

CAROLINA REGION/USAV ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

April 30, 2006 – Koury Convention Center

Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Director of Operations



Board Attendees: Karl Owen, Amber Fulk, Fred Wendelboe, Betty Fox, Sandy Fox, Vaughn Hastings, Charlie Yang

Staff: Chuck McCracken, Kevin Wendelboe

Registered Proxies: Marilyn Thompson to Kevin Wendelboe; Wade Brence to Vaughn Hastings

Meeting Start Time: 1:00 pm

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of May 1, 2005 Annual Meeting minutes – Motion by Fred, second by Betty to:

Motion 1: Approve the minutes from the May 1, 2005 Annual Meeting of the Carolina Region Board of Directors. MSA

- III. A. State of the Game – North Carolina – Operations: Kevin Wendelboe
 - 1. Membership Totals – total increase again in 2006 although not as much as previous seasons.

a. Adults – overall numbers increased but players remain flat.

MEMBER YEAR	Male - Regular	Female - Regular	Male One-event	Female one-event	TOTALS
2005/2006	558	712	42	40	1352
2004/2005	533	673	109	87	1402
2003/2004	515	679	70	51	1315
2002/2003	483	568	61	48	1160
2001/2002	505	602	13	38	1158

Member Year	Male Players	Female Players
2005/2006	231	248
2004/2005	247	253
2003/2004	266	276
2002/2003	269	240
2001/2002	305	300

b. Juniors – continued growth in 2006

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female - Regular	Male – One-event	Female – One-event	TOTALS
2005/2006	47	2976	5	6	3034
2004/2005	29	2891	1	8	2929
2003/2004	20	2580	0	5	2605
2002/2003	17	2149	17	94	2277
2001/2002	19	1959	0	33	2011
DIFF 05 to 06	+18	+85	+4	-2	+105

c. Teams – Juniors grow by 79 teams; adults stay the same

Member Year	Male - Adult	Female - Adult	Jr Girls	Jr Boys
2005/2006	28	30	368	5
2004/2005	26	30	289 (+5 Development)	3
2003/2004	28	32	255	2
2002/2003	27	26	231	3
2001/2002	34	34	208	2
DIFF 05 to 06	+ 2	0	+79	+ 2

2. Online Database – We used USA Volleyball’s online database exclusively this season without issues. We saw cost savings and better staff time management with reduced preparation of mailings. We did not mail out membership cards as members and club directors can print verifications from their online accounts. We were able to email rosters to tournament directors saving printing costs and postage. We still have a long way to go for everyone to actually renew online but it is promising as more and more members learn of the advantages.
3. Tournaments – our new Points system seemed to be a huge success. We were able to track all entries in the system, publish pools, seed teams into the tournaments, and publish the results. There are still some tweaks we need to make to the system to improve it, but it is getting there. According to the system we had 2363 tournament entries this season between adults and juniors! We were able to handle the majority again this season that entered by deadline, but facilities and large division sizes will continue to be an issue. Some age groups may need to go to 5 divisions if we want to stay in two- and three-court facilities.
4. Regional Championship Results – 237 Junior teams participated in their respective Regional Championships (64%). The Junior Hi Neighbor affected the March 25 Regionals weekend or it may have been higher. 21 Adult teams participated in their respective Regional Championships (36%). We did not hold a Regional Championships tournament for either the Men’s or Women’s Gold divisions (lack of entries).
5. Inter-Region/National Performances:
 - ADULTS - We have three adult teams going to New Orleans to play in the 2006 US Open Volleyball Championships (Vroom-W A; Pimpin Ain’t Easy – M A; and Old N Broke – M B).

- JUNIORS - Our Junior teams continue to have success on the NATIONAL scene.
 - For the FIRST TIME EVER, we had a team win an OPEN bid to the Junior Olympics at a Qualifier – Triangle 18 Kaepa won the 18 Open division at the Big South Qualifier. We also had some teams earn automatic bids to the Junior Olympics in the CLUB division: CJV-Slam won the 18 Club American bid at the Big South Qualifier (they later earned the CR National bid so will accept that bid). PTVC-17 Piedmont earned an 17 Club American bid at the Northeast Qualifier (and finished 5th at Big South).
 - Some other outstanding finishes in National events:
 - CJV-Slam finished fifth at Colorado Crossroads in 18 Club
 - CJV-Carolina Reign finished fifth at Colorado Crossroads and 9th at the Big South in 17 Club
 - CJV-Rage finished 4th at the Hoosier Mideast Qualifier in 16 Club and 5th at the Big South Qualifier
 - NC Challengers 17 Blue finished 9th at the Big South Qualifier in the 17 Club division and 17th at the Northeast Qualifier;
 - NC Challengers 16 Blue finished 19th at the Big South Qualifier in the 16 Club division
 - Triangle 15 Kaepa finished 18th at the Big South Qualifier in 15 Club
 - Biltmore 15 finished 19th at Big South in 15 Club
 - Biltmore 17 finished 9th at the Northeast Qualifier in 17 Club
 - CCVC KAOS finished 9th at the Northeast Qualifier in 14 Club
 - CCVC-Lady Slammers finished 13th at the Northeast Qualifier in 13 Club.
 - Megan Hodge of Durham and Triangle VBC was named the 2005-06 Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year.
6. Challenges – Adult Sportsmanship (coaches and spectators at junior events) is becoming a bigger issue in our Region and across the country. We had a few disturbing instances this year in our younger age groups that indicate we need to address this aggressively in the future. Several regions are going to a zero tolerance policy and we may want to consider this at the retreat. Accommodating our growth in junior teams will continue to be an issue. Merging our new board structure into the operation of the region will be a focus in the coming season.

