

Carolina Region/USAV
July 31, 2010 Officials Advisory Board meeting
UNC-Chapel Hill



Attendees: Bill Bagley, Rob Boggs, Wade Brence, David Bryant, Darryl Buck, Alston Cleary, Debbie Crews, John Darr, Emory Dennard, Gerald Edwards, John Episcopo, David Griffin, Johnny Guterwill, Glenn Horton, Katrina Johnson, Brian Jones, Ken Matz, Ronnie Mutter, Michael O'Connor, Jeremy Phillips, Dan Pickett, Greg Sanders, Charles Tudor, Ron Weigand, Charlie Yang

Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director

Meeting began: 3:15 pm

- I. Welcome & Introductions –Kevin opened the meeting with introductions of Ronnie Mutter, Referee Chair; Ken Matz as Beach Referee Chair, Michael O'Connor as last year's Board Representative, and himself as Executive Director. He announced that Marilyn Thompson is the Officials Program Director and could not be at the meeting due to family obligations. Kevin announced that Ronnie Mutter would run this meeting in Marilyn's absence.
- II. Ronnie announced that Stephen Shepherd received his National rating during the Boys' Junior National Championships; and Brian Jones and Brian Webb received their Junior National Ratings during the Girls' Junior National Volleyball Championships.
- III. Junior Advisory Board updates that are of interest to officials:
 - A. Junior Advisory Board met May 1, 2010 in Greensboro
 - B. Juniors Program grew by 561 players (4490 total) and 58 teams (451 total). We added Nickel divisions in many age groups to fit into facilities.
 - C. Use of electronic devices by work team – A motion was passed by JAB (but did not pass Board) about this. Board felt policy is in place concerning this and ask officials to enforce the coach in vicinity of the score table to monitor their team. A question was asked about the penalty for the certified adult not being present. The penalty is one point per minute up to 25 off the team's next match.
 - D. Five Team Pool Format - Full round-robin format with teams playing two 25 point sets only. No longer have a modified five-team pool format.
 - E. The Region will now require all first year coaches to go to a live Officials' clinic to get certified unless they can confirm prior certification as an official.

- IV. Beach Referee Chair – Ken Matz was introduced as the Carolina Region Beach Referee Chair. This is a new position requested by USA Volleyball to promote the training and certification of Beach Referees. Ken briefly outlined his ideas on the application and certification process. He hopes to begin having clinics and events in the Spring of 2011. The initial rating team will consist of Ken, Randy McLamb and Vaughn Hastings. We are also fortunate to have Keith Murlless in the Region as a resource. He is heading up the National training program.
- V. Carolina Region Officiating Levels and Certifications – Ronnie went over the proposed changes to the certification levels for referees (see Attachment A). If approved, all current Provisional and Regional referees will be grandfathered in to their respective higher certifications (Provisional to P2 and Regional to R2). A question was asked about the rating scores. The scores needed will be same as the written test score and that will be added into the document. Motion by Dan Pickett, second by Johnny Guterwill to:

Motion 1: approve the Carolina Region Officiating Levels and Certifications Policy as amended. MSA

- VI. Carolina Region Junior National and National Referee Candidate Application Process – Ronnie has updated the current policy to make it easier to read and understand (see Attachment B). There are no real changes in the process from the old policy but does add some additional communication requirements from the Region and schedule requirements to the candidate. Suggestions were made to improve the Sample Timeline section and these will be added. Motion by Brian Jones, second by Rick Laskey to:

Motion 2: approve the Carolina Region Junior National and National Referee Candidate Application Process Form as amended. MSA

- VII. National Good Standing Policy – Eligible Activities and Associated Hours update – The Region approved the use of the National Good Standing Policy for National and Junior National Referees last season. There have been questions on what can be done by National referees to earn their required 30 hours of service to the Region. Ronnie wrote up an eligible activities and associated hours information sheet to be added to the National Good Standing Policy (see Attachment C). Motion by Wade Brence, second by Ron Weigand:

Motion 3: to approve the addition of the Carolina Region Eligible Activities and Associated Hours to the National Good Standing Policy. MSA

