

CAROLINA REGION/USAV ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2009 – Koury Convention Center

Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Executive Director



Board Attendees: Fred Wendelboe, Trina Sharpe, Doug Fagan, Audun Runde, Amber Fulk

Guests: Rick Garcia, Iris Valentin, Regina Garcia, Rick Laskey, Casey Caram, Sherry Fadool, Roy West, Ronnie Mutter

Staff: Marilyn Thompson, Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting Start Time: 1:02 pm

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of Agenda – Motion by Trina, second by Doug to:

Motion 1: Approve the Agenda of the May 3, 2009 Annual Meeting of the Carolina Region Board of Directors with the provision that topics may be added as approved by the President. MSA

- III. A. State of the Game – North Carolina: Kevin Wendelboe
- A. Membership Totals – Overall we continue to grow as economy falters
- A. Adults –indoor decline but adding league members we have not had previously!  
This may be a potential model for future membership growth.

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female - Regular	Male One-event	Female one-event	TOTALS
2008/2009	566	822	52	56	1496
2007/2008	525	821	139	131	1616
2006/2007	588	808	123	88	1607
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 08 to 09	+41	+ 1	- 87	- 75	- 120

Member Year	Male Players	Female Players
2008/2009	210	248
2007/2008	193	301
2006/2007	208	306
2005/2006	231	248
2004/2005	247	253
2003/2004	266	276
2002/2003	269	240
2001/2002	305	300
DIFF 08 to 09	+17	-53

B. Juniors – girls continue strong growth in 2009

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female – Regular/Y	Male – One-event	Female – One-event	TOTALS
2008/2009	73	3927	0	2	4002
2007/2008	58	3713	0	24	3795
2006/2007	52	3379	4	14	3449
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 08 to 09	+15	+214	0	-22	+207

C. Teams:

Member Year	Male - Adult	Female - Adult	Jr Girls	Jr Boys
2008/2009	24	25	393	6
2007/2008	21	35	374	7
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 08 to 09	+ 3	-10	+19	- 1

- B. Technology – We were able to accept all membership applications and documents electronically this season. More and more members are taking advantage of that. The paperwork into the office is drastically reduced. The points system continues to work well as a destination for people to see entries, pools, and results. I would like to incorporate the schedule into the system next season so we will not have to maintain two separate pages with schedule information. We still need to develop a better clinic administration system for HP, Officials, and Coaches. If the USAV events portion of the online system is not ready, I will propose using a system by cVent.com next season to handle all our clinic pre-registrations.
- C. Tournaments – Tournaments ran well this season without too many weather issues. More and more teams are traveling out of region on some weekends so that affected our Platinum divisions on some weekends. Our 12's division grew to 22 teams this season and had two divisions of play. It looks like the 15's and 16's age groups will need a 6<sup>th</sup> division in order to stay in 2-3 court sites.
- D. Regional Championship Results – We held Adult Regionals before Hi Neighbor this season but had no difference in participation rates. We will survey the teams to see if they want to continue having paid referees as maybe the higher entry fee is a factor. Participation in all the Junior Regional Championships were a little lower but not as bad as in seasons past.

- E. Inter-Region/National Performances:
- ADULTS - We have three adult teams going to Minneapolis to play in the 2009 US Open Volleyball Championships (International Jammers – M A; Vroom – Women’s A; and Whatever Works – W BB). We also had three teams win their division at Hi Neighbor this season. Dig This won Women’s AA; Block Party won Women’s BB and The Way We Ball won Men’s A.
  - JUNIORS - Our Junior teams continue to have success on the NATIONAL scene.
    - We had one team earn a JOV bid in the 17 Open. ECJVC 17 won a bid at the Big South Qualifier.
- F. Coaching Program (Chuck McCracken):
- We held nine IMPACT clinics in the Region this season. We now have four certified IMPACT Instructors able to give clinics across the state.
  - Carolina Storm is sponsoring a CAP Level I clinic on May 9 and 10 in Concord. We will look to hold a Level I/II clinic in August of 2010.
- G. Officials Program (Marilyn Thompson):
- We updated both the referee and scorekeeper online clinics this season.
  - We had 359 people complete the online referee clinic.
  - We had 384 people complete the online scorekeeper clinic.
  - We had 41 new adult officials working our Junior tournaments.
  - We certified 3482 referees through online and in-person clinics this season.
  - We certified 3544 scorekeepers through the online and in-person clinics.
  - Already working on clinic ideas for 2010 as well as establishing a mentor program for our professional officials.
- H. High Performance Program (Sheila Holloway)
- We have provided training in the following cities: Greensboro, Raleigh, Goldsboro, Jacksonville, Greenville, Arden, Hendersonville, Brevard, Hickory, Statesville, Ronda, and Lake Norman. By traveling to these areas, we have found some terrific talent. We hope to continue serving all of these areas through different training levels.
  - We have had 27 coaches participate with the HP Program this season. Some are new and others have been involved for 5 or more years.
  - We have had several collegiate coaches express an interest in helping us out this summer and possibly next year: Manolo Concepcion (Western Carolina), Shelton Collier (Wingate), Lettie Wilkes (Belmont Abby), Jolene Nagel (Duke), Matt Ginipro (App State), Tim Cowie (Davidson), Ben Guiliano (Pfeiffer).
  - We are reaching more kids and our involvement in HP is being noticed, on both regional and national levels. Our commitment to High Performance is why USAV granted us an HP National Team tryout (for both boys and girls) here in March. We will be hosting it again next year (as of right now), and we will get a chance to put together a bid to host the 2012 HP National Championships here in North Carolina.
  - I believe we are moving in the right direction with High Performance, we just have to be willing to embrace change and the roller coaster ride on the way to success. Thank you for your support throughout this season.

