

CAROLINA REGION/USAV ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2015 – Koury Convention Center, Pinehurst Room

Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director



Board Attendees: Mike Spillman, Fred Wendelboe, Brian Webb, Tina Readling, Trey Mainwaring

Guests: Scott Castevens

Staff: Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting Start Time: 1:00 pm

- I. Welcome
- II. Agenda
- III. State of the Game Reports
  - A. North Carolina: Kevin Wendelboe
    - a. Membership Totals – Carolina Region breaks 9000 members for first time!
      - o Adults:

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female - Regular	Male Limited	Female Limited	TOTALS
2014/2015	571	1063	317	185	2136
2013/2014	558	1025	533	390	2506
2012/2013	563	979	692	461	2695
2011/2012	553	921	805	524	2803
2010/2011	547	916	273	198	1934
2009/2010	582	973	95	155	1805
2008/2009	571	828	103	108	1610
2007/2008	525	821	139	131	1616
2006/2007	588	808	123	88	1607
2005/2006	601	743	94	85	1523
DIFF 14 to 15	+13	+38	-216	-205	-370

Member Year	Male Players	Female Players
2014/2015	88	93
2013/2014	35	152
2012/2013	101	162
2011/2012	127	193
2010/2011	150	190
2009/2010	170	248
2008/2009	210	248
2007/2008	193	301
2006/2007	208	306
2005/2006	231	248
DIFF 14 to 15	+53	-59

o Juniors:

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female – Regular/Y	Male – Limited	Female – Limited	TOTALS
2014/2015	64	6834	7	306	7211
2013/2014	28	6502	21	321	6872
2012/2013	26	6064	14	260	6364
2011/2012	40	5297	2	183	5462
2010/2011	55	4925	6	123	5109
2009/2010	84	4490	5	78	4657
2008/2009	72	3929	1	29	4031
2007/2008	58	3713	0	24	3795
DIFF 14 to 15	+36	+332	- 14	-15	+339

o Teams:

Member Year	Male - Adult	Female - Adult	Jr Girls	Jr Boys
2014/2015	12	9	665	6
2013/2014	4	15 (+1 ODR)	636	2
2012/2013	13	15 (+3 ODR)	592	1
2011/2012	15	18	530	4
2010/2011	16	22	486	5
2009/2010	21	28	451	5
2008/2009	24	25	393	6
2007/2008	21	35	374	7
2006/2007	22	32	349	6
2005/2006	28	30	368	5
DIFF 14 to 15	+8	-6	+29	+4

- b. Website/Social Media/Email –We currently have 438 followers on Twitter (+185 from last year). We have 1963 “Likes” on our Facebook page (+879 from last year). We used Constant Contact this year to keep our clubs and members more informed during the season. With every email we sent, we promoted our Social Media platforms, especially our Facebook page. We ran a promotion mid-season to get us over the 1500 “Likes” threshold and that was very successful. We will do this again as we approach 2000. Our Social Media platforms continue to be a great way to keep the membership informed and involved in Carolina Region updates.
- c. Tournaments – We had two tournament weekends affected by inclement weather, but overall, it was a smooth year. We continued to hear positive feedback on the site assignment system we implemented last season. We have continued to update the Points System site to provide more information to users and we have more updates in planning for next year. The Junior Advisory Board will be considering some changes to the 5-team and 6-team tournament formats along with some other minor changes. As we continue to grow, having enough Professional officials for each tournament will become a major challenge.

