



Carolina Region/USAV
May 1, 2011 Board meeting
Koury Convention Center, Greensboro
Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director

Board Attendees: Fred Wendelboe, Daniel Colleran, Karl Owen, Audun Runde, Trina Sharpe, Casey Caram, Vaughn Hastings, Michael O'Connor

Guests: Denise Hayes, Sherry Fadool, Tim Gabel, Jenna Hinton

Staff: Marilyn Thompson, Sheila Holloway, Kevin Wendelboe

Absent: Pam Dickenson, Michael Spillman

Meeting began: 1:55 pm

I. Agenda – Motion by Runde, second by Owen to:

Motion 1: Approve the Agenda of the May 1, 2011 Business Meeting of the Carolina Region Board of Directors with the provision that topics may be added as approved by the President. MSA

II. Finance Report – The current projection on the Finance Report shows a rather large deficit. This is actually not as bad as it seems. We budgeted to transfer over \$17,000 from reserves to pay the facility grants and balance the budget. The Executive Committee also approved just over \$17,000 out of reserves to pay for the web site redesign. None of the money from reserves were put into the projected column so we can see where we stand. Taking those figures into account we are actually coming in ahead of the budget due to our growth. The board was updated on a few line items that have some variance from the initial budget. Overall, we are doing pretty well versus the budget.

III. Proposed Board Schedule – Kevin presented a schedule with similar dates as the past few years. There is a question whether to continue to hold the retreat in June or move it back to August. Board decided to wait until the retreat to decide on the future board schedule. Motion

IV. 2011/2012 Tournament Schedules (see attached) –The Board discussed the proposed Junior schedule that was approved by the Junior Advisory Board. Motion from JAB to:

Motion 2: approve the 2011/2012 Junior Tournament schedule. MSA

Motion by Owen, Second by Hastings to:

Motion 3: approve the 2011/2012 Adult Tournament schedule. MSA

V. Junior Advisory Board (JAB) Motions:

A. Tryout Policies (Appendix III) Motion - Motion from JAB to:

Motion 4: replace the word “recommends” with “required” in the first sentence in the Signing Dates section and to update other areas in the paragraph to reflect that the use of the signing dates are required. MSA

Motion from JAB to:

Motion 5: update the Tryout document to require the use of the Letter of Commitment. MSA.

B. Adult Officials working Junior tournaments. Motion from JAB that:

Motion 6: adult officials work as the first referee for all matches in the 12’s, 13’s, and 14’s age groups. TABLED until the next meeting of the board

During the discussion on Motion 6, a few other items were discussed on speeding up the tournaments. The Board felt that making any changes before hearing the results from the JAB task force may be counter-productive. Motion by F. Wendelboe, second by Runde to:

Motion7: table Motion 6 until the retreat and a report from the JAB Task Force can be produced and analyzed. MSA

C. Boys Tournament Entry Procedures. Motion from JAB to:

Motion 8: amend the tournament entry acceptance order for entries by the entry deadline to accept Carolina Region girls teams first and then Carolina Region boys teams. MSA

- D. Task Force – The Board asked Kevin to make sure the task force would issue a comprehensive plan on improving the tournament experience both in length of the tournaments and participant enjoyment. The Board would like the plan submitted by at least one week before the retreat to review.
- E. Automatic Team Movements - The Board reiterated that there are policies in place that allow a team that is moved to play in a higher division and also to play themselves back into a higher division.
- E. Bid Tournament Criteria – There was no interest in changing the criteria in place to be eligible to compete in the Region Bid tournament.

- VI. 2011 Junior Beach Tour – The Tour dates were presented to the Board. We have interest from tournament hosts for all proposed dates. We are working now to get the information out to members. We are hopeful this will take off and be a popular event in next few seasons.
- VII. High Performance Program Update – This was covered in depth during the Annual Meeting so did not need to address anything more during this meeting.
- VIII. Planning Retreat Update – The current dates are June 10 and 11. Board was asked if they were available to meet on June 11 and 12 instead so Karl could attend the majority of the planning discussions. Most in attendance felt they could do this. Kevin will check with facility and the moderator to see if this change is possible and then notify the board. The Executive Committee will be having a conference call with the Moderator, Scott Place, on Tuesday to provide further background before the retreat.
- IX. Facility Grant Requests – we had five organizations submit requests for Facility/Equipment Grants by the April 29 deadline. Kevin will be visiting the sites this summer and will make a recommendation at the retreat and for the budget discussions.
- X. Old Business – None.
- XI. New Business:
 - A. 2012 Elections – The President, Secretary, and Treasurer are due to be elected in 2012 at the Annual Meeting. We will need to form a nominating committee to solicit and vet candidates. Fred will consult the Operating Code for eligibility and then contact board reps to serve on the nominating committee.
 - B. Adults – Held a brief discussion on promoting growth in our adult playing population. We need to look at possible alternate seasons for adults, different formats, and removing barriers to entry that may be preventing adults from playing.
- XII. Adjournment: Motion by Owen, second by O’Connor to:

