



Carolina Region/USAV
May 3, 2009 Board meeting
Koury Convention Center, Greensboro
Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director

Board Attendees: Fred Wendelboe, Audun Runde, Trina Sharpe, Doug Fagan, Casey Caram, Roy West

Guests: Rick Laskey, Sherry Fadool, Ronnie Mutter

Staff: Marilyn Thompson, Kevin Wendelboe

Absent: Vaughn Hastings, Mike Spillman, Pamela Dickenson, Karl Owen, Wade Brence

Meeting began: 2:01 pm

I. Agenda – Motion by Audun, second by Trina to:

Motion 1: Approve the agenda as amended. MSA

II. Finance Report – We still have a couple of outstanding tournaments to pay, but we're about done with the indoor part of our budget. We will be getting more outdoor members and one-event members during the summer season. We will probably come close to a zero budget this year without having to tap into the reserves as we initially budgeted. We did go significantly over budget on Officials raters this year as we had more activity in that department than in the past. We also under-budgeted officials travel, but that is a hard category to project.

III. Proposed Board Schedule – Kevin presented a schedule with similar dates as the past few years. Fred mentioned we may want to try to schedule more meetings either in person or electronically, but this initial schedule would be fine for now. Motion by Roy, second by Casey to:

Motion 2: Approve the 2009/2010 Board Meeting Schedule. MSA

IV. 2009/2010 Tournament Schedules –Board discussed the schedules that came out of the Junior Advisory Board meeting. There was some concern about the Jan 2 date being available to host adults, regular season juniors, and Quest divisions. Motion from Junior Advisory Board to:

Motion 3: approve the 2009/2010 Adult and Junior Tournament schedules as amended.
Motion FAILED

It was suggested to leave Jan 2 as a Quest pre-season tournament with adults and add the older age groups to play on the March 13 weekend. Motion by Trina, second by Roy to:

Motion 4: approve the 2009/2010 Adult and Junior Tournament schedules with the Quest pre-season tournament on January 2 weekend and regular season older age groups on March 13 weekend as listed in the attached appendices. MSA

V. Junior Advisory Board (JAB) Motions:

A. Motion from JAB to:

Motion 5: approve a round-robin, 5-team pool-play format where all teams play each other to be applied only in tournaments that have only one 5-team pool. MSA

B. Motion from JAB to:

Motion 6: change the approved play format for the modified 5-team pool format to two sets to 25 only for tournaments that have a combination of 5-team and 4-team pools. The first tie-breaker in the 5-team pool will still be match play if one team wins both sets. MSA

C. Motion from JAB to:

Motion 7: adopt a policy to hold a 1 set to 25 third place match at the bid tournaments. **Motion FAILED.**

Questions were raised as to why it was not a two-of-three match since it could potentially decide a bid. Motion by Trina, second by Doug to:

Motion 8: adopt a policy to hold a 2-of-3 third place match at the bid tournaments with the option of one set to 25 if both coaches agree. MSA

D. Motion from JAB to:

Motion 9: establish an MVP selection committee at each Regional Championship to include the tournament director and the two participating finals Head Coaches. The Head Coach of the Champion team will Chair the committee and break ties. **Motion FAILED.**

The concern was that the winning team's head coach would choose their player every time if they held final decision authority. Several people also felt the officials working the match should still be involved with identifying MVP candidates. Motion by Casey, Second by Roy to:

Motion 10: establish an MVP selection committee at each Regional Championship to include the tournament director, the paid officials working the finals match, and the two participating finals Head Coaches. The Tournament Director will Chair the committee and break ties. MSA

E. Motion from JAB to:

Motion 11: establish the following serving rules for the 12's age group tournaments: (a) For the first regular season tournament of the sanctioned season, all 12's divisions will establish service lines 6 feet and 3 feet inside of the normal service line. Players will be allowed the option to serve from the 6 foot line on their first serve during each term of service. If the team wins the point, they must move back to the 3-foot line. If they win that point, they must serve from normal service line for the remainder of that term of service. (b) Beginning with the second tournaments of the sanctioned season and continuing to the end of the regular season, the 12's Platinum division will play using the normal service line in the USAV Rule book; the 12's Gold and below divisions will play using the modified service lines described above in (a). (c) For all Regional Championship tournaments and National bid tournaments, all 12's divisions will play using the normal service line in the USAV Rule book. MSA

F. Motion from JAB to:

Motion 12: allow the Carolina Region staff the flexibility to establish a sixth division as needed called "Nickel" in age groups with over 70 teams. MSA

G. Motion from JAB to:

Motion 13: change the pay structure for our Tournament Hosts to begin paying them a flat fee per court with the goal of increasing the amount they receive beginning in the 2010 season. MSA

