

Carolina Region/USAV
May 20, 2021 Juniors Advisory Board meeting
Online Meeting



Attendees: Doug Balsler (Champion; Girls Rep); Jennifer Carlson (NC Academy); David Elkins (White Cross); Sherry Fadool (Triangle); Pamela Harper (Carolina Spike Force); James Marshall (Stanly County); Chuck Morris (Champion); Trina Sharpe (Sports Academy)

CR Board Attendees: Tina Readling; Steve Ellis
CR Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe, Wade Brence

Meeting began: 7:00 pm

- I. Welcome –

- II. 2021 Season Review – The COVID restrictions in the state had a significant impact on our season and membership numbers. We made the decision in December to cancel all one-day events that the region accepts entries for the entire season. This was done as we would not have enough facilities available to accommodate the teams, and we wanted clubs to have the chance to find alternate events in nearby states that were not as locked down as North Carolina. We were able to sanction a few multi-day events later in the season. We saw a 25% reduction in teams to 672 Girls teams and 13 Boys teams. We saw a 20% reduction in total members (7126 Girls; 155 Boys; 112 Youth). We did anticipate and budget for at least a 20% reduction in members, so our numbers are in line with that. We are hopeful we will be able to have a complete season next year and our memberships will start to return to pre-COVID numbers.

- III. 2021/2022 Schedule – Kevin presented a proposed schedule for the 2022 season. With Easter being later again in 2022, the schedule can be similar to what it would have been this season. Feedback was requested on when to hold the National bid tournaments. We have not had as much participation in the bid tournaments recently and one idea was to hold it later after several of the Qualifiers have played so teams that don't earn a bid at a Qualifier might participate. It was decided to hold the 18's Bid tournament on February 27 and the 12's -17's Bid tournament on April 30. Kevin reminded everyone that this schedule is not final until approved by the Carolina Region Board of Directors at their summer retreat. Motion by Morris, second by Balsler to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 1: approve the 2022 Junior Tournament Schedule as amended. MSA See Appendix 1

- IV. Recruiting/Tryout Policy – Kevin introduced a proposal to change how tryouts operate in the Region. Our current practice was developed over 10 years ago, but the volleyball landscape has changed drastically since then. There are additional organizations that sanction volleyball events and they do not limit or address tryout issues. This has caused a lot of issues in the region. We receive more complaints during the tryout period than any other time of year, but the majority of the complaints are not sanctionable violations. Kevin proposed allowing tryouts anytime after the current indoor season ends at the USAV National Championships. Comments were made about establishing an Ethics Review Board or instituting a Fair Tryout Pledge. Kevin indicated we could encourage a pledge and publicize clubs that agree to it ahead of tryouts. After much discussion, no action was taken. The Board will take this topic up as part of its retreat.
- V. Officiating Clinics – Due to COVID, we offered all Ref and Scorer clinics online this season. USAV has a new Learning Management System (LMS) this season in addition to the new Member Management System. The LMS seemed to work much better this season. USAV has promised that clinics will be available by September 1 each season. We currently only allow the Scorers clinic to be given in person for the 14-and-under age groups. Kevin asked if we just want to move all clinics online since finding clinicians that time of year is an issue and people are now used to doing online training. The group still felt it was important to offer an in-person option for the younger age groups, so no change was recommended.
- VI. Formats – The group discussed the formats to be used for 2022 one-day tournaments. As long as there are no COVID restrictions in place in North Carolina, we will return to the 4-team pool tournament formats. Formats used during COVID events were discussed as a potential for future seasons.
- VII. Tie-Breakers – We currently only have a tie-breaker set option at the Division 1 Regional Championship sites. USAV eliminated all tie-breakers at their 2021 National events due to COVID. Kevin asked if we should consider eliminating tie-breakers at the Division 1 Championships? The group felt that clubs were now used to not having tie-breaker sets at events and that this change would allow for consistency and better time management for tournaments. Motion by Morris, second by Harper to:

Motion 2: eliminate tie-breaker sets at the Division 1 Regional Championship sites. Ties will be broken under the same process as used during regular season events. MSA

- VIII. Elections – Kevin reviewed the positions currently up for election and the people on the ballot. Online voting is now open through the June 12 Annual Meeting where the results will be announced. The Junior Reps now serve a one-year term. Many of the other Board positions have three-year terms. Non-Officer term limits are determined at the Advisory Board level. Kevin asked if the Junior Advisory Board would consider extending the term limits for the Junior Rep positions. After some discussion, the group also wanted to stagger the elections so there is not always a large turnover of Board members. Motion by Harper, second by Morris to:

Motion 3: change the term limits for the following Junior Advisory Board Reps to the Carolina Region Board of Directors beginning with the current election to the following:

- (a) Girl’s East Rep – 2 years for 2021 election and 3 years for future elections;
- (b) Girl’s West Rep – 1 year for 2021 election and 3 years for future elections;
- (c) Girl’s Rep – 2 years for 2021 election and 3 years for future elections;
- (d) Boy’s Rep – 1 year for 2021 election and 3 years for future elections.

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- IX. Additional Issues – Sherry discussed the issues with the new USAV Member Management System. Her staff had to spend a lot of time resolving problems with the new system. She would like to see the USAV CEO address these issues to USAV clubs. Kevin will forward this request on to the CEO.
- X. Other Business/Issues:
- A. None
- XI. Next Meeting – Online in May 2022.
- XII. Adjournment – Meeting ended at 8:58 pm

NOTE ON PASSED MOTIONS – PLEASE READ

Motions passed by the Junior Advisory Board do NOT establish policy*. These are recommendations to the Carolina Region Board of Directors for consideration and implementation if the board agrees. Please refer to the minutes of the subsequent meetings of the Carolina Region Board of Directors to verify that the motions passed at the Junior Advisory Board meeting were adopted.

* One exception this meeting – the Term Limit motion falls under the authority of the Junior Advisory Board. This motion passed so has been implemented immediately.