

Carolina Region/USAV
May 1, 2010 Juniors Advisory Board meeting
Koury Convention Center, Greensboro



Attendees: Logan Barber (Triangle); Elaine Bowman (TCV); George Bowman (TCV); Mary Byrne (United); David Eckstine (Club Red); Sherry Fadool (Triangle), Jane Foreman (United); Jim Frey (Club Red); Tim Gabel (Triangle); Denise Hayes (Sports Academy); Jane Hinson (Sports Academy); Jenna Hinton (Triangle); Michael Huffman (United); Rick Kiser (Carolina Juniors); Stevie Mussie (CCVC/TCA); Audun Runde (Cary YMCA Boys); Trina Sharpe (Sports Academy); Logan Striebel (Triangle); Rita Stubbs (Club Red); Fred Wendelboe (Set Point)

Staff Attendee: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director

Meeting began: 1:00 pm

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Kevin Wendelboe
- II. Review Agenda. A request was made to add the High Performance Program as a topic. Motion by Gabel, second by F. Wendelboe to:

Motion 1: approve the revised agenda. MSA

- III. 2010 Season Review – Junior membership grew tremendously this season for the second season in a row despite our raising the membership dues in anticipation of the \$10 increase in USAV dues for the 2011 season. We do not plan to raise dues again in 2011. We had 4490 junior and youth girls (+561 over last year) and 81 boys (+10). Thus, we grew 571 members in the junior division alone. We are in the top four across all USAV Regions in membership growth for both numbers and percentage! Junior girls' teams grew by 58 to 451 teams. We added the Nickel division this season and it was needed in the 16's, 15's, and 14's divisions to balance the size of the divisions.
- IV. Recruiting/Tryout Guideline Review:
 - A. Recruiting Guidelines – An editorial change is needed in the Recruiting Guidelines in order to update it to reflect the current form that is signed by Adults affiliating with Junior Clubs. No other changes were offered. Motion by Runde, second by Stubbs to:

Motion 2: replace “Coaches Code of Ethics” with “Junior Club Personnel Code of Ethics” in the Recruiting Guidelines. MSA

- B. Tryout Policy – The question was raised whether the current Tryout Guidelines gives the impression that the Region gives tacit approval of High School athletes trying out for club teams during their school season. It was noted that many other sports have club seasons that go year round and have club tryouts during high school seasons. Several people commented that it is difficult to schedule tryouts for the 15's if there are a lot of Freshmen still playing with their High School teams in the playoffs. Several clubs mentioned that they like having the option of having the 15's tryout earlier as it helps with obtaining enough gyms space for the various age groups. Motion by Gabel, second by Fadool to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 3: Move the 15's age group to the later tryout period in the Tryout Guidelines. MSA.

The clubs agreed that there is not much the Region can do to alleviate the congested tryout schedule in those areas with a lot of clubs. Clubs are encouraged to work together for the best interest of the players to hold tryouts at varying times so players may try out with multiple clubs.

- V. 2011 Schedule – Two options (see Appendix) for the 2011 Juniors' schedule were proposed for consideration. A lengthy discussion followed about the SAT dates, having equal number of tournaments for all age groups, and other scheduling options. Motion by Gabel, second by Hinton to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 4: approve Option 1 of the 2010/2011 Junior Tournament schedule. **MOTION FAILED.**

A request was made to move the tournaments to Sunday, January 23 in Option 1 to avoid SAT. Motion by Gabel, second by Sharpe to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 5: approve Option 1 of the 2010/2011 Junior Tournament schedules as amended with Jan 23 as the date for the older age groups and the National Bid tournaments to be determined based on scheduled Qualifier dates. **MOTION FAILED.**

Option 2 was discussed with the benefits of having March 5 as a free weekend. It might help more coaches play in the Adult Regional Championships and we can also run Region-wide HP clinics on that date. Motion by F. Wendelboe, second by Frey to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 6: approve Option 2 of the proposed 2010/2011 Junior Tournament schedules as amended with March 19 as regular season tournaments for the older age groups, April 9 as the Regional Championships for the older age groups, and the National Bid tournaments to be announced as either April 16 or April 30. MSA

