

CAROLINA REGION/USAV ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2024 – Online Zoom Call

Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director



BOD Attendees: Jim Ross, Doug Balsler, Ken Kelly, Sarah Conklin, Fred Wendelboe, Tina Reading, Krista McGivern, Steve McKeon, Steve Ellis, Chuck Morris

BOD Absent: Tony Hill, Bruce Cao

Guests: Rob Boggs, Cyndi Wood, Merri Oxley

Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting Start Time: 7:07 pm

I. Welcome/Agenda: motion by Balsler, seconded by McGivern to:

Motion 1: approve the 2024 Carolina Region Annual meeting agenda. MSA

II. State of the Game Reports

A. North Carolina: Kevin Wendelboe

a. Membership Totals (as of April 30, 2023):

o Adults:

Member Year	Male - Full	Female - Full	Male Limited	Female Limited	TOTALS
2023/2024	561	1511	671	442	3185
2022/2023	517	1339	297	228	2381
<b>DIFF 23 to 24*</b>	<b>+44</b>	<b>+172</b>	<b>+374</b>	<b>+214</b>	<b>+804</b>
2021/2022	540	1279	405	274	2498
2020/2021	501	1100	365	304	2270
2019/2020	632	1407	154	108	2301
2018/2019	632	1374	660	384	3050
2017/2018	611	1279	543	357	2790
2016/2017	592	1254	523	328	2697
2015/2016	585	1186	528	319	2618
2014/2015	576	1076	591	369	2612

\*2024 Registration period ends 8/31/2024

○ Juniors:

Member Year	Male – Full	Female – Full	Male – Limited/Youth	Female – Limited/Youth	TOTALS
2023/2024	354	9152	141	603	10250
2022/2023	369	8640	105	472	9586
<b>DIFF 23 to 24*</b>	<b>-15</b>	<b>+512</b>	<b>+36</b>	<b>+131</b>	<b>+664</b>
2021/2022	306	7940	85	540	8871
2020/2021	157	7150	80	497	7884
2019/2020	195	8963	103	762	10023
2018/2019	184	8883	102	640	9809
2017/2018	137	8249	19	442	8847
2016/2017	111	7911	17	471	8510
2015/2016	88	7581	21	515	8205
2014/2015	70	6839	18	425	7352

\*2024 Registration Period ends 8/31/2024

○ Teams:

Member Year	Male - Adult	Female - Adult	Jr Girls	Jr Boys
2023/2024	1	0	886	37
2022/2023	2	1	840	35
<b>DIFF 23 to 24</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>+46</b>	<b>+2</b>
2021/2022	2	1	773	25
2020/2021	1	1	672	13
2019/2020	1	0	898	17
2018/2019	0	0	863	12
2017/2018	1	0	805	10
2016/2017	1	2	767	9
2015/2016	2	2	749	5
2014/2015	12	9	665	6
2013/2014	4	15 (+1 ODR)	636	2

- Website/Social Media/Email – We currently have 853 followers on X/Twitter (+9 from last year). We have 5166 “followers” (+229 from last year) on our Facebook page. We have 162 members (+34) on our Facebook Group for our Professional Officials and is used to post updates on CR Official’s accomplishments, technique updates, and officiating opportunities. The Region added an Instagram account this season and we currently have 401 followers. We have hired a social media intern through August 31 to begin to organize and professionalize our social media presence.

- Tournaments – We had another successful indoor tournament season in 2024. For the second season in a row, we did not have any weekends impacted by inclement weather. We processed 1819 tournament entries for our Regular season tournaments (+16 over 2023 entries). We sanctioned twelve multi-day tournaments during the 2023 season (+2). We added a new method for entering tournaments in 2024 which was a huge time saver for clubs and region staff. Tournament entries can now be entered directly into the tournament system by club directors with a simple check box. Invoices for the entry fee were then sent to the club director’s SE account for payment. We received a lot of positive feedback on this change. For next year, we’re looking at using an .api to directly pull in roster and eligibility information from SportsEngine to add additional capabilities to the system.
- Regional Championship Results –Championship weekends were March 23/24 and April 6/7. 185 teams participated on March 23/46 and 218 participated on April 5/6. 68% of all eligible teams for Regional Championships participated.
- We had one Juniors team win a USAV Junior Qualifier this season:
  - Triangle 18-Black (Florida Fest-18 Open)

Several other teams earned automatic bids to JNC based on high finishes at Qualifiers.

