



Attendees: Wade Brence, Doug Fagan, Tony Hill, Jeff Hoppen, Chuck McCracken, Bonnie O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, Marlin McNeal, Ronnie Mutter, Marilyn Thompson, Kevin Wendelboe, Charlie Yang, Dan Pickett, Trina Sharpe, Tad Watson, Ron Weigand, Brian Webb, Gary Foster, Cam Choate, Michael Fulk, Amber Fulk, Charles Tudor, Stephen Shepherd, Greg Fletcher, Vaughn Hastings, Betty Fox, Sandy Fox

Meeting began: 3:50 pm

- I. Welcome & Introductions
- II. Wade announced that Stephen Shepherd had recently received his Junior National Rating and everyone offered their congratulations.
- III. 2008 tournament/schedule updates – We do use Assign By Web to assign the tournaments. Officials need to wait until the system resets for 2007/2008 before updating your availability. All divisions will be playing to the end of the season so the need for officials will be great the entire season.
- IV. Online clinics – We are in the process of developing an online clinic option for next season. The clinic will incorporate testing during the online presentation and participants would no longer have to take a separate test. This would apply for all junior and adult officials that qualify for a re-cert clinic. We may want to continue to bring the professional officials in to their own clinic and tests.
- V. Rating opportunities – We are identifying a series of tournaments that can be used to rate officials (Quest, Challenge Series, 18 Platinum tournaments). Rating tournaments will be posted on the Carolina Region website so officials know where they can go to get ratings. There was a question whether we need to continue the practical evaluation for the adults. It was agreed that team officials would not need a practical rating, but they could request one if desired during rating events. Referees going for Provisional and Regional would still need the minimum required practical ratings.
  - A. Motion by Wade Brence, second by Tony Hill to:

Motion 1: recommend to the Carolina Region Board to establish the policy that adult teams have three individuals on their roster that have completed their officials clinic and tests (either online or in-person) before they can participate in a sanctioned tournament.  
MSA

- B. Discussed the training of our junior officials during events. We need to develop criteria for training our paid officials on what we need to teach the junior officials and come up with ways we can better train our junior officials. Bonnie O'Connor, Dan Pickett, Trina Sharpe, Doug Fagan, Ron Weigand, Cam Choate, Tony Hill, and Marilyn Thompson volunteered to come up with some training guidelines to distribute to all officials. Chuck mentioned we can set up some online meetings or conference calls to facilitate this committee.
- C. Motion by Tony Hill, second by Dan Pickett to:

Motion 2: recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to establish a policy that the junior coach supervising the team must be on the roster as a certified referee. MSA

- D. Motion by Brian Webb, second by Marlin McNeal to:

Motion 3: recommend to the Carolina Region Board to establish a policy that all individuals fulfilling the roles of first referee, second referee, and scorekeeper at sanctioned adult and junior events must be a current certified official verified on the roster or USAV card. MSA

- E. Junior Regional Ratings – We have a Junior Regional Rating program in place to recognize our better Junior referees. Junior Regional Referees receive a patch and pin from the Region and recognition on the website. However, we do not have a formalized process of identifying and rating Junior Regional Referees. Chuck directed the committee that was just identified to also look at this topic and make recommendations to the Sub-Advisory Council.
- VI. Scorekeeper Test deadline – Our region requires scorekeepers to pass the scorekeeper tests. This would include our National Scorekeepers, National Referees, and the Junior National referees. Each season, we have to police a number of referees to take the scorekeeper test to maintain their referee certification. Motion by Dan Pickett, second by Brian Webb to:

Motion 4: Recommend to the Carolina Region Board to establish a policy that the deadline for all National officials to take their scorekeeper test will be the same as the national deadline for referee tests (currently Feb 15). MSA (one no vote).

- VII. USAV Rating Process – The process will be changing on how officials renew their ratings. This will affect the National-rated officials the most but will also affect Provisional and Regional. It's hoped it will be a universal system for all regions to use. Those interested in seeing the proposed changes and commenting on them should contact Wade. He will compile all comments and forward to the National Officials Leadership.

- VIII. Clinicians list – we have people retiring and others coming into the region. Chuck asked those on list to go look at it on our website to make sure the information is correct. We'll post an updated list before the season.
- IX. Online clinics - continued – Motion by Sandy Fox, second by Marilyn Thompson to:

Motion 5: recommend to the Carolina Region Board to establish a policy that the initial certification of all brand new officials shall be at a face-to-face clinic. They will have to take the tests onsite and if they score an 80 or above on the test then they can be eligible for an on-line re-cert clinic the next season. MSA

- X. Communication – We currently communicate with our professional officials through the E-Board listing on our Assign By Web site. We will also create some lists within our CarolinaRegionVB.org site to be able to email information directly to officials.
- XI. Selection of National Rating candidates for 2008 and 2009. Doug Fagan has submitted to be considered for his National rating in 2008. Steve Truckenbrod and Tony Hill want to be considered for Junior National in 2009. Individuals must fill out the applicable form from the Carolina Region Officials section on our website to be considered for National ratings.
- XII. Elections – We need to elect someone to represent the Officials Advisory Board to the Carolina Region Board. Nominations from the floor were Doug Fagan and Wade Brence. Doug Fagan was elected as the rep for a one year term.
- XIII. Next meeting – is this time period right for this meeting? Consensus was this is a good time period and we'll have it this time next year in conjunction with the OTP weekend.
- XIV. New Business:
  - A. It was recommended that the whole issue of the Good Standing policies and test-taking requirements be taken to the Officials Advisory Council to bring back suggestions next year. Currently, we only have a Referee Good Standing Policy so the Advisory Council should create a Scorekeeper Good Standing Policy as part of this review.
  - B. Request made that the board should listen to the motions of the Officials Advisory Board. One example given was the motion at last year's meeting to pay Marilyn \$1000 as the Official Assigner. It was pointed out that the Board fully intended to include that in the budget, but Marilyn told the board it was not necessary and refused it. This was indicated in the Board's retreat minutes for all to review.
  - C. Officials Travel Policy – no specific proposals were brought forward on this topic so no action taken.
- XV. Adjournment - Motion by Dan Pickett, second by Marilyn Thompson to:

Motion 6: adjourn the Officials Advisory Board Meeting at 5:58 pm. MSA

### **NEXT MEETING**

In conjunction with July/August, 2008 OTP clinic if possible. Time and site TBD

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

- Chuck – Develop online clinic(s) for adult and junior re-cert eligible officials
- Chuck/Wade/Marilyn – set Officials clinics dates. Set Rating sites. Prepare Training materials for clinics and raters.
- Bonnie O'Connor, Dan Pickett, Trina Sharpe, Doug Fagan, Ron Weigand, Cam Choate, and Tony Hill – develop training materials and processes for our paid officials to train our junior officials. Also, develop a formalized process for identifying and rating Junior Regional Referees.
- Kevin – create email distribution lists for professional officials
- Officials Advisory Council – Develop a Scorekeeper Good Standing Policy. Review and recommend changes if necessary to the Referee Good Standing Policy. Review certification requirements for referees and scorekeepers.