- d. Regional Championship Results –Adult Regionals were held February 8 (Men played one tournament in Fall so a defined Regionals was not held). We held championships for the Women’s Gold division only. The Junior East/West Championships were held on March 21 and March 28. 74.8% of the teams participated on March 21 and 79.6% participated on March 28. The Carolina Regional Championships for the top teams from Division 1 of each age group was held on April 11. We had a participation rate of 92.8% for the April 11 Regionals.
- e. Inter-Region/National Performances:
- JUNIORS – We had two teams do really well at the Big South Qualifier: Triangle 12 Black finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 12 National division and Triangle 18 Blue finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 18 USA division. We also had several teams actually earn bids to the USAV Junior National Championships at the Disney Volleyball Showcase. Triangle 17 Black won a bid in the 17 Open division; Triangle 18 Black won a bid in the 18 Open division; and Brick City 18’s Black won a bid in the 18 American division. CJV 18 Infinity was also offered an At-Large bid into the 18 Open division as well.
- f. Coaching Program:
- We held four IMPACT clinics in the Region this season (both Region-sponsored and club-sponsored). USA Volleyball’s On-Demand IMPACT clinic continues to be an option for many coaches to get their certifications. 400 Coaches received IMPACT certifications this season (in-person or online).
- g. Officials Program:
- Online clinics and training for officials is available at <http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/> The performance of the clinic site was much improved over the past seasons and USAV is continuing to invest in making it better.
  - We were ranked number five (5) of thirty-six (36) Regions in the number of completed courses in the USA Academy Online learning system.
  - We certified 6809 (6073 last year) referees through online and in-person clinics this season.
  - We had 14 Junior Players receive the Junior Regional Rating this season. - They each received a patch, whistle and lanyard from the Region as well as recognition on the region website.
  - Ronnie Mutter, Brian Webb, and Stephen Shepherd are working on a new training and mentoring program for professional referees to go into effect next season.
- h. High Performance Program:
- We hosted 6 skills/position clinics (3 others were cancelled due to low pre-registration numbers), 2 Regional tryouts, one National HP tryout, and one Level II Training/Evaluation clinics this season. Our biggest issue continues to be finding coaches willing to be involved with the program during the season.
  - We are planning on sending TWO teams to the 2015 HP Championships (Des Moines, Iowa). We are sending a Youth team and a Select team. We will identify the final travel teams in May and they will have several training sessions in May, June, and July leading up to the Championships.

- i. Summary – The Carolina Region continued to grow its overall membership during the 2015 season surpassing 9000 total members for the first time. We continue to grow the junior girls program in both players and teams, even with competing organizations growing in influence throughout the country. This growth will continue to pose problems in scheduling without added facilities and we are also starting to have problems getting enough professional referees to cover our events. We will need to come up with creative solutions in order to continue to provide quality events for our participants.

B. National State of the Game – Fred Wendelboe:

- USA Volleyball is hosting three World League weekends (Men) and the Grand Prix Championships (Women) in the United States this year.
- Both the Men and Women Indoor National Teams are at the top in the FIVB World Rankings. We have several Beach teams on their way up the rankings as well.
- The process for Olympic Qualifications for the Beach is still being finalized by FIVB. The current proposals being considered could cause some more issues with the beach players who are not in favor of many of them.
- The USAV National organization could see many personnel changes after the Rio Olympics. Many long-time staff are getting to the age where they may not continue for too much longer.

- IV. Officer Elections – We only had one nominee for each office announced one month before these Annual Meetings. All team reps were emailed a link to vote electronically. Based on the votes received, we can formally announce that the following have been elected for a three-year term (through 2018 Annual Meeting):

- Mike Spillman – President
- Dan Colleran – Treasurer
- Jim Ross - Secretary

- V. Bylaws update – It was decided this needs to be addressed during the Business meeting.

VI. 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. The following individuals were recognized as 2015 Carolina Region Meritorious Service Award winners:

- A. Gregory Fletcher (posthumous)
- B. Michael Spillman
- C. Betsey Wells

We will have a write-up of each individual's contributions to North Carolina volleyball on our website and in the next newsletter.

- VII. Old Business - none

- VIII. New Business - none

- IX. Next Meeting –May 1, 2016 at a site TBA

- X. Meeting adjourned – Motion by Webb, second by F. Wendelboe to:

Motion 1: adjourn the May 3, 2015 Annual Meeting at 1:27 pm. MSA
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