

CAROLINA REGION/USAV ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2011 – Koury Convention Center

Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director



Board Attendees: Fred Wendelboe, Daniel Colleran, Karl Owen, Audun Runde, Trina Sharpe, Casey Caram, Vaughn Hastings, Michael O'Connor

Guests: Denise Hayes, Sherry Fadool, Tim Gabel, Jenna Hinton

Staff: Marilyn Thompson, Sheila Holloway, Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting Start Time: 1:00 pm

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Runde, second by Hastings to:

Motion 1: Approve the Agenda of the May 1, 2011 Annual Meeting of the Carolina Region Board of Directors with the provision that topics may be added as approved by the President. MSA

- III. State of the Game Reports
 - A. North Carolina: Kevin Wendelboe
 - i. Membership Totals – Juniors continue outstanding growth
 - o Adults:

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female - Regular	Male One-event	Female one-event	TOTALS
2010/2011	547	908	60	68	1583
2009/2010	582	973	95	155	1805
2008/2009	571	828	103	108	1610
2007/2008	525	821	139	131	1616
2006/2007	588	808	123	88	1607
2005/2006	601	743	94	85	1523
2004/2005	533	673	109	87	1402
2003/2004	515	679	70	51	1315
2002/2003	483	568	61	48	1160
DIFF 10 to 11	-35	-65	- 35	- 87	-222

Member Year	Male Players	Female Players
2010/2011	150	190
2009/2010	170	248
2008/2009	210	248
2007/2008	193	301
2006/2007	208	306
2005/2006	231	248
2004/2005	247	253
2003/2004	266	276
2002/2003	269	240
DIFF 10 to 11	-20	-58

o Juniors:

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female – Regular/Y	Male – One-event	Female – One-event	TOTALS
2010/2011	54	4924	2	82	5062
2009/2010	84	4490	5	78	4657
2008/2009	72	3929	1	29	4031
2007/2008	58	3713	0	24	3795
2006/2007	52	3379	4	14	3449
2005/2006	51	2948	5	9	3013
2004/2005	29	2891	1	8	2929
2003/2004	20	2580	0	5	2605
2002/2003	17	2149	17	94	2277
DIFF 10 to 11	-30	+434	- 3	+4	+405

o Teams:

Member Year	Male - Adult	Female - Adult	Jr Girls	Jr Boys
2010/2011	16	22	486	5
2009/2010	21	28	451	5
2008/2009	24	25	393	6
2007/2008	21	35	374	7
2006/2007	22	32	349	6
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
DIFF 10 to 11	- 5	- 6	+35	0

- ii. Website – One of our most exciting developments this season was the total redesign of our website. We hired alterimaging out of Charlotte in the fall. They did a thorough interview on what we needed out of the site, looked at other Region’s sites, and came up with a design to make it easier for people on our website to find what they are looking for. We have already received a lot of positive comments from the membership on the look of the new site.
- iii. Tournaments – Weather was kinder to us this season, so did not have as many tournaments affected by inclement weather as we did last year. With our continued growth in the junior divisions, most tournament sites were full all season. We did have a lot more teams playing on the younger age weekend (12’s – 15’s) so we will consider a proposal to move the 12’s age group to the older weekend to balance out the needs of both weekends. This will help us with courts and with providing enough officials. The change in the 5-team pool format did cause much later finishes for the tournaments and that will need to be addressed.

- iv. Regional Championship Results –Adult Regionals were held March 5 and we only had the MAPL tournament running against it. Even with that, the number of teams playing was not as high as we hoped. We did provide R1 and R2 for the Adult Regionals. It was a nice touch but probably did not impact whether teams were going to play or not. The Junior Regional Championships were held on March 26 and April 9. Attendance was great on March 26. April 9 (older age groups) was not as well attended as there were several one-pool tournaments.
- v. Inter-Region/National Performances:
 - ADULTS - We have two adult teams going to Dallas to play in the 2011 US Open Volleyball Championships (International Jammers – M AA; Whatever Works – W BB). We also had three teams win their division at Hi Neighbor this season. The Guild of Calamitous Intent won Men BB; Old ‘N Broke won Men’s B; and Scared ‘Em won Women’s A.
 - JUNIORS – We continue to have teams traveling out of the Region and doing well.
 - We had two teams earn a Junior National Championships bid at Qualifiers. Triangle 18 Black finished third at the Big South Qualifier in 18 Open and earned a bid! CJV 16 Blaze finished first at the Big South Qualifier and earned a 16 National Bid
- vi. Coaching Program:
 - We held nine IMPACT clinics in the Region this season (both Region-sponsored and club-sponsored). USA Volleyball’s IMPACT webinars are filling in the void for Carolina Region coaches as a convenient way to get certified at home.
 - Carolina Storm is sponsoring a CAP Level I/II clinic on May 14 and 15 in Concord.
- vii. Officials Program (Marilyn Thompson):
 - Our online clinic option continued to be a popular way for officials to recertify. Since the rules did not change, we allowed everyone that was certified last year to recertify online this year.
 - We had 1129 people complete the online referee clinic (516 last year).
 - We had 1048 people complete the online scorekeeper clinic (503 last year).
 - We certified 4674 (4380 last year) referees through online and in-person clinics this season.
 - We certified 4790 (4400 last year) scorekeepers through the online and in-person clinics.
- viii. High Performance Program (Sheila Holloway)
 - HP Program underwent a lot of changes this season and will continue to evolve.
 - We are trying to get more coaches involved.
 - Scheduling events is still an issue as difficult to fit into calendar against other events on the schedule.
 - We are taking one team each to the 2011 HP Championships in Tucson in the Select, Youth, and Boys divisions.
 - We will be investigating possibility of sending Junior teams to the Global Junior Challenge in the future. This is an international opportunity but we want to make sure it is a legitimate competition and not a tourist program.

