

CAROLINA REGION/USAV ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2014 – Koury Convention Center, Pinehurst Room

Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director



Board Attendees: Mike Spillman, Fred Wendelboe, Jim Ross, Brian Webb, Tina Readling, Andre Hargrove

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 – Continued Growth for Overall membership!
 - o Adults:

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female - Regular	Male Limited	Female Limited	TOTALS
2013/2014	549	1019	241	213	2022
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
2004/2005	533	673	109	87	1402
DIFF 13 to 14	-14	+40	-451	-248	-673

Member Year	Male Players	Female Players
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
2004/2005	247	253
DIFF 13 to 14	-66	-10

o Juniors:

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female – Regular/Y	Male – Limited	Female – Limited	TOTALS
2013/2014	28	6497	4	233	6762
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
2006/2007	52	3379	4	14	3449
DIFF 13 to 14	+2	+433	- 10	-27	+398

o Teams:

Member Year	Male - Adult	Female - Adult	Jr Girls	Jr Boys
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
2004/2005	26	30	289 (+5 Development)	3
DIFF 13 to 14	- 9	same	+44	+1

- b. Website/Social Media –We currently have 253 followers on Twitter (+116 from last year). We have 1084 “Likes” on our Facebook page (+357 from last year). We post all our photo albums to our Facebook page which drives a lot of traffic. We added a Twitter account for our PVL team recently, the Carolina Flight. It now has 13 Followers. We have seen a lot more activity through these channels over the past season and plan to continue to use Social Media to promote our programs.
- c. Tournaments – We had one tournament weekend affected by inclement weather and a lot of tournament sites were cancelled. This season we had the fewest number of complaints about the tournament formats ever. We only had one instance this season where we had to use the 5-team Logan’s Run format (and teams were notified in advance so did not hear any complaints). All other tournaments utilized 4-team and 3-team pools. We generally had enough courts each weekend, but having a few more in the East would help tremendously.
- d. Regional Championship Results –Adult Regionals were held March 2. We held championships for the Men; Women’s Gold; and Women’s Silver (53% participation rate). The Junior East/West Regional Championships were held on March 22 and March 29. 80.0% of the teams participated on March 22 and 70.5% participated on March 29. This season, we added an Overall Regional Championships for the top teams from Site 1 of each age group. That Championship was held on April 12. We only had a participation rate of 78% for the April 12 Regionals. We are asking the Junior Advisory Board for feedback on how to get that to 100%.
- e. Inter-Region/National Performances:
 - ADULTS – Two teams from the Region are attending the US Open in Phoenix – Volley Llamas is playing Men’s A and Whatever Work is playing Women’s BB. The Carolina Region is also entering a team in the Women’s PVL this season. The Carolina FLIGHT will be coached by current Wake Forest Head Coach, Ken Murczek. The Asheville Hi Neighbor was cancelled again this season and it appears they will not try to reinstate it next season.
 - JUNIORS – We did not have any teams earn bids at Qualifiers this season. However, we still had many teams traveling to play in Qualifiers and end with high finishes.
- f. Coaching Program:
 - We held six IMPACT clinics in the Region this season (both Region-sponsored and club-sponsored). USA Volleyball’s On-Demand IMPACT clinic has been a popular way for Coaches to get IMPACT certified while at home. 352 Coaches received IMPACT certifications this season (in-person or online). The Continuing Education requirement can now be tracked much easier inside a member’s record. The Webpoint programmers have built in automatic calculations for the Continuing Education expiration into the certification records.
- g. Officials Program:
 - Online clinics and training for officials is available at <http://www.volleyballreftraining.com/> The site had continued problems during the December Holiday period as users from across the country tried to access the system. USA Volleyball is taking steps to upgrade the server capacity so this will not happen again during the peak times.
 - We certified 6073 (5703 last year) referees through online and in-person clinics this season.

- We certified 273* (5785 last year) scorekeepers through the online and in-person clinics. *Due to a change in the way the online clinic reported results into a Member's record, the Scorekeeper certification was not updated for members that took the Referee clinic. But, all Referees are required to also take the Scorer clinic in order to get certified so every Referee that received their certification also received a Scorer certification by default. The number reported for Scorer certifications would be those individuals that chose not to get a Referee certification or they were referees that also took the separate Scorer clinic.
 - A New database is being set up with up to date official's information.
 - Ratings were conducted at Sportsplex during adult tournaments.
 - A new Junior Regional Rating forms was introduced for junior officials this season. Two junior officials achieved the rating this season.
 - A new way of training new officials started this year:
 - Attend in-person clinic and take both tests there;
 - Spend a tournament with a mentor (without pay) learning how to work with juniors and supervise a court.
 - We received only good comments from officials about the new pool format. There is a delay in assigning because of having to wait until results in before forming pools for next tournament. But it is still a much better way of doing tournaments.
- h. High Performance Program:
- We hosted three skills/position clinics (1 other was cancelled due to low pre-registration numbers), two Regional tryouts and one National HP tryout this season. We are still finding that players are not as aware of the HP Program. We will increase our promotion of the Program next season to both the clubs and directly to the Players. Finding facility/court space to actually host HP clinics continues to be a big issue.
 - We will have Level 1 and 2 training later in May/June. It is still too early to tell whether we will have sufficient talent level to form teams in all age groups to send to the 2014 HP Championships (Tulsa, OK).
- i. Summary – The Carolina Region experienced another positive season in 2014. Our Junior Girls program continues to grow and our tournament experience was greatly improved for participants this year with our new 4-team tournament assignment process. We continue to struggle engaging adult participation in the standard tournament format we have used from our inception. It may be time to change the adult model to rejuvenate interest and participation by adults in Carolina Region events. Overall, the Region is strong and ready to take FLIGHT.

B. National State of the Game – Fred Wendelboe:

- A job description has been developed and advertised for the USA Volleyball Senior Director, Beach Operations position. It took some time to get all of the constituents on the same page concerning the position, but it seems that the process is ready to move forward now.
- The Regions are still facing issues with the AAU and JVA organizations. Some Regions are hit harder than others. Attracting Adults to USAV programs continues to be an issue for almost all the Regions.

- One item of note for the Carolina Region Board is that our current Commissioner/Executive Director, Kevin Wendelboe, is running for a position on the USA Volleyball Board of Directors. One of the RVA Board Representative positions is up for election at the upcoming May Meetings in Phoenix and Kevin will be running against two other Commissioners.

IV. 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 2014 Carolina Region Meritorious Service Award winners were announced to those present but will not be made public until we have a chance to present the award to them in person.

V. Old Business - none

VI. New Business - none

VII. Next Meeting –May 3, 2015 at a site TBA

VIII. Meeting adjourned – Motion by Ross, second by F. Wendelboe to:

Motion 1: adjourn the May 4, 2014 Annual Meeting at 1:45 pm. MSA