

Carolina Region/USAV
May 3, 2008 Juniors Advisory Board meeting
New Hope PCA, Clemmons



Attendees: Miche Franken (PTVC), Tim Gabel (Triangle), Casey Caram (Triangle), Sherry Fadool (Triangle), John Lasher (PTVC), Trina Sharpe (Sports Academy), Mike Malloy (CCVC), Francois Atallah (CCVC); Elaine Bowman (TCV); George Bowman (TCV); Blaine Tendler (PTVC); Denise Hayes (Sports Academy); Linda Osterman (Alamance Force); Fred Wendelboe (PTVC); Rick Kiser (Carolina Juniors); Suzie Pignetti (Carolina Juniors); Ashley Clark (PTVC)

Additional registered proxies: Erin Lindsey to Casey Caram (Triangle); Sarah Price to Casey Caram (Triangle); Andrea Bentley (Triangle); James Freeman to Casey Caram (Triangle); Leslie Crandell Dawes to Casey Caram (Triangle); Stephanie Smith to Casey Caram (Triangle); Katherine Fleming to Casey Caram (Triangle); Tristy Bittikofer to Casey Caram (Triangle); Jenna Hinton to Casey Caram (Triangle); Logan Barber to Casey Caram (Triangle); Nicole O'Connell to Casey Caram (Triangle); Michael Marks to Casey Caram (Triangle); Christie Clark to Casey Caram (Triangle); Shanna Stabi to Trina Sharpe (Sports Academy); Jane Hinson to Trina Sharpe (Sports Academy).

Board Attendees: Marilyn Thompson
Staff Attendees: Chuck McCracken, Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting began: 1:02 pm

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Chuck McCracken
- II. End of Season Survey Results – Chuck went over the results of the survey that was posted on our website at beginning of April. We had 94 responses from within the Region. Out of 3500+ members involved with Juniors in the region, this was not an overwhelming response but can be useful for Advisory Board to consider today.
- III. Minutes – Approve the minutes of the May 5, 2007 Junior Advisory Board meeting. Motion by Trina, Second by Tim:

Motion 1: to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2007 Junior Advisory Board meeting.
MSA

- IV. 2009 Schedule – Two options for the 2009 Junior schedule were proposed for consideration. Motion by Trina, Linda second to recommend to the Carolina Region Board of Directors (BOD):

Motion 2: To approve Proposal 2 of the 2009 Junior schedule with following changes: change the age group weekends, no tournaments will be scheduled for March 14, move the 18 and under Regionals to March 21, and 15 and under Regionals to March 28.
Motion FAILED.

Additional changes to the above motion were discussed and debated. It was suggested to amend Proposal 2 to switch the weekends the age groups play, March 7 would be a 12-15 weekend, no Junior tournaments would be held on the March 14 weekend, March 21 weekend would have Regionals for the older age groups Silver and below with Platinum/Gold playing regular season tournaments, The March 28 weekend would be Regional Championships for the under 15 age groups, and April 4 would be the Junior Hi Neighbor weekend and Regionals for the 16-18 Platinum/Gold divisions. These changes were accepted by the group. Motion by Trina, Second by Casey to recommend to the Carolina Region BOD:

Motion 3: to approve the amended 2008/2009 Adult and Junior Tournament schedules. MSA 1 oppose – Linda O

- V. Adding a division – The 14's, 15's, and 16's age groups are growing enough that we may need to add a sixth division. The consensus was to add another division if there were enough teams so that most divisions can stay in two and three-court facilities. Kevin asked for suggestions for possible division names below copper.
- VI. Officiating – There was consensus that we continue to require at least one coach be a certified official at a minimum junior certification. Motion by Tim, second by Blaine to recommend to the Carolina Region BOD to:

Motion 4: enact a policy to allow coaches in the 12's and 13's divisions that are currently certified to perform the duties as a scorekeeper or second referee for their team. MSA

- VII. Platinum Playoff Policy – Last season we allowed Platinum divisions that had all four-team pools to have cross-play playoffs with the 3rd and 4th place finishers. This was not always followed at the platinum tournaments and some teams refused to play with brought up issue of whether they are required to play. Motion by Casey, second by Rick to recommend to the Carolina Region BOD to:

Motion 5: change the Platinum playoff policy to only take the top two from each pool into the playoffs. MSA

- VIII. Acceptance policy for platinum divisions – Kevin asked the Junior Advisory Board to reconsider the acceptance policy for platinum divisions that was installed last season. The current policy calls for four-team pools in all platinum divisions where possible. While this may be fine for older age groups, it goes against the goal of providing playing opportunities for the younger age group. Motion by Trina, second by Rick to recommend to the Carolina Region BOD to:

