

CAROLINA REGION/USAV ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2023 – Carolina Region Conference Room

Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director



BOD Attendees: Jim Ross, Doug Balsler, Ken Kelly, Tony Hill, Sarah Conklin, Fred Wendelboe, Tina Reading

BOD Absent: Chuck Morris, Kelley Krainiak, Steve McKeon, Steve Ellis, Krista McGivern

Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting Start Time: 9:00 am

- I. Welcome/Agenda review
- II. State of the Game Reports
 - A. North Carolina: Kevin Wendelboe
 - a. Membership Totals (as of April 30, 2023):
 - o Adults:

a. Member Year	Male - Full	Female - Full	Male Limited	Female Limited	TOTALS
2022/2023	517	1339	297	228	2381
2021/2022	540	1279	405	274	2498
DIFF 22 to 23*	-23	+60	-108	-46	-117
2020/2021	501	1100	365	304	2270
2019/2020	632	1407	154	108	2301
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

*2023 Registration period ends 8/31/2023

○ Juniors:

Member Year	Male – Full	Female – Full	Male – Limited/Youth	Female – Limited/Youth	TOTALS
2022/2023	369	8640	105	472	9586
2021/2022	306	7940	85	540	8871
DIFF 22 to 23*	+63	+700	+20	-68	+715
2020/2021	157	7150	80	497	7884
2019/2020	195	8963	103	762	10023
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

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○ Teams:

Member Year	Male - Adult	Female - Adult	Jr Girls	Jr Boys
2022/2023	2	1	840	35
2021/2022	2	1	773	25
DIFF 22 to 23	+0	+0	+67	+10
2020/2021	1	1	672	13
2019/2020	1	0	898	17
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
Member Year	Male - Adult	Female - Adult	Jr Girls	Jr Boys

- b. Website/Social Media/Email –We currently have 844 followers on Twitter (-10 from last year). We have 4887 “followers” (+212 from last year) on our Facebook page. We have a Facebook Group set up for our Professional Officials. This group has 128 members (+28) and is used to post updates on CR Official’s accomplishments, technique updates, and officiating opportunities. Constant Contact is used to update club directors and members on items of note during the season.

- c. Tournaments – We had a very successful indoor tournament season this year. For the first time in a while, we did not have any weekends impacted by inclement weather. We processed 1803 tournament entries for our Regular season tournaments (+316 over 2022 entries). We sanctioned ten multi-day tournaments during the 2023 season (+4). Development of our Tournament System continues to progress annually. New features are added each season that saves time for staff and provides more features and information for members. We are asking for a couple of big additions to be worked on this summer and hopefully will be ready for 2024.
- d. Regional Championship Results –Championship weekends were March 25/26 and April 1/2. 194 teams participated on March 25/26 and 163 participated on April 1/2. 66% of all eligible teams for Regional Championships participated.
- e. We had four Juniors teams win a UAV Junior Qualifier this season:
 - Carolina Legacy 15-Black (Big South-15 American)
 - Academy 14 Diamond (Northeast – 14 Open)
 - ECJVC 17 National (Northeast – 17 USA)
 - Sandhills 17 Dal (Northeast – 17 American)
- f. Officials Program:
 - All Junior members were automatically enrolled in the Referee and Scorer modules in the USAV Learning Management System. Coaches could register for the Junior curriculum by going to the LMS.
 - The LMS continued to work well and there were no reported outages during the peak holiday season.
 - Our course completions for the 2023 season:
 - USAV Junior R1 Training - 7340
 - USAV Junior R2 Training – 7410
 - USAV Junior Line Judge Training – 7459
 - USAV Junior Scorer Training – 7144
 - USAV Junior Asst Scorer/Libero Tracker Training – 7218
 - Junior Officiating Coursework for Adults (Coaches) - 882
 - CR NEW Junior Regional Referee Training – 17
 - CR Existing Junior Regional Referee Training – 2
 - CR New Officials Course – 32
 - CR Provisional Officials Base Course – 74
 - CR Regional Officials Base Course - 43
 - The Officials Accelerated Advancement Program had a successful 2023 season with 20 participants. Training and evaluations were held at the City of Oaks, Queen City, and MAPL Raleigh tournaments. Five officials earned an upgrade in certification at the completion of the OAAP.
 - Seven officials were able to upgrade their certifications during Regional Championships evaluations.
 - Victoria Ivie earned her National certification at the USAV Junior Girls' 18's tournament in Columbus, OH.
 - The following Professional Officials were accepted by USAV to be rated for their Junior National certification this summer: Robert Webb and Glenn Horton.
 - Callie Davis received her Sitting Endorsement in Dallas.
 - We had 19 Junior Regional Referees with 12 working at least three weekends to qualify for a \$500 college scholarship bonus.

- Overall, we had 49 Newly certified officials and 193 total professional referees for the 2023 season.
- g. Junior Beach Tour – 2023 marks the 13th year of our Junior Beach Tour. We are hosting two Beach National Qualifiers in the Region. Tournaments are being held in four sub-regions of the state. Bids are awarded at all events for the Junior Beach Regional Championships.
 - h. Summary – The Region is having a very good 2023 season so far. Memberships are approaching pre-covid totals. We are on strong financial footing, and board and member engagement are high. The next few years should be very successful.

B. National State of the Game:

- US Women’s Sitting Team is the first national team in any sport to qualify for the 2024 Paris Paralympics
- Volleyball Nations League is starting this week.
- USA Volleyball recently hired Michelle Goodall to their staff to solely focus as a liaison between USAV and the Regions. She has a background in the Regions as staff with the Iowa Region. She was in Dallas, and it looks like this might have a very positive impact on the relationship between USAV and the Regions.

III. Robert L. Lindsay 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. There will be a name change in this award next season to the Robert L. Lindsay Region Services Award. The following individuals were recognized as 2023 Carolina Region Meritorious Service Award winners:

- A. Aisha Boyd
- B. Chris Treadway

We will have a write-up of their contributions to North Carolina volleyball on our website once the awards have been produced and distributed.

IV. Old Business - none

V. New Business – 2024 will be an officer elections year so the Nominating Committee will need to approve candidates for the election this year.

VI. Next Annual Meeting –June 8, 2024.

VII. Motion by Hill, second by Readling to:

Motion 1: Adjourn the 2023 Carolina Region Annual meeting at 9:24 am