- VIII. 2011 Schedule – the 2011 Junior Schedule was presented and discussed briefly. The schedule can be found at the Region website under the Juniors section.
- IX. Region Rating Opportunities – We plan to continue using the first two weekends of December as rating opportunities during the Adult tournaments. We will also try to see if we can have some friendship tournament or other competitions set up to use as a training/rating opportunity.
- X. Region Clinics – Marilyn will begin work on the clinic schedule soon. The schedule will be posted under the Officials section as soon as details are known. A discussion about taking the test online was held. For the past couple seasons we required the test to be taken on site as our experience has been that officials do not follow through and take the test online. We don't have an issue with allowing it to be taken online again but officials need to be aware that they are professionals and need to take the test before they work their first event. Kevin reminded everyone that we will withhold payment for services rendered until all requirements are met to fulfill your professional obligations to the Region.
- XI. USA Volleyball Rule Books – Kevin reminded everyone that we are on the second year of the two-year cycle for the rule book. We will use the same rule book this season so returning officials will not get a new book. The book can be downloaded from the USA Volleyball website also.
- XII. National Ratings update – George Papageorgiou had submitted an application to be considered for Junior National but we discovered that he did not meet the minimum requirements for the position when he applied. We have received applications from Frank Motondo and William Sherrill to go for a Junior National rating. Frank Motondo could go in 2011 if he improves during the season. William Sherrill will be in the pipeline for 2012. We do not have anyone in pipeline to go for a National Scorekeeper rating and the region is asking for suggestions on how to promote this opportunity to more scorekeepers. Motion by Bill Bagley, second by John Darr to:

Motion 4: approve Frank Motondo as our candidate for a Junior National Ratings in 2011 pending successful training and improvement during the season. MSA

- XIII. Officials Representative to the Carolina Region Board – We currently do not have any minimum qualifications or responsibilities for the person that is elected to this position. The group was asked whether we ought to establish some. It was asked whether this would require a Region Bylaw change. Kevin answered that it would not since the election procedures are actually found in the Region Operating Code. Any changes we make today would be incorporated into the Operating Code and voted on by the Board. Motion by Michael O'Connor, second by Ron Weigand to:

Motion 5: establish the following minimum qualifications for any candidate for the Officials Rep to the Region Board of Directors: The candidate must be in Good Standing with the Region and must have been a current Adult Professional referee in the Carolina Region for the past two seasons. MSA

The group agreed that the Board Rep should attend all meetings of the Region Board of Directors and make reports back to the Officials Advisory Board concerning items of interest to Officials that arise out of the Region Board meetings.

- XIV. Election of Region Board Rep – Michael O’Connor’s one-year term ends with this meeting. Nominations from the floor were: Michael O’Connor and Tony Hill (not in attendance but it was understood he would accept if elected). Motion by Dan Picket, second by Johnny Guterwill to:

Motion 6: close the nominations for the Official Rep position. MSA

Michael addressed the group and then left the room while the other attendees voted. Michael O’Connor was elected as the rep for a one-year term.

- XV. Old Business:

A. Junior Regionals Rating Process and Guidelines – Ron Weigand was not aware that he needed to present anything on this to the group and did not have anything prepared. He will continue working on it.

- XVI. New Business:

A. Relationship between MAVOB and the Carolina Region. A question was raised whether there could be an issue if one person was elected Chair of the MAVOB and also held the Referee Chair position in the Carolina Region. Kevin answered that he did not think it posed as much of an issue now since we have a new organization model for the Officials division. Since we have a dedicated staff position that ultimately does most of the work for the Officials Division, the appointed Referee Chair does not have as much opportunity to affect the issues that may have come up under the old system. Everyone seemed to agree that this was not an issue at this time.

B. A question was asked if ArbiterSports could be updated with facility addresses to make it easier for officials to find sites. Kevin indicated that this information will be added into the system.

- XVII. Adjournment - Motion by John Darr, second by John Episcopo to:

Motion 7: adjourn the Officials Advisory Board Meeting at 5:00 pm. MSA

NEXT MEETING

In conjunction with July/August, 2011 OTP clinic. Time and site TBD

ACTION ITEMS:

- Marilyn – add facility addresses into ArbiterSports system.
- Ron Weigand – Work on Junior Regional Rating Process and Criteria