

CAROLINA REGION/USAV ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2007 – Koury Convention Center

Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Director of Operations



Board Attendees: Karl Owen, Brian Magee, Wade Brence, Trina Sharpe

Staff: Chuck McCracken, Kevin Wendelboe

Registered Proxies: Marilyn Thompson to Chuck; Vaughn Hastings to Kevin Wendelboe; Fred Wendelboe to Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting Start Time: 1:28 pm

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of April 30, 2006 Annual Meeting minutes – Motion by Wade, second by Chuck to:

Motion 1: Approve the minutes from the April 30, 2006 Annual Meeting of the Carolina Region Board of Directors. MSA

- III. A. State of the Game – North Carolina – Operations: Kevin Wendelboe
 - A. 1. Membership Totals – total increase again in 2007
 - A. Adults – overall numbers decreased (summer registrations will bring up)

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female - Regular	Male One-event	Female one-event	TOTALS
2006/2007	540	771	72	46	1429
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
2001/2002	505	602	13	38	1158
DIFF 06 to 07	- 61	+ 28	- 22	- 39	- 94

Member Year	Male Players	Female Players
2006/2007	208	306
2005/2006	231	248
2004/2005	247	253
2003/2004	266	276
2002/2003	269	240
2001/2002	305	300

B. Juniors – continued strong growth in 2007

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female - Regular	Male – One-event	Female – One-event	TOTALS
2006/2007	54	3372	4	11	3441
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
2001/2002	19	1959	0	33	2011
DIFF 06 to 07	+3	+424	- 1	+2	+428

C. Teams – overall teams go down

Member Year	Male - Adult	Female - Adult	Jr Girls	Jr Boys
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
2001/2002	34	34	208	2
DIFF 06 to 07	- 6	+ 2	-19	+ 1

- B. Online Database – More and more members utilized the online registration process this season. However, a large number of members were still willing to pay \$10 extra to do the paper registration. Education continues to be the key in getting individuals to register early and online, even before their teams are formed. Dealing with the paperwork is still a nightmare but USAV is investigating accepting online signatures. If that happens next season, it will greatly improve our efficiency.
- C. Tournaments – The Points system was improved this season. We added a team directory to the system and the ability to email team reps by division. We tweaked how points are distributed for teams that are moved and seemed to work a little better. We added a 5th division in several age groups (Platinum). We held 12's only tournaments for the first time! We had a stand alone bid tournament for our national bids this season. According to the system we had 2298 tournament entries this season (2363 last season) between adults and juniors! Finding facilities and tournament directors will still be an issue going forward.
- D. Regional Championship Results – 247 Junior teams participated in their respective Regional Championships (71% - 64% last year). 20 Adult teams participated in their respective Regional Championships (36% - 36% last year). We did not hold a Regional Championships tournament for either the Men's Gold or Women's Bronze divisions (lack of entries).
- E. Inter-Region/National Performances:
- ADULTS - We have two adult teams going to Austin to play in the 2007 US Open Volleyball Championships (International Jammers – M A; and Old N Broke – M B).
 - JUNIORS - Our Junior teams continue to have success on the NATIONAL scene.

- We also TWO teams earn automatic bids to the Junior Olympics by WINNING a Qualifier in the CLUB division: PTVC 17 Piedmont won the 18 Club National bid at the Colorado Crossroads Qualifier (also finished 7th in 17 Open at Big South). PTVC-18 Piedmont earned an 18 Club National bid at the Big South Qualifier (and finished 9th at Colorado Crossroads).
- Some other outstanding finishes in National events:
 - Triangle 18 Black finished 27th at Colorado Crossroads and 9th at Big South Qualifier in 18 Open.
 - CJV-Rage finished 4th at Colorado Crossroads and 5th at the Big South in 17 Club
 - NC Challengers 18 Blue finished 4th at the Big South Qualifier in 18 Club;
 - Players Edge 17-1 finished 24th at the Big South Qualifier in the 17 Open division;
 - NC Challengers 16 Blue finished 7th at the Big South Qualifier in the 16 Open division;
 - Biltmore 16 Black finished 19th at the Big South Qualifier in 16 Club
 - Triangle 15 Black finished 28th at Big South in 15 Open;
 - ECJVC 15 Elite finished 5th at the Big South Qualifier in 15 Club
 - CJV Crush finished 9th at the Big South Qualifier in 15 Club
 - Triangle 14 Black finished 9th at the Big South Qualifier in 14 Club;
 - PTVC 14 Mizuno finished 26th at the Big South Qualifier in 14 Club;
 - CJV Storm finished 27th at the Big South Qualifier in 14 Club;
 - CCVC Zonkers finished 16th at the Big South Qualifier in 13 Club.