➤ Officials Program:

- All Junior members were automatically enrolled in the Referee and Scorer modules in the USAV Learning Management System. Coaches could register for the Junior curriculum by going to the LMS.
- The LMS continued to work well and there were no reported outages during the peak holiday season.
- Our course completions for the 2024 season:
  - USAV Junior R1 Training - 7811
  - USAV Junior R2 Training – 7895
  - USAV Junior Line Judge Training – 7970
  - USAV Junior Scorer Training – 7761
  - USAV Junior Asst Scorer/Libero Tracker Training – 7855
  - Junior Officiating Coursework for Adults (Coaches) - 944
  - CR NEW Junior Regional Referee Training – 15
  - CR Existing Junior Regional Referee Training – 6
  - CR New Officials Course – 64
  - CR Provisional Officials Base Course – 83
  - CR Regional Officials Base Course - 39
- The Officials Accelerated Advancement Program had a successful 2024 season with 15 participants. Training and evaluations were held at the City of Oaks, Queen City, and MAPL Raleigh tournaments. Three officials earned an upgrade in certification at the completion of the OAAP. Three refs will graduate out of OAAP at the end of 2024.
- Eleven officials were able to upgrade their certifications during Regional Championships evaluations.

- Leann Madtes and Kennedy Paine earned their National certification at the USAV Junior Girls' 18's tournament in Baltimore, MD.
  - The following Professional Officials were accepted by USAV to be rated for their Junior National certification this summer: Michael Holder, Jeff Hutcherson, Dusty Rhodes, and De Batchelor.
  - We had 21 Junior Regional Referees with 16 working at least three weekends to qualify for a \$500 college scholarship bonus.
  - Overall, we had 62 Newly certified officials and 225 total professional referees for the 2024 season.
- Junior Beach Tour – 2024 marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year of our Junior Beach Tour. We moved to a new hosting site to list our events and host rankings – Volleyball Life - <https://usavcarolinaregion.volleyballlife.com/> We are hosting two Beach National Qualifiers in the Region. Tournaments are being held in four sub-regions of the state. Bids are awarded at all events for the Junior Beach Regional Championships.
  - Board Update – the Carolina Region Board has been working with an outside consultant out of Wisconsin to undergo a Strategic Planning Process and make general improvements to the organization. Phase I involved a Skills Assessment review of the current board. Phase II included a survey to Key Stakeholders to undergo a full Needs Assessment of region operations. The final Phase will begin with a Strategic Planning session at the Board retreat in June.
  - Summary – The Region is having a very good 2024 season so far. Memberships have exceeded pre-covid totals with all-time highs in most categories. We are on strong financial footing, and board and member engagement is higher due to the ongoing strategic planning process. The next few years should be very successful.

#### B. National State of the Game:

- USAV CEO, Jamie Davis will step down at the end of the 2024 Olympics. He will aid with transition through end of the year.
- The Carolina Region has two athletes on the Boys U19 National Team playing at the NORCECA U19 Continental Championships: Grant Lamoureux (Captain) and Thomas Demps.
- The Carolina Region had eight athletes invited to the Girls NTDP Spring Training session in Florida.
- The FIVB Volleyball Nationals League is starting soon. USA will host a Women's weekend May 28 – June 2 in Arlington, TX.
- The 2024 Olympics will be held in Paris, France. Both the men and women's National teams have qualified and both are currently ranked #2 in the World so are medal favorites.
- RVAA and USAV meetings are coming up May 19-23 in Columbus, OH. A new RVAA Chair and RVA Rep to the USAV Board will be elected during the meetings.

#### III. Robert L. Lindsay 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 following individuals were recognized as 2024 Carolina Region Region Service Award winners:

- A. Kelley Krainiak
- B. Leann Madtes

We will have a write-up of their contributions to North Carolina volleyball on our website once the awards have been produced and distributed.

- IV. 2024 Officer Elections – The nomination period for the 2024 Officer Elections were opened up in January. The ballot was opened up on April 8, 2024 and closed on May 12, 2024. Results of the election was announced during the Annual Meeting and is available here - <https://vote.electionrunner.com/election/37t9Q/results>
  - President – Doug Balser
  - Treasurer – Rob Boggs
  - Secretary – Chuck Morris
- V. Old Business – none
- VI. New Business – none
- VII. Next Annual Meeting –TBA.
- VIII. Motion by F. Wendelboe, seconded by Readling to:

Motion 2: Adjourn the 2024 Carolina Region Annual meeting at 7:45 pm
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