- I. Summary – The season began really well with a majority of registrations handled online. We only had two issues involving the Behavior Policy but several complaints come in that are not written up as Behavior Policy violations. We will stress to the Tournament Directors and officials to be diligent with enforcing the Behavior Policy so our attendees know inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated. I visited several new facilities that are interested in hosting events. As we continue to grow, the need for facilities will continue to be an issue. We sanctioned our first convention center event this season and it ran well. Another one is already on the schedule for next year and we will work towards possibly holding Regional Championships there some time in the future. Our new employees are maintaining their programs well. We will look to them to continue to improve their programs while keeping the quality of our events high and affordable.

Despite the effects of the economy on the state as a whole, participation in Carolina Region volleyball remains strong.

B. National State of the Game – Fred Wendelboe:

- A lot of Regions are growing across the board. The Juniors program is primarily where the growth continues to be with the adults mainly stagnant.
- USAV is well into a more staff-driven model.
- The National teams were outstanding during the Olympics as everyone is aware. We are hosting the Women's Pan American Cup in Miami this summer. The Men will be back in the World League as defending champions.
- USAV had ambitious goals for the future and that means they need funding. They have proposed a member fee increase of \$10 from the regions to fund programs to benefit the regions and USAV. This proposal will be discussed in detail at the upcoming Minneapolis meetings.
- Hugh McCutcheon has been hired as the Women's Head Coach. Karch Kiraly will be an assistant for the Women. Alan Knipe will take over as Head Coach for the Men's team. Very few players have retired off the teams so they should continue to be strong.
- A question was asked about the relationship between USAV and the JDVA. Fred thinks it has stabilized and that JDVA has basically gone its own way. We have not seen any signs of friction recently and he thinks they may eventually apply to be a member organization of USAV in the future. It has not affected participation in the Qualifiers.
- A question was asked about the Qualifiers. Fred thinks the ultimate goal is to have 12 Qualifiers so they would need to add two more. It would probably be under the same model as the Kansas City Qualifier. He is not aware of when those might be added.

IV. Meritorious Service Awards:

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 2009 Carolina Region Meritorious Service Award winners are:

- A. Doug Fagan – Doug is a National Official that has given many clinics throughout the years. He has been a tireless official at tournaments throughout North Carolina and the country.
- B. Amber Fulk – Amber has been a player in the Carolina Region for many years. She has served on the Carolina Region Board of Directors since 1998 in the role of Women’s Player Rep, Secretary, and Treasurer. She is an International Qualified Scorekeeper and has given many clinics in the Region.
- C. Tim Gabel – Tim is a coach for the Triangle Volleyball Club. In 2008, Tim took the lead role in revising the Carolina Region’s guidelines and policies on Recruiting and Tryouts.
- D. Richard Garry – Richard is a Club Director for the OSIMA Volleyball Club out of Oxford. He has hosted multiple tournaments for the Carolina Region for the past three seasons.

The Carolina Region is proud of our 2009 Meritorious Service Award winners and appreciates their service to volleyball in North Carolina.

V. Elections:

- A. Secretary – The nominees identified by the Nominating Committee were Casey Caram and Rick Laskey. Online voting has been available for the team reps for about a month. Our bylaws also allow nominations and voting at the Annual Meeting. Motion by Doug, second by Trina to:

Motion 3: close the nominations for Secretary. MSA

Casey Caram was elected for a three year term by a majority of the team reps voting online.

- B. Treasurer – The only nominee identified by the Nomination Committee was Roy West. Motion by Audun, second by Doug to:

Motion 4: close the nominations for Treasurer. MSA

Roy West was elected for a three year term by a majority of the team reps voting online.

- C. President – We did not have any nominations for President before the meeting. Fred was asked if he would serve as President. He replied that he would if no one else was willing, but he did have reservations given his relationship with staff. Fred Wendelboe was nominated from the floor for President. Motion by Roy, second by Trina to:

Motion 5: close the nominations for President. MSA

Fred Wendelboe was elected President by acclamation.

- VI. Old Business - none
- VII. New Business - none
- VIII. Next Meeting –May 2, 2010 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro
- IX. Meeting adjourned – Motion by Trina, second by Doug to:

Motion 6: adjourn the May 3, 2009 Annual Meeting at 1:41 pm. MSA