F. Challenges – Adult Sportsmanship (coaches and spectators at junior events) seemed to improve this year (at least number of complaints/reports received in office seemed to indicate that). Our new Sportsmanship Policy was in effect all season with only one parent being removed from a tournament and sanctioned under the policy. Hopefully, with continued education, behavior will be kept under control at our events. Accommodating our growth in junior teams will continue to be an issue. Incorporating adult teams/ reps into an advisory board is a big issue that needs to be addressed.

Overall, the State of the Game in North Carolina continues to be strong. Our finances are strong and we are continuing to work hard to support the sport both nationally and regionally!

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

- Chuck stressed that teams from our regions are doing better in inter-regional competition than ever before. Having competitive matches within our tournaments (due to the five divisions) has helped with that.
- Having 12's play their own tournaments was a big improvement this year. We may see a big increase in 12's teams next season.
- Chuck spent a lot of time on the officials database work with USAV this season. Changes are slowly happening with that system that will help us with tracking our results in the future.
- Chuck is working with having a collegiate club tournament at the SportsPlex next season.
- The Junior Beach program is growing stronger especially in the Triangle area. Trying to add a Raleigh stop to the National Junior Beach circuit next year.
- High Performance program is going well. The training weekend is going on this weekend. The intention is to take our first Boys HP team to the HP Championships in Fort Lauderdale this summer.
- St. Andrews is adding a Men's program this season and Pfeiffer will add one next year. Their conference is asking for all schools to have Men's varsity volleyball within the next two years. This may help grow the boys game in the Region if they see opportunities to play in nearby colleges.
- There is a boys division at the Quest tournament.

C. National State of the Game – Kevin Wendelboe:

- The Men's National Team is back in the World League. Upcoming World League matches are scheduled for Chicago, Green Bay, and Portland.
- Both Men's and Women's National teams have a full schedule of events to participate in this year as they prepare to qualify for China.
- The USAV Board voted in January to have a major restructuring of their Board composition. It does mean less representation for the Regions on the board while adding more Beach representation.
- 2007 Junior Invitational Championships was recently cancelled by USA Volleyball due to a lack of entries. They had moved the tournament dates up a few weeks and that seems to have had a negative impact on the tournament. No word yet whether they will hold it again in future.

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

Karl is encouraged by our growth in juniors. He is encouraged by the growth in adult women players, and he is encouraged by the growth in sanctioned outdoor events both for adults and juniors. He would like to see the adult men numbers going up. We have just completed the first year of our new board structure. With only six people in attendance here we need to make sure we're doing what we can to include people. We need to identify more volunteers to help us get more things done.

IV. Meritorious Service Awards – Karl Owen:

The Region can recognize up to five Individuals for outstanding service to volleyball in North Carolina. Individuals may only receive the award once under current regulations. The 2007 Carolina Region Meritorious Service Award winners are:

- A. Chuck Donnell – Chuck is a long-time member, club director, coach, and tournament director from the Fayetteville Area Volleyball Association.
- B. Vaughn Hastings – Vaughn has been a tireless promoter of the outdoor game for several years. He runs popular events each summer for adults and juniors. He is also an indoor player and an official. He has served on the Board of Directors for the past two years as the Outdoor Representative.
- C. Floyd Prophet – Floyd has been a Club Director for the Lake Norman Volleyball Club for several seasons, including the past two even after his daughter aged out of the Junior competitions. He has helped the Region host coaching clinics in the Charlotte area.
- D. Ronald Weigand – Ron is one of our National Scorekeepers and is a Junior National Referee. He is a member of our Officials Rater and Clinician cadre and has officiated countless Junior tournaments over the years.

The Carolina Region is proud of our 2007 Meritorious Service Award winners and appreciates their service to volleyball in North Carolina!

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

VII. Next Meeting – May 4, 2008 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro

VIII. Meeting adjourned – Motion by Brian, second by Chuck to:

Motion 2: adjourn the May 6, 2007 Annual Meeting at 1:59 pm. MSA
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