Overall, the State of the Game in North Carolina continues to be strong. We are financially stable and the future of Carolina Region volleyball looks bright!

B. State of the Game – North Carolina – Programs/Member Development: Chuck McCracken:

- We're making progress in the Juniors division against the rest of the country in our overall skill level. The structure of our Juniors programs (into four divisions by skill level) has increased the competition within pool play for the teams.
- The HP department made the decision to train 50-60 kids per age group instead of just 12. Other regions are now asking us how we train our kids. We had 45 kids at HP Select (youngest age group) in Raleigh this weekend.
- We will be able to bring two Youth and two Select teams to the HP Championships this year. There is not a USAV competition for the HP Junior division this summer. We tried to organize one in the Carolina Region but didn't work out with other regions. We are now trying to organize a trip for Dominican Republic but cost may be a factor (\$2000+ per player).
- Chuck has worked with some Youth leagues that are showing some results.
- Chuck is excited about the Beach opportunities coming about for juniors. The sand our grant bought for Cary looks good.
- In the officiating program, we had about twelve junior players working as officials on the younger age group weekends which helped us staff the events and train future officials. We received a lot of positive reviews on them.
- We instituted an Honor the Game program that was part of officiating clinics, coaches' clinics, and other clinics.

C. National State of the Game – Fred Wendelboe:

- The Men's National team has moved their training center to Anaheim, CA. Both teams are doing well right now.
- The National staff is pushing for increased coaching level requirements (CAP) to participate in Junior Olympics.
- USOC has reorganized their board from 130 members to 9. There is pressure to reorganize NGB boards along similar lines.
- There is a movement to a total restructuring of the RVA/USAV relationship. They are looking at a more staff driven structure out of USAV to the Regions.
- There is a move by AVP to decertify USAV as the NGB for Beach. This will probably not occur but is causing staff time and financial outlays.

D. State of the Game Commissioner Report – Karl Owen:

Karl agrees getting participation under new Board structure will be a challenge. Our main challenges moving forward include our infrastructure setup, finding facilities, finding people to train others coming into the organization. We should continue to focus on High Performance Program as we are seeing great improvements there. We need to continue to focus on removing barriers to participation.

IV. Elections to Board of Directors:

- A. President – nominee Karl Owen
- B. Secretary – nominee Marilyn Thompson
- C. Treasurer – nominee Amber Fulk

Motion by Fred, second by Betty to:

Motion 2: Close the nominations and approve all nominees for President, Secretary, and Treasurer by acclamation. MSA Abstain: Karl Owen, Amber Fulk

Fred will become the Past-President since Chuck is not eligible. We do need to make some appointments on an interim basis in order for the board to operate until the advisory boards meet and elect their reps. The new executive committee appointed Sandy Fox as the interim Officials Rep to the Board. Betty Fox was appointed as interim Junior Girls Rep. Vaughn was appointed to be an Outdoor Rep for one year. Brian Magee-interim Junior Boys Rep, Pam Dickenson-interim Women's Player Rep, and Mike Spillman-interim Men's Player Rep were appointed pending their acceptance.

V. Meritorious Service Awards – Kevin Wendelboe:

The Region can recognize up to five Individuals or Groups for outstanding service to volleyball in North Carolina. Individuals/Groups may only receive the award once under current regulations. The 2006 Carolina Region Meritorious Service Award winners are:

- A. Jami Oleskewicz – Jami has promoted the sport in North Carolina as a Carolina Region Board member for four seasons. She is also a player in the region.
- B. Wade Brence – Wade has been a player, coach, and a distinguished official in the Carolina Region for many years. He has served on the Board of Directors for 8 years.
- C. Zoe Bell – Zoe is a long-time coach in the Charlotte area with the Carolina Juniors. She has also been a tournament director in the region.
- D. Suzanne Pignetti – Suzanne is another distinguished coach in the Charlotte area with the Carolina Juniors. She has been a tournament director for the region in the past as well.

The Carolina Region is proud of our 2006 Meritorious Service Award winners and appreciates their service to volleyball in North Carolina!

VI. Old Business

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VIII. Next Meeting – tentatively set for May 6, 2007 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro

IX. Meeting adjourned – Motion by Betty, second by Sandy to:

Motion 3: adjourn the April 30, 2006 Annual Meeting at 2:10 pm. MSA