

CAROLINA REGION/USAV ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2020 – Online Meeting due to COVID-19

Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director



BOD Attendees: Jim Ross, Michael Spillman, Krista McGivern, Doug Balser, Tony Hill, Tina Readling, Chris Treadway, Ron Strickland

BOD Absent: Fred Wendelboe, Dylan Mulkey, Darren Roberts

Staff Attendees: Kevin Wendelboe, Wade Brence, Brian Webb

Guest: Stephen Shepherd

Meeting Start Time: 10:00 am

- I. Welcome
- II. Agenda
- III. State of the Game Reports
  - A. North Carolina: Kevin Wendelboe
    - a. Membership Totals:
      - o Adults:

a. Member Year	Male - Regular	Female - Regular	Male Limited	Female Limited	TOTALS
2019/2020	630	1408	117	79	2234
2018/2019	632	1374	660	384	3050
<b>DIFF 19 to 20*</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>+34</b>	<b>-543</b>	<b>-305</b>	<b>-816</b>
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
2013/2014	558	1025	533	390	2506
2012/2013	563	979	692	461	2695
2011/2012	553	921	805	524	2803
2010/2011	547	916	273	198	1934

\*2020 Registration period ends 8/31/2020

○ Juniors:

Member Year	Male – Regular/Y	Female – Regular/Y	Male – Limited	Female – Limited	TOTALS
2019/2020	194	8951	100	667	9912
2018/2019	184	8883	102	640	9809
<b>DIFF 19 to 20*</b>	<b>+10</b>	<b>+68</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>+27</b>	<b>+103</b>
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
2013/2014	28	6502	21	321	6872
2012/2013	26	6064	14	260	6364
2011/2012	40	5297	2	183	5462
2010/2011	55	4925	6	123	5109
2009/2010	84	4490	5	78	4657
2008/2009	72	3929	1	29	4031

\*2020 Registration Period ends 8/31/2020

○ Teams:

Member Year	Male - Adult	Female - Adult	Jr Girls	Jr Boys
2019/2020	1	0	898	17
2018/2019	0	0	863	12
<b>DIFF 19 to 20</b>	<b>+1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>+35</b>	<b>+5</b>
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
2012/2013	13	15 (+3 ODR)	592	1
2011/2012	15	18	530	4
2010/2011	16	22	486	5
2009/2010	21	28	451	5
2008/2009	24	25	393	6
2007/2008	21	35	374	7

- b. Website/Social Media/Email –We currently have 832 followers on Twitter (+40 from last year). We have 3841 “Likes” on our Facebook page (+369 from last year). We have started using Hootsuite to make it easier to post info to both social media platforms. We utilized Constant Contact a lot this season to keep our club directors informed about the COVID-19 crisis and resources available to them. We will be moving to a new database hosted by SportsEngine this fall. There should be some improved communication tools that come out of that system that should help us promote our messages better.

- c. Tournaments – For the first time in a couple seasons, we did not have inclement weather cancel a whole weekend of events. However, the global COVID-19 pandemic did cause us to cancel our final regular season weekend of events and our Regional Championships. It has also caused us to cancel the first three months of the beach season. We had 3188 total entries for one-day sanctioned events.
- d. Regional Championship Results – Regional Championships were cancelled due to COVID-19. 540 teams were scheduled to participate (84% of those that had qualified for Regionals). All entry fees were refunded within 2 weeks of the cancellation notice.
- e. Coaching Program:
  - We did not hold any in-person IMPACT clinics this season. The course is offered free and online by USAV. They are in discussions to require all future IMPACT courses to be taken online so everyone is getting same content and message. So, we will plan on just referring everyone to the online course in the future. 446 Coaches took the IMPACT course this season.
- f. Officials Program:
  - We amended the in-person clinics this year. Larger clubs were limited to having a clinic only for the 14-and-under age groups. All ages 15 and older were directed to take the clinic online. This seemed to help us in scheduling the in-person clinics as there was less demand for clinicians.
  - USAV is moving to a new Learning Management System for next season. We are hopeful that will improve the user experience and have less technical issues during the high demand periods. They are also coming out with new clinic options for juniors. We will evaluate these options to hopefully be able to move more users to the online clinic option.
  - We certified 9050 (8844 last year) referees through online and in-person clinics this season.
  - The Officials Accelerated Advancement Program continued to train interested professional officials at a high level. We currently have 20 officials in the program.
  - The pandemic impacted several of our officials in the pipeline to receive a National rating. Joey Asis was accepted to go for his National rating. He will automatically be accepted next year. We also felt we had a good shot at getting three referees accepted for their Junior National rating. USAV is looking at having expanded numbers of candidates next year so they don't fall behind in numbers.
- g. Summary – 2020 was looking to be an outstanding membership season. The pandemic did have a big impact on the close of our indoor season and on the entire beach season. There are many discussions ongoing at a national level on the impact going forward. The region needs to be prepared for reduced membership in the near future as people become adjusted to changes in behavior due to the virus. The region does have solid financial reserves to meet short-term challenges. Our hope is that we will all be back on the courts soon enjoying our great sport.

B. National State of the Game:

- The COVID-19 crisis has impacted the USAV budget in a huge way. The cancellation of the indoor Championships will have a big impact on their revenue this year. They have instituted many cost-cutting measures, and we are still waiting to see what the result will be for USAV staff.

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 following individuals were recognized as 2020 Carolina Region Meritorious Service Award winners:

- A. Jim Ross
- B. Jennifer Rotan

We will have a write-up of each individual's contributions to North Carolina volleyball on our website and in the next newsletter.

V. Old Business - none

VI. New Business - none

VII. Next Meeting –To Be Announced. We will look at doing the 2021 meeting online so more from the membership can be involved.

VIII. Meeting adjourned without objection at 10:18 am