

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



Attendees: Wade Brence, Doug Fagan, Tony Hill, Jeff Hoppen, Rick Laskey, Chuck McCracken, Michael O'Connor, Gary Odle, Marilyn Thompson, Kevin Wendelboe, Charlie Yang, Steve Truckenbrod, Dan Pickett, Bill Bagley

Meeting began: 2:05 pm

- I. Welcome & Information Updates – Chuck went over some of the topics that the Junior Advisory Board will be going over that will/may affect officials – background screens for officials, parent/spectator behavior, pool formats, and warm-up procedures.
- II. Advisory Board Structure: Currently, the Officials Advisory Board is comprised of all certified officials in the Carolina Region. It was suggested that we have an Officials Council as a subgroup that would get a lot of the work done for the group. Everyone agreed that we need a referee chair and a scorekeeper chair to meet the National USAV requirements. Motion by Kevin, second by Wade to:

Motion 1: establish within the Officials Advisory Board a six-person council with three members selected from certified Referees (including the Ref Chair) and three members selected from certified scorers (including Scorer Chair). The Ref Chair and Scorer Chair would appoint the other two members of their subgroup with duties as assigned. MSA

- III. Official Assigner for Junior Tournaments: Motion by Michael, second by Doug to:

Motion 2: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to add money to the 2006/2007 budget to establish an Officials Assigner position with an annual stipend of \$1000. MSA

- IV. Board Rep Election Procedures – The Officials Advisory Board may elect one person to represent the group with vote on the Carolina Region Board of Directors. Currently each certified official has a vote in the Officials Advisory Board. Motion by Marilyn, second by Kevin that:

Motion 3: the person that gets elected as the Board Rep must meet the same requirements that is required of the Ref Chair and Score Chair. Motion **Failed**

Motion by Dan, second by Michael that:

Motion 4: the elected Officials Board Rep will be elected by majority of votes cast in person or by proxy by members of the Advisory Board at the designated election meeting. Candidates for the rep will come from the six-person Advisory Council. MSA

Motion by Dan, second by Marilyn that:

Motion 5: the term for the Officials Board rep will be for one year with no limit on re-election. MSA

- V. Initial Election of Board Rep – Since we are just establishing these procedures and have not established an Officials Council yet, we need to elect a Board Rep for this first year. The Carolina Region’s Board Retreat is next weekend in Chapel Hill and this Rep will have opportunity to attend to present the results of this initial meeting of the Officials Advisory Board. Nominations from the floor included Wade Brence and Gary Odle. The candidates gave brief statements and left the room. Those present elected Gary Odle as the Officials Rep for a period of one year.
- VI. Future Division Meeting(s) – majority agreed that the OTP clinic is a good weekend for an Advisory Board Meeting. We will have one annual meeting in conjunction with the OTP clinic where possible with a Board Rep election as one of the main functions. Additional meetings by email, conference call, or in person may be held as needed and determined by the Officials Council.
- VII. Clinician/Rater Training – November 12 in Greensboro will be the clinic/meeting for all raters and clinicians. Chuck will look at holding an alternate date if needed for those with college assignments.
- VIII. Officials Code of Conduct – Carolina Region Board of Directors has asked that the Officials Division develop a Code of Conduct for the Officials working our events to agree to. It was decided that the new Officials Council will take this up as one of their first tasks.
- IX. Mentor Program – we should look at having a mentor program to match experienced officials with newer officials to help train them. Chuck will work on the details and work with the Council to get it established.
- X. Online Testing – Chuck proposed that we should still give the juniors test on site in order to get them finished. Test D is going away so we need to amend Test C to use. This was assigned to the Officials Council working with Chuck. We would still allow the adults to take the tests online.
- XI. Online clinics – Should we go to online clinics? Some Regions are doing it with both positive and negative feedback heard. For adults it may be a viable option. We would have to decide if it is for re-cert clinics only or for all? There would be a lot of issues to work through before implementing but we should continue to investigate it as an option for future.

- XII. Region Website – Kevin previewed the new website re-design he’s been working on for the Region.
- XIII. Motion by Doug, second by Michael to:

Motion 6: adjourn the Officials Advisory Board Meeting at 3:40 pm. MSA

NEXT MEETING

In conjunction with August, 2007 OTP clinic if possible. Time and site TBD

ACTION ITEMS:

- Karl (President of Board) – Appoint Ref and Score Chairs for 2006/2007 season
- Ref Chair/Score Chair – Appoint two members each from their certified constituents to the Officials Council
- Officials Council – formulate an Officials Code of Conduct; establish an Officials Mentor Program; Edit Form C Rule Test for use in our Juniors Clinics.
- Chuck – set Officials clinics dates. Set Rating sites. Prepare Training materials for clinics and raters.