H. Motion from JAB that:

Motion 14: the Region assign Regional or higher officials where possible to the Platinum division tournaments. MSA

I. Motion from JAB to:

Motion 15: Move the signing date only for the 15's age group to the later signing date (while leaving the early tryout date in place). MSA

- VI. Officials Program Report (Wendelboe/Thompson): We are planning to run the half-day adult format for the first December tournament. We will offer officials clinics all day. So if the men play the first half of the day, the women's teams will have an official's clinic where they will finish all requirements. Then the men will have a clinic while the women play their tournament. The goal is to get all teams finished with their requirements in one day. We will still offer normal clinics in October/November and expand the online clinic offerings. We are hopeful this will complete the adult certifications a lot earlier. We will look at the budget impact of supplying three officials per court for the Bid tournaments. This can be used as a mentoring and training tournament for the officials.
- VII. High Performance Report – Kevin showed the PowerPoint presentation that Sheila had prepared. HP clinics were held at 4 satellite sites this season and had increased participation in those areas. We held our first National HP tryout this year and look to continue to host a tryout. We also hope to bid on the HP Championships in the future. We will be taking a boys team to HP Championships this season for the first time. The talent level of our teams is increasing. Sheila asked the board to consider raising member fees to support the teams travel. Kevin asked board to support an alternate method of providing money for the HP programs. We currently do not designate where late fees and sanctions income is distributed other than the general operating budget. Kevin proposed that all sanctions and late fees in all applicable categories be applied to the HP Program to help subsidize their expenses. This should provide several thousand dollars each season. Motion by Roy, second by Trina to:

Motion 16: designate in the current budget year and all subsequent budgets that all sanction fees and late fees received be designated to the High Performance Program. MSA

Ronnie pointed out that we have four Carolina Region officials selected to work the 2009 HP Championships in Ft. Lauderdale: Stephen Shepherd, Charlie Yang, Ken Matz, and Ronnie Mutter.

- VIII. Facility Grants – Kevin briefly described the five facility grant applications we received by the May 1 deadline. The board elected to defer consideration until the August retreat to discuss the applications for inclusion in next year's budget.

- IX. New Business – Fred discussed the upcoming proposal from USA Volleyball asking the Regions to agree to a \$10 per member increase in the fees paid to USAV. He read off all the programs and goals that USAV has envisioned the additional income to fund. He asked for feedback from the board so that Kevin and he would know how to represent the region at the upcoming national meetings. The board felt the increase was not out of line versus the benefits to be gained. The region has not had a membership fee increase since 2000. Fred asked if a motion from the board would be a stronger message of support for USAV. Motion from Doug, second by Casey that:

Motion 17: the Board of Directors of the Carolina Region is strongly in support of enhancing the growth of the sport of volleyball in the United States by increasing the administrative fee paid to USA Volleyball by \$10. MSA

- X. Adjournment: Motion by Doug, second by Trina to:

Motion 18: adjourn the May 3, 2009 Carolina Region/USAV Board meeting at 5:19 pm. MSA

NEXT MEETING

August 14-15, 2009 at Aqueduct Conference Center
Chapel Hill, NC Friday 6pm (dinner) 7:30 meeting

ACTION ITEMS:

- Kevin – Complete Facility Grant evaluations and make recommendations at the retreat.

APPENDIX 1 - 2010 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT DATES

January:

- 2-3 – Possible season opening two-day tournament - Quest
- 9 – Regular season tournaments begin; All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's
- 16 – Regular season tournaments begin; All divisions for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's
- 23 -All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's (SAT DATE)
- 30 - All divisions for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's

February:

- 6– All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's (MAPL Raleigh)
- 13 - All divisions for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's
- 20 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's
- 27 – All divisions for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's

March:

- 6– All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's
- 13 – All divisions for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's (Adult Regionals/Shamrock) (SAT DATE)
- 20 – Regional Championships for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's (Adult Hi Neighbor)
- 27 – Regional Championships for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's

April:

- 4 – **EASTER (Big South Qualifier)**
- 10 - National bid tournaments for all age groups
- 17/18 - Asheville Junior Hi Neighbor

APPENDIX II - 2009-2010 ADULT TOURNAMENT DATES

December:

- Weekend of 5 & 6 - M-Sat; W-Sun (if needed) proposed ½ day format with clinics
- Weekend of 12 & 13 - M-Sun; W-Sat (if needed)

January:

- Weekend of 2 & 3 - With Quest tournament
- Weekend of 16 & 17
- Weekend of 30 & 31

February:

- Weekend of 13 & 14
- Weekend of 27 & 28

March:

- Weekend of 13 & 14 - 2010 Regional Championships – All divisions
- Weekend of 20 & 21 - Asheville Hi Neighbor