- We are offering a Beach Players' clinic and Coaches' Clinic next weekend at UNC-Greensboro.
 - The Summer camp will be the second weekend of June at either Guilford College or Pfeiffer University. We will be bringing in Charlene Tagaloa, former setter for the US National team, to offer a setter's clinic during the camp. It will be available for the camp participants and for anyone else in Region.
 - We hosted a National HP Tryout in conjunction with Triangle at the MAPL event. It served as a tryout for our Regional teams as well. We had a second tryout on April 10 and challenge matches April 29 to decide the teams. The Region has set a flat rate of \$600 for the Travel team players.
 - We are still working hard to get clubs to support the HP Program. We held one Club Clinic for Davie Dazzle out of Mocksville. We received great feedback from the clinic.
- ix. Summary – Despite the economy and some fees increases due to the USA Volleyball admin fee rise, Carolina Region membership continues to grow overall. The organization is financially healthy and we continue to receive outstanding support from our members towards Carolina Region programs. We are starting a new initiative this summer to promote outdoor volleyball to our juniors which will create new opportunities for us and will probably provide positive flow into the indoor game as new people learn about our organization. We have been made aware of possible new volleyball facilities in Fayetteville, Wilmington, and Raleigh. The Board has an important planning retreat coming up where we will address the challenges we face with the adult program, the future direction of the High Performance Program, and managing the growth of the Carolina Region into the future.

The state of Carolina Region Volleyball continues to be **STRONG!**

B. National State of the Game – Fred Wendelboe:

- The main changes at the National level have to do with staffing with USA Volleyball. With the influx of money due to the admin fee increase, USAV was able to hire several new staff positions. There has also been some turnover on the national staff. Tom Pingel was just announced as the new head of a combined High Performance and Event Department.
- The demise of the AVP is still having repercussions. FIVB now allows the countries to come up with their own procedures for selecting their Beach representatives to the Olympics. AVP events were part of the USA qualification system and have had to be replaced with other events initiated by USAV as part of the Trials process. Players that have been playing full-time on the FIVB Tour have come out against the current plans. The Trials process has been tweaked and it has now been approved. Overall, it will mean some good televised Beach events and will result in teams being selected to the Olympics based on how well they are playing at the time of the Trials.

IV. Meritorious Service Awards:

The Region can recognize up to five Individuals for outstanding service to volleyball in North Carolina each year. Individuals may only receive the award once under current regulations. The 2011 Carolina Region Meritorious Service Award winners are:

- William Hoyle – William is the founder of VC Junior Volleyball Club out of Henderson. He recently turned over operations of the club to a new director after many years of service. William ran many tournaments for the Region in the past.
- Ronald Mutter – Ronald is the current Referee Chair for the Region. He is a National Referee and National Scorekeeper. He has worked with Region Staff to overhaul the Good Standing Policies for officials and improve the rating and record keeping procedures of the Region.
- Trina Sharpe – Trina is the Club Director for Sports Academy Junior VBC out of Statesville. She served as the Girls Rep to the Region Board of Directors from 2006 to 2010 and was recently re-elected as Rep in 2011. Trina oversees the running of numerous tournaments for the Region each season.
- Debbie Weaver – Debbie is the Club Director for Alleghany Volleyball Club out of Sparta. She runs tournaments for the Region every weekend of the season.

The Carolina Region is proud of our 2011 Meritorious Service Award winners and appreciates their service to volleyball in North Carolina.

V. Old Business - none

VI. New Business - none

VII. Next Meeting –May 6, 2012 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro

VIII. Meeting adjourned – Motion by Owen, second by F. Wendelboe to:

Motion 2: adjourn the May 1, 2011 Annual Meeting at 1:43 pm. MSA
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