Motion 6: amend the platinum acceptance policy for four-team pools to only apply to the 18's and 17's age groups. MSA

- IX. Five team format – There was a discussion about the modified five-team pool format and whether it was time to change it. Some wanted to continue playing matches and others did not want to reduce set length to less than 25 points. Motion by Rick, second by Mike to recommend to the Carolina Region BOD to:

Motion 7: change the five-team pool format so everyone plays everyone in pool and they play two sets to 25 starting at 7-7. **Motion failed**

Motion by Blaine, second by Casey to recommend to the Carolina Region BOD to:

Motion 8: establish a policy to require four-team pools for all tournaments in all divisions. Teams will fit into tournaments based on the points system. At the lower levels, any additional teams can be fit into tournaments even if it makes it more than 4-team pools. MSA

- X. All-Tournament Team – A comment was made that some divisions had players that made the all-tournament team and was the MVP. Kevin pointed out that this was not against the procedure as currently written. Motion by Trina, second by Tim to recommend to the Carolina Region BOD to:

Motion 9: enact a policy that the Junior All-Tournament team will consist of one player each from the losing semi-finalist teams, two players from the runner-up team, three from the champion team and the MVP which does not have to come from the champion team. There will be eight total players on the All-tournament team. MSA

- XI. Four-team pool play format – The four-team pool play format was changed last season and it created a difficult play/ref schedule for team number three. A suggestion was made to change it to the format used at USAV National events. Motion by Casey, second by Trina to recommend to the Carolina Region BOD to

Motion 10: adopt the proposed four-team pool format for adult and junior tournaments beginning in the 2008/2009 season. MSA

- XII. Recruiting/Tryout policy – Tim went over the work that his committee did on a proposed Recruiting/Tryout policy. Due to time constraints and the complexity of the issue, it was acknowledged that we would not be able to finalize a policy at this meeting. It was suggested to try to approve some of

the key components and let the committee work on finalizing a proposal before the Board retreat in August. Motion by Casey, second by Trina to:

Motion 11: approve the concept of a Player Bill of Rights to be implemented with the 2008/2009 season. MSA

Motion by Casey, second by Sherry to

Motion 12: establish a Recruiting policy that centers on the Scenario 2 policy of “No Recruiting”. MSA

Major issues to continue work on in the Recruiting/Tryout policy: How long the tryout period is; defining promotion and defining recruiting; enforcement issues; clubs holding tryouts over multiple days for each age group; signing dates; allowing the 14 and under age groups to hold tryouts earlier than the state championship game weekend; a letter of commitment for players; and including a statement about players that do not fulfill financial obligations. Tim’s committee will take the feedback presented at the meeting and continue work on the proposal.

XIII. Elections:

- A. Boys –The Operating Code states that only Boy’s team reps can elect the Boy’s Rep to the board. Since there are no Boy’s team reps in attendance, Kevin will contact the Boys reps to hold the election by email.
- B. Girls – Nominees for the Girl’s Rep was presented from the floor. Trina Sharpe and Ashley Clark were nominated from the floor. Motion by Rick, second by Sherry to:

Motion 13: Close the nominations for the Girl’s Representative to the Carolina Region Board of Directors. MSA

Both nominees left the room. By a show of hands, Trina Sharpe was elected as the Girl’s Rep to the Carolina Region Board of Directors. She will serve a one-year term.

- XIV. Other Business – Background Screen Policy – Chuck and Kevin reiterated to the clubs the importance of following the background screen policy as written. This is a national policy that affects the ability of USAV and the regions to secure insurance coverage for sexual molestation claims. All adults must clear the background screen before participating in any sanctioned event which includes tournaments, clinics, practices, and any other event the club requests.
- XV. Next Meeting – May 2, 2009. Time/Place to be announced.

XVI. Adjournment - Motion by Fred, second by Denise to:

Motion 14: adjourn the May 3, 2008 meeting of the Junior Advisory Board at 5:05 pm. MSA

NEXT MEETING

May 2, 2009. Time and site TBD

ACTION ITEMS:

- ❖ Tim Gabel, Trina Sharpe, and Miche Franken – Continue work on Carolina Region Recruiting policy and Tryout policy. Distribute to JAB for approval before Region's retreat in August.
- ❖ Junior Reps – Suggest names for sixth division if needed.
- ❖ Region Office – contact Boys Reps for elections of Boy's Rep