



Carolina Region/USAV  
May 6, 2007 Board meeting  
Koury Convention Center, Greensboro  
Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Director of Operations

BOD Attendees: Karl Owen, Brian Magee, Wade Brence, Trina Sharpe

Staff Present: Chuck McCracken, Kevin Wendelboe

Proxies: Marilyn Thompson to Chuck; Vaughn Hastings to Kevin Wendelboe; Fred Wendelboe to Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting began: 2:00 pm

I. January 6, 2007 Minutes – Motion by Wade, Second by Trina to:

Motion 1: To approve the minutes of the January 6, 2007 meeting of the Carolina Region Board of Directors. MSA

- II. Finance Report – Almost all of our tournament expenses have been paid at this point in our fiscal year. The remaining expenses will be High Performance, staff, and office expenses mainly. It does look like we will end the season with another surplus if all things stay on target. Members registering by paper can account for a large amount of that surplus as well as the increased membership in general.
- III. Membership Report – The membership report was given in detail during the Annual Meeting. We had a growth again in junior members while adults were mostly flat.
- IV. Proposed Board Meeting Schedule – Kevin presented a proposed 2007/2008 meeting schedule for 2007/2008 Board meetings. The schedule included: Aug 10-11, 2007 at Aqueduct Conference Center in Chapel Hill; Annual Meeting on May 4, 2008 at Koury Convention Center; and August 8-9, 2008 for retreat. In addition, the Official’s Advisory Board will meet July 28, 2007 in Chapel Hill and the next Junior Advisory Board meeting will be May 3, 2008. Everyone agreed to the proposed schedule.
- V. Adult Division Items – Two people responded on the season ending survey that they would be interested in helping with the Adult Division. Chuck will follow up with them about their level of interest. Staff feels our best bet of getting feedback from our adult reps will be in holding online meetings with new software solutions we are looking into for our officials clinics.
- VI. Schedules – Motion from Junior Advisory Board that:

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

VII. Action Items from Junior Advisory Board Meeting held May 5, 2007:

A. National Bid Eligibility – Motion from the Junior Advisory Board that:

Motion 3: 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. **Motion FAILED**

Board directed Kevin to communicate with the Junior Advisory Board that setting a minimum requirement to be eligible for the National Bid tournament is needed, but would like for it to not be as restrictive for teams as this motion would have made it.

B. 4-team pools - Motion from the Junior Advisory Board that:

Motion 4: 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

C. Playoff format for 4-team pool tournaments in Platinum Division - Motion from the Junior Advisory Board that:

Motion 5: 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

D. 4-team pool playing schedule - Motion from the Junior Advisory Board that:

Motion 6: 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

E. Playoff seeding criteria - Motion from the Junior Advisory Board that:

Motion 7: 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

F. Coaches' requirements - Motion from the Junior Advisory Board that:

Motion 8: the Carolina Region Board of Directors add a requirement to the Operating Code that all teams must have at least one coach certified as an official (minimum certification of Junior Referee) on their roster before they will be allowed to compete in a Carolina Region sanctioned event. MSA

- VIII. Officials Division Items – Staff is investigating software solutions to offering online clinics next season. A proposal is before Karl at this time and decision should come this week to purchase. An additional benefit of the software will be the ability to hold online meetings for up to 15 participants. This would be ideal for Board meetings, Advisory Council meetings, and any other last minute meeting functions the Region may need.
- IX. Other Business:
- A. Bylaws revision – We have discovered that the Bylaws we recently passed call for three-year terms for the Junior, Adult, and Officials Reps. It was the intent of the board to have the elections and term limits of those reps be decided by their respective Advisory Boards. Karl directed Chuck to come up with the appropriate bylaw revisions needed and distribute in time for us to approve at the retreat.
- B. Facility Grants – Staff asked for immediate decisions on the following received grant applications given our projected financial condition and the timing of the grants. Staff recommended approving the SportsPlex grant request given their long history of support to the Region; approving the Raleigh Parks and Rec Department outdoor request; to consider the Barton College request at the retreat; to deny the NC Challengers application as it does not meet the criteria of the grant program; and clarification as to whether to consider the Alexander HS application with this batch since it came in after the deadline. Motion by Kevin, second by Brian to:

Motion 9: to approve a facility grant of up to \$10,000 to the Greensboro SportsPlex; to approve a facility grant of up to \$5000 to the Raleigh Parks and Rec Department; to deny the grant request of the NC Challengers VBC; and to consider the grant requests of Barton College and Alexander HS at the retreat for the next budget cycle. MSA

- C. North Iredell Request – Trina mentioned that North Iredell did not put in a Facility Grant request because she knew it would be received after the deadline, but that the school would be willing to turn their new gym into a 2 court site (3 courts total at school then) if the Region would issue them a grant. Karl indicated that they could submit a late application to be reviewed at retreat with the others and that all facts of the application would be considered then.
- D. Junior Beach Travel stipend – vhlvball.com and Apex/Cary Youth Beach Volleyball Club submitted a request for \$1800 from the Region to pay for a travel stipend for up to 3 beach teams to travel to California for the 2007 USAV Junior Beach Championships. Points were raised that we are very interested in getting involved with more beach activities and would rather see Region sponsorship going to local events and promotion and not travel to National events for a limited few. Proposal was denied but Kevin was directed to communicate with Mark that the Region is very interested in supporting Beach volleyball and for them to continue to submit proposals to support Region beach volleyball.

- E. Palmetto Region Convention Center Request – The Palmetto Region has requested our permission to use the Charlotte Convention Center March 27-30, 2009 for their Regional Championships. Karl will approve the request provided they agree to same condition as previously that they cannot use any Carolina Region officials.
- F. Complaint updates – Karl wanted to discuss in generalities so as not to interfere with future appeals or due process matters. A parent has lodged a discrimination complaint against a club coach, which if true, would be a code of conduct violation. Karl has two avenues: (a) make an initial decision based on several responses received so far from club, coach, and club parents and let the parties decide whether to appeal or (b) setup in-person meetings together more facts before making a decision. Everyone agreed that Karl should make an initial decision and see what response we get from the parties. A second situation is before Karl which is an appeal of an earlier decision of the Junior reps. Karl will make a decision on that also this week.
- G. License plate – Karl wondered whether we should investigate whether we have enough interest in the Region for people to order Carolina Region license plates. Karl directed to Chuck to look into the requirements.

X. Adjournment: Motion by Wade, second by Brian to:

Motion 10: adjourn the May 6, 2007 Carolina Region/USAV Board meeting at 3:39 pm.  
MSA

**NEXT MEETING**

Friday, August 10-11, 2007 Aqueduct Conference Center, Chapel Hill (Retreat) at 8:00 pm

If you are unable to attend, please submit proxy to Office by Thursday, August 9, 2007

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Chuck/Kevin – Identify members and form Adult and Junior Advisory Councils
- Kevin – Communicate board decisions to Junior Advisory Board and vh1vball.com and encourage to resubmit applicable proposals
- Chuck – Make suggested revisions to Bylaws for distribution and voting at August retreat.
- Karl – communicate complaint and appeal decisions to applicable parties
- Chuck – investigate North Carolina license plate requirements.