VI. Format/Tournament Issues:

A. Regional Championship Qualification Requirements – The inclement weather situations that affected our Region this season allowed us to identify some areas that are not currently covered in our Operating Code. The Region would like clarification from the Junior Advisory Board as to the minimum number of tournaments required to be eligible for the Regional Championships and to establish a policy on lowering that requirement in the event a tournament gets cancelled. Discussion followed as to whether two-day tournaments like Quest, Junior Hi Neighbor (if before Regionals) and MAPL events in the Region should count. Motion by Sharpe, second by Kiser to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that:

Motion 7: a team must play in a minimum of THREE Carolina Region sanctioned events to be eligible for the Regional Championships. **Motion FAILED.**

Motion by Sharpe, second by Kiser to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that:

Motion 8: a team must play in a minimum of THREE regular season, one-day Carolina Region sanctioned events before the Regional Championships to be eligible for the Regional Championships. MSA

A discussion followed about what effect cancelled tournaments should have on the Regional Championship qualification requirements. Motion by G. Bowman, second by Sharpe to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that:

Motion 9: if a sanctioned Carolina Region regular season, one-day tournament is cancelled then the teams entered in that tournament will have their requirement to be eligible to participate in the Regional Championships reduced by one. MSA

It was clarified that if a team happens to have been entered in three tournaments that got cancelled then they could participate in the Regional Championships without playing in a tournament. The Advisory Board agreed that a team unlucky enough to be caught in this situation would deserve to be allowed to participate in the Regional Championships.

B. Bid Tournament Qualification Requirements – The Region is also asking for guidance on how cancelled tournaments affect the qualification requirements for the Bid Tournaments. Motion by Sharpe, second by G. Bowman to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors that:

Motion 10: if a tournament that is eligible to be used as a qualifying tournament for the National Bid tournament is cancelled, then the teams entered in that tournament will have their requirement to be eligible to participate in the National Bid tournament reduced by one. However, teams affected by a cancelled tournament must play in a minimum of ONE event to be eligible for the National Bid tournament. MSA

- C. Platinum Team Incentive – A request came in to the Region Office about the possibility of adding an incentive to the older Platinum teams to play in more Carolina Region Events. A proposal was presented but the group felt this was not something that needed to be addressed at this time.
- D. Format Issues – A question was asked whether anyone had a desire to do away with the modified, five-team pool format. Everyone agreed that it is a less than ideal format but a full round-robin play schedule would add significant increased time to the tournaments. Motion by F. Wendelboe, second by Sharpe to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 11: change the five-team pool format to a full round-robin format with teams playing two 21 point sets only. **Motion Failed.**

Motion by F. Wendelboe, second by Sharpe to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 12: change the five-team pool format to a full round-robin format with teams playing two 25 point sets only. MSA.

- VII. Officiating Issues – A question was raised whether electronic devices are an issue at the score table and with the work team. It was pointed out that USA Volleyball has a policy on this but Kevin clarified that the policy only applied to National Qualifiers and the Region has no policy in our Operating Code about this. Motion by G. Bowman, second by Sharpe to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 13: establish a policy that members of the officiating work team should not use a cell phone (unless used as a timer), mp3 player, or other electronic entertainment device while performing their duties. The penalty will be five points off the team's first set of their next match. MSA.

- VIII. The group also discussed the need for better training for the newer officials in training the junior officials. Handling sportsmanship issues is also something that needs to be stressed with all the officials. It was felt that we need to stress scorekeeping with the coaches at the coaches meeting and may want to require coaches to go to a live clinic if their teams continue to have scorekeeping issues. Motion by Sharpe, second by Hayes to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 14: require all first year coaches to go to a live Officials' clinic to get certified unless they can confirm prior certification as an official. MSA.