Motion 9: adjourn the May 1, 2011 Carolina Region/USAV Board meeting at 3:06 pm.
MSA

NEXT MEETING
Either June 10 or June 11 (TBD) at Embassy Suites, Cary

ACTION ITEMS:

- Kevin – Complete Facility Grant evaluations and make recommendations at the retreat.
- Kevin – Work with the Junior Task Force to assure timely completion.
- Fred – Appoint Nominating Committee

APPENDIX 1 - 2012 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT DATES

January:

- 31-1 – Possible season opening two-day tournament - Quest
- 7 – Regular season begin; All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's
- 14 – Regular season begin; All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's
- 21 - All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's
- 28 - All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's (SAT DATE)

February:

- 4– All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's
- 11 - All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's
- 18 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's
- 25 – All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's

March:

- 3– All divisions for age groups 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's (Adult Regionals)
- 10/11 – All divisions for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's MAPL (SAT DATE)
- 17 – Regional Championships - 12's, 16's, 17's, 18's (Adult Hi Neighbor)
- 24 – Regional Championships for age groups 13's, 14's, 15's
- 31/1 – Big South Qualifier

April:

- 8 – EASTER
- 14 - National Bid Tournaments or April 28 – all ages
- 21/22- Asheville Junior Hi Neighbor
- 28 – National Bid Tournaments or April 14 – all ages

APPENDIX II - 2011-2012 ADULT TOURNAMENT DATES

December:

- Weekend of 3 & 4 - M-Sun; W-Sat (if needed) proposed ½ day format with clinics
- Weekend of 10 & 11 - M-Sat; W-Sun (if needed)

January:

- Weekend of 7 & 8
- Weekend of 21 & 22

February:

- Weekend of 4 & 5
- Weekend of 18 & 19

March:

- Weekend of 3 & 4 - 2012 Regional Championships – All divisions
- Weekend of 17 & 18 - Asheville Hi Neighbor



APPENDIX III

Carolina Region/USAV Tryouts

The Carolina Region Board of Directors has issued the following policies to address some of the issues about Club tryouts and the signing of players with the goal of creating a fairer and more athlete-friendly process for the beginning of the Junior Girls' volleyball season.

Tryouts:

There will be TWO announced Girls' tryout periods that clubs are encouraged but not required to adopt. (1) The FIRST tryout period will begin on **Saturday October 22, 2011** for the following age groups: **U15, U14, U13, and U12**. (2) The SECOND tryout period for the **U16, U17, and U18** age groups will begin **Sunday, November 6, 2011** (after the North Carolina State Championships for public High Schools on November 5, 2011). The Carolina Region/USAV will not publish any tryouts for girls' teams on its website that occur before these dates for the respective age groups. Some middle and private school seasons can last longer than the High School season so the Region recommends club directors check with Middle and/or private school coaches in their area to determine optimum tryout dates for their various age groups.

Signing Dates:

Players have the right to attend more than one club's tryouts. The Carolina Region **requires** that clubs adopt a signing date of **NINE DAYS (Oct. 31, 2011)** after the FIRST Tryout Period begins for the **U12, U13, and U14** age groups and **EIGHT DAYS (Nov. 14, 2011)** after the SECOND Tryout Period begins for the **U15, U16, U17, and U18** age groups. [Note that the tryout period for the **U15** age group is the FIRST tryout period, but the signing date is the SECOND signing date]. Clubs **must** hold an offer open to a player to join a particular team in the club or the club in general until the respective age group signing date. If a player commits by the signing date, clubs must honor their commitment or the club may be considered to have violated the RVA/USAV Code of Conduct. *Players may voluntarily commit to a club at anytime following the club's tryouts, but should not be pressured to do so.* For tryouts held just before or after the signing date, clubs should give a minimum waiting period of seven days before requiring a player to commit to their club. The Carolina Region **requires** all clubs to use the Carolina Region *Letter of Commitment* when accepting players into their clubs. This form should not be sent to the Carolina Region, but kept on file with the club should any question arise about a player's commitment to a club or a club's commitment to a player.

The Carolina Region/USAV has adopted these tryout policies for the benefit of all junior players in our Region. The Junior Division welcomes all comments from the junior community on this and other issues concerning the division. Please direct all communication through the Region Office (office@carolinaregionvb.org) and we will address it at future Junior Advisory Board meetings.

Summary:

	12's – 14's	15's	16's – 18's
Tryouts may begin	October 22	October 22	November 6
Signing dates	October 31	November 14	November 14