

Carolina Region/USAV
August 5, 2006 Juniors Advisory Board meeting
UNC-Chapel Hill



Attendees: Tim Gabel, Kim Mansfield, Ed Matthews, Dan Pickett, Trina Sharpe, Blaine Tendler, Chris Rushing, Casey Caram, Gayle Hughes

Staff/Board Attendees: Marilyn Thompson, Chuck McCracken, Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting began: 4:03 pm

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Advisory Board Structure: Officially, the Junior Advisory Board is made up of the team rep of every youth/junior team in the Region. The purpose of this meeting is to get this advisory board established. Chuck recommended establishing a subgroup that is made up of a few people that can get together to do the work of the division. Suggestion made for geographic area to be the deciding factor to identify those people. It was decided that seven to fifteen people will be selected within geographic areas as well as some at-large if there are interested people. We will start with the people that responded to survey that they were interested in helping out. Point made that this applies well for the girls but not for the boys. The Junior Advisory Board must elect two reps to the Carolina Region Board of Directors – one Youth/Junior Boys Rep and one Youth/Junior Girls Rep. How long should the reps to board serve? Motion by Dan, second by Blaine to:

Motion 1: set the term for the Boys and Girls Board reps to one year with unlimited re-elections. MSA

Motion by Dan, second by Ed that:

Motion 2: the election for the Boys and Girls Board Reps will take place at the Annual meeting of the Junior Advisory Board by Junior Advisory Board members present or by proxy. MSA

Motion by Dan, second by Trina that:

Motion 3: the Junior Advisory Board Annual meeting will take place in May or June of each season. MSA

Motion by Dan, second by Chris to:

Motion 4: elect Brian Magee as the Youth/Junior Boys Rep. MSA

Nominations for the Youth/Junior Girls Rep were sought. Blaine Tendler and Trina Sharpe were nominated from the floor for the Youth/Junior Girls rep. Blaine withdrew from the election. Motion by Dan, second by Chris to:

Motion 5: elect Trina Sharpe as Youth/Junior Girls Board rep by acclamation. MSA

- III. Parent/Spectator Behavior – Behavior is becoming an issue at our tournaments but it is not as bad as some sports. We need to be proactive now so it does not reach that level. Motion by Casey, second by Blaine to:

Motion 6: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that the Region adopts a zero tolerance policy for parent/spectator behavior. The first offense will require the person to leave the site for the day. The second offense by the same individual will ban that individual for the rest of the season from attending sanctioned events. MSA

We will refer to the Palmetto's Region policy for specifics on types of behavior affected.

- IV. All-Region Team – Motion by Kim, second by Trina to:

Motion 6: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that the Region not announce an All-Region team beginning with the 2006/2007 season. MSA

Motion by Chris, second by Blaine to:

Motion 7: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that the Region award an All-Tournament team at the Regional Championships consisting of three players from the first place team, two players from the second place team and one player each from each losing semi-finalist team with the coaches putting forth their players for the team. MSA

- V. Tournament Warm-ups - Our current warm-up is 4-4-2. Motion by Trina, second by Tim to:

Motion 8: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that the Region change the pre-match warm-up for Juniors tournaments to match the National procedures of 2-4-4. MSA

- VI. Formats – discussed only having 4 team pools and all the ramifications of that move. Motion by Casey, second by Tim to:

Motion 9: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that the Region limit Junior Gold and Silver divisions to 4-team pools only where possible. MSA

Motion by Trina, second by Tim to:

Motion 10: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that the five team pool format will be every team plays every team two sets and sets will start at 7-7. Playoffs will still be two out of three time-permitting. **Motion FAILED**

Group decided to issue statement moving forward to board that the juniors division prefers to play matches, prefers to play four team pools, they want to play everyone in the pool, and they want to start at 0-0. The group will be looking at alternate formats to bring forward in the future. Our current format for 7-team pools is for six teams to advance to playoffs. Motion by Trina, second by Blaine to:

Motion 11: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that a 7-team pool only advances four teams to the playoffs with the 6th and 7th place team officiating the first round of playoffs. MSA

- VII. Officiating Team for Playoffs – Motion by Trina, second by Blaine to:

Motion 12: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that the last place team stays to officiate the first round of playoffs in the 4-, 5-, and 6- team pool formats. MSA

- VIII. Registration Packets – should we continue to mail them to team reps or just post on our website? Motion by Casey, second by Trina to:

Motion 13: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that the Region only post registration packets to the website. MSA

- IX. Background Screens – should the Region screen our officials working Junior tournaments? Motion by Casey, second by Blaine to:

Motion 14: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that the Region require adult officials that work our tournaments to pass a background screen as directed under the RVA Background Screen Policy. The Region would budget to pay for the screens for the officials. MSA

- X. Divisions – Motion by Casey, second by Kim to:

Motion 15: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that the region has the option to add additional playing divisions in Junior age groups as needed to best utilize the team numbers and space requirements. MSA

Kevin and Chuck will come up with a suitable name for the division.

- XI. There may be interest in having a stand alone bid tournament. Motion by Blaine, second by Kim to:

Motion 16: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that the region sanction a Power league if established by interested clubs and separate the Regional Championships and National bid tournaments. The bid tournament will be as late as possible before the national deadline and it will be open to anyone interested in competing for the bid that meets the National entry requirements. MSA

- XII. Adults officiating pool play – comments made to increase the training of the adult officials so that they do the responsibilities they are supposed to. People are encouraged to let the Region know when an official is not doing their duties.

- XIII. Should Coaches be certified as officials? Motion by Tim, second by Ed to:

Motion 17: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to establish a policy that one coach per junior team be certified as a junior official and that person is the one that must supervise the team during their officiating duties. MSA

- XIV. Points System – tweaks will be made this season with the goal of improving it both as a seeding tool and informational tool. Hope to add the USAV Team code and add Junior Team Directory information. Tweaks will be made to the math so that teams that are moved after first tournament don't keep their initial starting values.

- XV. Girls 12 – we may be close to having enough teams to hold those tournaments. The Region will sanction 12's tournaments. It is just a matter of getting teams to register and having a tournament director request to host a 12's tournament.

XVI. Motion by Tim, second by Casey to:

Motion 18: adjourn the Juniors Advisory Board Meeting at 7:20 pm. MSA

NEXT MEETING

To be held in May or June, 2007 possibly in conjunction with the Carolina Region Annual Meeting in Greensboro. Time and site TBD

ACTION ITEMS:

- Chuck/Kevin – identify 7-15 people from surveys and meeting attendance to form initial Junior Council. Geographic regions will guide the establishment of this council.