need to become policy with penalties for not adhering to them. A suggestion was made to add this as a survey question next season. Advisory Board also formed a committee to investigate the Recruiting and Tryout issues: Tim Gabel, Trina Sharpe, and Miche Franken volunteered to serve on committee.
- V. Participant/Spectator Behavior Policy – We had one spectator removed from a site under the Behavior Policy this season. That parent was not allowed to attend the next tournament that his daughter participated as part of the sanction from the Region. Beyond that one complaint, the Region Office did not hear too many issues with behavior this season, so hopefully this policy had some positive effect. A suggestion was made to have the tournament

directors be more emphatic about it before the tournament and to possibly make a general announcement to spectators before the tournament. The Region Office will investigate making posters for tournaments to post about the behavior expected at events.

VI. Club Player Movement Policy:

A. Bid tournament – current policy is to allow Club Player Movement for bid tournament since USA Volleyball allows teams that earn bids to add players from their club to their roster after qualifying (the exception being that once a player is on a roster of team that earns a bid while they are on the roster then they are frozen to that roster).

B. Jammers Petition – The Junior Jammers Volleyball Club presented a petition to allow one of their teams to have non-club Player Movement for the upcoming Quest for Excellence tournament. After lengthy discussion of pros and cons of the move, it was motioned by Tina, and seconded by Trina to:

Motion 1: Deny the petition of the Junior Jammers Volleyball Club to use non-Club Player Movement at the Quest tournament. MSA

VII. 2007/2008 Tournament Schedules –

A. Region presented two options for a junior schedule to start the discussion. First option was based on this season's format where top two divisions in each age group continue to season-ending weekend of Regional Championships. The second option differed by having all age groups continue with their alternating weekends and all divisions play through end of the season. Both options maintained a separate National Bid tournament which survey results indicated and Junior Advisory Board agreed. After some discussion about SAT dates, it was agreed to switch the weekends that the age groups play on and use Option B as the schedule. Motion by Trina, second by Wesley that:

Motion 2: the Carolina Region Board of Directors approve the proposed 2007/2008 Adult and Junior Tournament schedules. MSA

B. Motion by Jenna, second by John Lasher that:

Motion 3: the Carolina Region Board of Directors set the National Bid tournament schedule to be held on the Sunday on the same weekend as that age group's Regional Championships and it be held in the same vicinity as the Regional Championships.  
**Motion FAILED.**

C. Motion by Martha, second by Jenna that:

Motion 4: the Carolina Region Board of Directors enact a requirement that in order for a team to be eligible to compete in their National Bid tournament, they must compete in their age division's Regional Championships. MSA

VIII. Formats:

- A. 4-team Pools – There has been some requests received to limit all tournaments to 4-team pools where feasible. Advisory Board reviewed the survey results and all divisions except Platinum did not want to limit to 4-team pools. Motion by Trina, second by Jenna that:

Motion 5: the Carolina Region Board of Directors change the tournament format for all Platinum divisions to require 4-team pools where appropriate to the facility (minimum 8 or 12 teams depending on site). MSA

- B. Motion by Jenna, second by Martha that:

Motion 6: the Carolina Region Board of Directors change the tournament playoff format for all Platinum divisions that use all 4-team pools to add a crossover playoff system for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place teams in pool play. MSA

- C. Motion by Jenna, second by Trina that:

Motion 7: the Carolina Region Board of Directors change the 4-team pool play format for both adult and junior tournaments to one where teams are seeded one through four in the pool and top two seeds play last in pool play. MSA

- D. Motion by Trina, second by Ed that:

Motion 8: the Carolina Region Board of Directors add set win percentage to the criteria for seeding teams into the playoffs after match win percentage. The new criteria will be match win percentage, set win percentage, and then point differential. MSA

- IX. Coach Position – Discussion on where coach should be while their team is the Officiating team. Motion by Tina, second by John Lasher that:

Motion 9: the Carolina Region Board of Directors implement a policy where the coach of the officiating team must be at the scoretable at all times to aid the adult official as needed. MSA

- X. Discussion Item – how can clubs handle problem families that do not fulfill their financial obligations to the club? Some would like the Region to post or have a list available of families that have not met their financial obligations. Clubs could review it as needed so they can make a decision whether to accept that player into the club. Some concerns were raised about maintaining such a list and the legal ramifications. Jenna, Martha, and Suzie volunteered to gather additional information on this and submit recommendations.

- XI. Elections:
- A. Boys – Brian Magee is willing to run again. The Operating Code states that only Boy’s team reps can elect the Boy’s Rep to the board. Since there are no Boy’s team reps in attendance, Kevin will contact the Boys reps to hold the election by email.
  - B. Girls – Nominees for the Girl’s Rep was presented from the floor. Jenna Hinton and Trina Sharpe were nominated from the floor. Motion by John Eads, second by Tim to:

Motion 10: Close the nominations for the Girl’s Representative to the Carolina Region Board of Directors . MSA

Both nominees left the room. By a show of hands, Trina Sharpe was elected as the Girl’s Rep to the Carolina Region Board of Directors. She will serve a one-year term.

- XII. Other Business – There was a brief discussion about the decision to have the last place team in pool play stay to officiate the first round of playoffs. There was no motion to change the current policy.
- XIII. Adjournment - Motion by Tim, second by Ed to:

Motion 11: adjourn the 2007 meeting of the Junior Advisory Board at 4:53 pm. MSA

**NEXT MEETING**

May 3, 2008. Time and site TBD

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- ❖ Tim Gabel, Trina Sharpe, and Miche Franken – Research and propose possible changes to the Carolina Region Recruiting policy and Tryout guidelines
- ❖ Region Office – prepare posters for tournaments about the Participant/Spectator Behavior Policy
- ❖ Jenna Hinton, Martha Rice, and Suzie Pignetti – research the non-payment of club dues issue and propose possible solutions.
- ❖ Region Office – contact Boys Reps for elections of Boy’s Rep