

Carolina Region/USAV
August 1, 2015 Officials Advisory Board meeting
UNC-Chapel Hill



Attendees*: Darryl Buck; Suzanne Lowry; Pat Paine; Georges Louis; Rick Brand; Jesse Gassaway; Robin Wright; Ritchie Buffkin; Rex Hart; Doug Fagan; Chris Johnson; Wade Brence; Steve Koehler; Joey Asis; Tessie Ruff; Chanel Davis; Greg Sanders; Bill Bagley; Ron Weigand; Bob McCarthy; Lauren Mauldin; Frank Motondo; Mitch Atkinson; Gary Foster; Chuck Morris; Wade Rhodes; Taylor Rhodes; Tony Hill; Dee Batchelor; Charlie Yang; Stephen Shepherd; Ronnie Mutter; Rob Boggs
* some attendees left early to attend a Line Judge training clinic.

Staff Attendees: Marilyn Thompson, Officials Program Director

Meeting Start Time: 3:30 pm

I. Welcome

II. Agenda

III. Informational Updates

- National and Junior National Rating Candidates Updates- Aisha Boyd and Joey Asis received their Junior National Certification. Brian Webb received his National Scorer Certification. Ronnie Mutter received his International Scorer Qualified.
- Doug Fagan accepted the Meritorious Service Award for Greg Fletcher (Posthumous).

IV. Junior Advisory Board Meeting Update

- The four team pools will still be in place this year. If there is a five team pool then a full round robin will be played with the top two teams going to playoffs. If there are six teams, there will be two three team pools with a round robin being played in pool play with all teams advancing to the playoffs.
- The lunch break in the four team pools is required. The tournament director cannot remove it and the officials cannot vote to not have the break. Each pool will have the 30 minute break as it occurs. The pools will not try to coordinate the lunch break for all pools. It was suggested if one pool finishes early that the officials from that pool help the other pool to speed up the play.

V. Beach Referee Chair Report—Suzanne Lowry

- Suzanne Lowry took over the role of Beach Referee Chair from Randy McLamb on February 18, 2015.
- Her first duty was to create a Position Description defining the responsibilities of the Beach Referee Chair. Referees can contact Suzanne or the Region Office for a copy of the Position Description.
- We held a Local Training Clinic in Aprx on May 16, 016 in conjunction with the Carolina Grand Slam event on the USAV Junior Beach Tour. Three CR members received their Local Beach certification: Wade Rhodes; Ashlee Roane; and Chad Christensen.
- Suzanne participated as a Trainer/Rater at the USAV Beach Officials Camp in Virginia Beach from July 23-26. Two CR members received their Zonal Beach certification at this clinic: Ronnie Mutter and Eddie Caruthers.

- Suzanne outlined her goals for 2016: (a) conduct two Local certification clinics with a minimum of five participants at each clinic; (b) Provide an officials monitor at each Carolina Region Junior Beach Tour tournament; and (c) Staff the CR Beach Regional Championships with professional beach officials.
- Suzanne discussed the various opportunities that Beach officials now have.

VI. 2015/2016 Tournament Schedule and Informational Items

- The Junior Tournament schedule is now on the Carolina Region website. The new addition is that one division each weekend will play on Sunday. This is to help with sites that want to host and also to make sure we have enough officials to officiate. Please be sure to block Sundays on Arbiter if you do not want to be assigned.
- The online clinics will be integrated with Webpoint this year. Sign in to Webpoint to register and then access the clinics anytime (will be a menu item in Webpoint to access your courses. There will be no need to sign in to different places to take the courses. As soon as the courses are available then members will be notified.
- Mentor Program update—Ronnie Mutter, Stephen Shepherd, and Brian Webb have created a mentor program to help officials improve and speed up the process to advance in USA. The information is already online on the Carolina Region website for all members to access.
- The rating opportunities for new officials will be the same as last year. The first 2-3 tournaments will be used to train and rate all new officials. The process is one mentor to 2-3 new officials who work together for the whole tournament. If they do not pass the first time they will be given another opportunity to be rated. Current officials that need to be rated need to contact our Referee Chair Ronnie Mutter to arrange a rating session.
- Junior Regionals Rating Process and Guidelines Review—Ronnie Mutter discussed the guideline for those juniors looking to be rated as officials. Any Junior can ask to be rated for a Junior Regional Rating and brings the paperwork to the tournament. Those juniors that are working as paid referees on the weekends they do not play will receive a Junior Regional Rating when they pass.
- New payscale: Junior Regionals/Juniors-\$140; Provisional-\$145; Regional-\$155; Junior National/National-\$180

V. Selection of Junior Rating Candidates for 2016

- Darryl Buck is the only candidate in the pipeline for 2016
- Guidelines are on the CR website for qualifications to apply.

VI. Retention Gift Program

- 2016 Gift-CR flipping coin
- Officials must register as a member of the Carolina Region and submit 2015/2016 IC electronically to receive the coin and rule book.

VII. Arbiter Pay

- New officials need to register with Arbiter Sports and Arbiter Pay in order to receive assignments and get paid.
- Contact Marilyn Thompson to receive an invitation to our group in Arbiter Sports.
- 1099's will be issued through arbiter pay this year.

VIII. Old Business-None

IX. New Business

- The Official's Representative to the Carolina Region Board was elected. Brian Webb has just finished a three-year term and chose not to run again. Tony Hill and David Mabe were nominated and Tony Hill was elected for a new three-year term. All concerns that need to be presented to the Carolina Region Board should be sent to Tony.
- The next new business was the pay for officials. Concern was expressed that officials have received very few raises in the past 10 years. Match pay and daily pay was discussed. Tony Hill's first duty was to investigate the pay from other regions and see how it compares with the rate being paid by the Carolina Region and report to the group.

X. Adjourn