- IX. Chaperone Policy – The Carolina Region’s current policy is that if a team has a coach under 25 on the roster, then they must have an adult over 25 on the roster and that adult must check in at each Coaches Meeting as present. There have been requests to address this policy. Motion by Hinton, second by Fadool to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 15: eliminate the Chaperone Policy in its entirety. **Motion FAILED.**

Motion by Mussie, second by Stubbs to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors to:

Motion 16: reduce the age to 21 in the Chaperone Policy. MSA

- X. Parent Member Category – Fred updated the Junior Advisory Board on an idea he had to create a new booster category in USA Volleyball to capture the parents of our junior members. This would be a low-fee category designed to capture the parents so they can have some affiliation with their child’s organization. In order for this to stay low-cost under current policy, the member could not affiliate with the junior club as it would trigger the background screen. He is hoping to convince USA Volleyball and the Regions to create this category at the upcoming May National meetings. It was felt a motion in support of this category might be helpful to him going forward. Motion by Sharpe, second by Hinton:

Motion 17: the Junior Advisory Board of the Carolina Region endorses the creation of a new, low-fee USA Volleyball parent/booster member category. MSA

- XI. Youth Coaching – Jim Frey: Due to the time, Jim indicated that he would not give his prepared presentation. He would email his presentation to the attendees with information about his book. He is hoping the clubs will endorse this with their coaches.
- XII. Elections:
- A. Boys – Audun is the current Boy’s Rep. Since there were not any other Boys Reps in attendance, we will do an email election among all the Boys Reps.
 - B. Girls – Nominees for the Girl’s Rep were solicited from the floor. Jenna Hinton, Trina Sharpe, and Rita Stubbs were nominated. After two secret ballots, Rita Stubbs was elected as the Girl’s Rep to the Carolina Region Board of Directors. She will serve a one-year term.
- XIII. Men’s World League Matches – Kevin gave an update on the Men’s World League matches to be held in Concord on June 18 and 19. All clubs are encouraged to promote these matches heavily as it may affect our chances to host similar events in the future. A ticket giveaway was held with Logan Barber winning two tickets.

XIV. Other Business:

A. High Performance Program – Fred led a discussion on the Region High Performance Program. We are not getting our best athletes to participate and some of the issues around that were discussed. A request was made to make it simpler to understand, improve the communication out of the program, and provide athlete evaluations on a timely manner.

XV. Minutes – Approve the minutes of the May 2, 2009 Junior Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Hinton, Second by Sharpe:

Motion 18: to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2009 Junior Advisory Board meeting.
MSA

XVI. Next Meeting – April 30, 2011. Greensboro

XVII. Adjournment - Motion by Hinton, second by Fadool to:

Motion 19: adjourn the May 1, 2010 meeting of the Junior Advisory Board at 4:38 pm.
MSA

NEXT MEETING

April 30, 2011. Greensboro

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.

APPENDIX

Proposed 2011 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT DATES - 1

January:

- 1-2 – Possible season opening two-day tournament - Quest
- 8 – Regular season tournaments begin; All divisions for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's
- 15 – Regular season tournaments begin; All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's
- 22 - All divisions for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's (SAT DATE)
- 29 - All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's

February:

- 5– All divisions for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's
- 12 - All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's
- 19 – All divisions for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's
- 26 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's

March:

- 5– All divisions for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's (Adult Regionals)
- 12 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's (SAT DATE)
- 19 – Regional Championships for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's (Adult Hi Neighbor)
- 26 – Regional Championships for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's

April:

- 1-3 – Big South Qualifier
- 9 – National bid tournaments for all age groups
- 16/17- Asheville Junior Hi Neighbor
- 24 - EASTER

Other Option 2011 JUNIOR TOURNAMENT DATES

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- 26 – All divisions for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's

March:

- 5– Free weekend (Adult Regionals)
- 12 – All divisions for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's (Shamrock) (SAT DATE)
- 19 – Regional Championships for age groups 16's, 17's, 18's (Adult Hi Neighbor)
- 26 – Regional Championships for age groups 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's

April:

- 2 – Big South Qualifier
- 9 – National bid tournaments for all age groups
- 16/17- Asheville Junior Hi Neighbor
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Other Options: National Bid tournaments also on April 16 to possibly avoid Qualifiers on April 9th weekend.