

Carolina Region/USAV
January 6, 2007 Board meeting
Greensboro SportsPlex



BOD Attendees: Karl Owen, Marilyn Thompson, Pamela Dickenson, Gary Odle, Trina Sharpe, Brian Magee, Fred Wendelboe

Staff Attendees: Chuck McCracken, Kevin Wendelboe

BOD Non-Attendees: Amber Fulk, Vaughn Hastings, Mike Spillman

Guests: Wade Brence, Referee Chair

Meeting began: 6:43 pm

I. Retreat Minutes – Motion by Fred, Second by Trina to:

Motion 1: To approve the minutes as amended of the August 11-12, 2006 meeting of the Carolina Region Board of Directors. MSA

- II. Finance Report – We do not have a formal finance report to present as it is hard to tell much about our positions at this time of our year. We have had mostly income up to this point with very few expenses. With junior tournaments starting today, we will start paying more out. We can tell that 2 out of 3 junior members have applied online this season, and that the adults had an even higher online application rate. That has been very positive as far as processing memberships. Next year we may be able to accept electronic signatures, so that will make processing memberships even easier as all they would have to send to the region is payment.
- III. Membership Report – We are up 400 members at this point over last season (4302 versus 3902). All categories are up slightly but junior girls are up the most as usual. Men's teams are down six to 22 and Women's teams are the same at 30. So far we have 338 Juniors teams versus 310 last year. We have added a fifth division, Platinum, to the 17's, 16's, 15's, and 14's age groups based on the number of teams so we can stay in two- and three-court facilities.
- IV. Division Issues:
- A. Junior Division:
1. We have 19 13's teams and 7 12's teams. This is the most 12's teams we have had in awhile and it would be advantageous to them to play their own tournaments on a lower net with a lighter ball. It was decided that starting with the January 27 tournaments, we would split the 13's into two divisions and the 12's would be offered their own tournament each 12's weekend.

2. It was noted that even at today's tournaments, coaches are not abiding by our policy that a coach be present at the score table while their team is officiating to supervise. It was proposed to start docking a team a point a minute off their next set up to 25 points that the coach is not present at the scorer's table while their team is the officiating team. Motion by Marilyn, second by Brian to:

Motion 2: Penalize incomplete Junior work teams one point per minute to include all time that their coach is not supervising and present at the scorer's table. The supervising adult official will be responsible for keeping track of the time and it will start at the end of timed warm-ups. Officials will be encouraged to use good judgment when enforcing the penalty and to allow brief necessary absences of the coach. The maximum penalty will be 25 points off the first set of the next match the team plays. MSA

3. Discussed some issues about some facilities and how some tournaments were run today.
 4. Brian indicated that he would like to host a 14's Boy's tournament in May. We will be more than happy to sanction a tournament and we can find someone to help run it. Karl told Brian to bring forth a proposal on what he would like to do and the region will work to support the boys as much as we can.
- B. Adult Division – With only 22 Men's teams and possibly two junior boys teams added to them, Kevin asked if we should go to just two divisions of Men for future tournaments. It was felt that there is a noticeable division between bottom of Gold and Silver and the Silver teams would probably not want to play with Gold during pool play every event. It was decided to continue offering all three divisions and we will try to move teams among the divisions based on the points standings.
- C. Officials Division - Candidates: There are issues with the candidates as to whether they submitted the required application with the Region through the previous Referee Chair in the past and whether they fulfilled all their requirements to be approved candidates. There is also a request to add two candidates for National this year that were not in our official pipeline for this year. Request made back to Officials Advisory Council to look at the names on the list and identify what it would take from each one in order for them to be evaluated properly. A point was made that it is in the best interest of the region to put qualified candidates forward for national ratings. We do not want to penalize anyone based on the issues that may have been the Region's shortcomings in the past. It was noted that we budgeted for three referee candidates and zero scorekeeper candidates for this year. Wade will take to the Officials Council and keep Karl and the board updated on the candidate's statuses. We have until April 1 to get

the applications in to USAV so there is some time to make these decisions and allow the candidates to catch up if that is our desire.

- V. Old Business – Chuck has found a women’s intercollegiate club group. He has also found one rep for Men. He is working with them to see how we can help with their issues and getting them to continue playing.
- VI. Adjournment: Motion by Fred, second by Marilyn to:

Motion 3: adjourn the January 6, 2007 Carolina Region/USAV Board meeting at 8:10 pm. MSA

NEXT MEETING

Sunday, May 6, 2007 Koury Convention Center, Greensboro (Annual Meeting) at 1:00 pm

If you are unable to attend, please submit proxy to Office by Thursday, May 3, 2007

ACTION ITEMS:

- Brian – Bring forth a proposal to the Board for the Region to sponsor a Boy’s 14’s tournament in May inviting teams from NC and VA.
- Wade, Officials Advisory Council – analyze the known candidates for national ratings to determine if we can help them become qualified to put forward as candidates this season. Update Karl and the board on their status and if applicable help them submit their applications to USAV by April 1.
- Chuck – continue working with intercollegiate groups to promote their continued participation in volleyball and see how we can help them.