

CAROLINA REGION/USAV ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 2008 – Koury Convention Center

Submitted by: Kevin Wendelboe, Director of Operations



Board Attendees: Karl Owen, Mike Spillman, Pamela Dickenson, Fred Wendelboe, Brian Magee, Trina Sharpe, Doug Fagan, Marilyn Thompson

Guests: Rick Laskey, Denise Hayes

Staff: Chuck McCracken, Kevin Wendelboe

Meeting Start Time: 1:52 pm

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of May 6, 2007 Annual Meeting minutes – Motion by Fred, second by Trina to:

Motion 1: Approve the minutes from the May 6, 2007 Annual Meeting of the Carolina Region Board of Directors. MSA

- III. A. State of the Game – North Carolina – Operations: Kevin Wendelboe
- A. Membership Totals – pass 5000 full members for first time
  - A. Adults –Continue trend of declining numbers (summer registrations will bring up)

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female - Regular	Male One-event	Female one-event	TOTALS
2007/2008	521	810	54	50	1435
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 07 to 08	- 67	+ 2	- 69	- 38	- 172

Member Year	Male Players	Female Players
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 07 to 08	-15	-5

B. Juniors – girls continue strong growth in 2008

Member Year	Male - Regular	Female - Regular	Male – One-event	Female – One-event	TOTALS
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 07 to 08	+6	+334	- 4	+10	+346

C. Teams – Girls jump while adults remain the same.

Member Year	Male - Adult	Female - Adult	Jr Girls	Jr Boys
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 07 to 08	- 1	+ 3	+ 25	+ 1

- B. Online Database – Online signatures were introduced this season and it reduced the amount of paperwork into the region office drastically. We went from 4 drawers in a filing cabinet to 1.5! More and more people are using PayPal to make payments and this also reduced paperwork and check handling. The Events module of the online system may be operational by next season and that may help in some of our clinic management.
- C. Tournaments – We did not have to cancel any tournaments due to weather the entire season. The points system continues to be a useful tool for office and members for improved communication on tournaments. Our 12's division grew to 15 teams this season and is poised for continued growth! Added a fourth division to 18's. Had five divisions in the 14-17 age groups and foresee needing to add a 6<sup>th</sup> division in some age groups next year so we can stay in the 2-3 court facilities.
- D. Regional Championship Results – Adult entries way down! Did not have a men's Gold (not enough teams during season) and most divisions were one court only. Staff will suggest offering Adult Regionals before Hi Neighbor next season to see if this might have an impact on participation. For juniors we kept all divisions in age groups together through whole season for first time in awhile. Experiment did not seem to work as participation at Bronze/Copper was off as was the problem in the past. The Junior Advisory Board discussed on Saturday so will have a recommendation from them on schedule during the business meeting, but staff will recommend to Junior Advisory Board and Board to go back to scheduling the lower divisions to end earlier.

- E. Inter-Region/National Performances:
- ADULTS - We have four adult teams going to Atlanta to play in the 2008 US Open Volleyball Championships (Craftsmen – M B; Old N Broke – M B; Ditch Witch – M BB; and Green Card – W BB). We also had two teams win their division at Hi Neighbor this season. Pizza Hut/Signature won Women's B and vh1vball.com won Men's BB.
  - JUNIORS - Our Junior teams continue to have success on the NATIONAL scene.
    - We had a record FOUR teams earn automatic bids to the Junior Olympics by WINNING bids at Qualifiers: PTVC Piedmont 18's won an 18 Open bid at Big South with a second place finish). Biltmore 18 Black earned an 18 Club American bid at the Big South Qualifier with a second place finish; ECJVC 16-1 won a 16 American Bid with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at the Big South Qualifier; and Triangle 15 Black earned a 15 Open bid at the Northeast Qualifier!
    - Some other outstanding finishes in National events:
      - Triangle 18 Black finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in 18 Open out of 120 teams at the Las Vegas Classic in February.
      - Triangle 17 Black finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in 17 Club out of 105 teams at the Las Vegas Classic in February.
      - CJV-Rage finished 3rd at the Big South in 18 Club
- F. Challenges – Inappropriate Behavior/Sportsmanship issues for spectators and coaches at Junior events became more of an issue this season. We had three cases of participants being asked to leave a tournament under the Behavior Policy. Continued Education and publicity about Sportsmanship issues will need to be a priority to help control this issue. The Recruiting and Tryout issue will be an important one in the next few years. The Junior Advisory Board was to address this issue at their meeting on May 3 and any changes to the policies will elicit strong feedback both for and against in the junior community. The policies will need to be monitored and probably tweaked for foreseeable future so we can maintain a fair and balanced program. Identifying and maintaining facilities to host tournaments will continue to be an issue as we grow each season. On a positive note, we have heard of a possible 8 court facility being built in the Charlotte area and a five court facility being built in Clemmons. Finally, transitioning to the new staffing model being proposed later will more than likely take some time to fully incorporate and thus receive the full benefits of a more focused approach to the individual pieces of our component programs.

Overall, the State of the Game in North Carolina remains strong. We are in great shape financially and operationally to continue as the driving force of volleyball promotion in North Carolina.

B. State of the Game – North Carolina – Programs/Member Development: Chuck McCracken:

- Held some Women's Collegiate club tournaments in conjunction with a few of our adult tournaments this season. It was a good opportunity to let the college athletes know they can play as adults when they are out of school.
- The 12's division has grown considerably and should continue to grow.
- We had about 300 people participate in the online officials' clinics this season.
- We also had two live clinics held over the internet and that was well received.
- High Performance continues to have growth. Our performance at HP Championships has continued to improve and we're seeing a depth in talent in the region that may not have been there before.
- Our challenges are to continue to support programs at an even younger age group and getting officials to work at junior tournaments continues to be an issue as our junior membership numbers continue to grow. We're continuing to approach High School, PAVO, and our junior players to work our tournaments.

C. National State of the Game – Fred Wendelboe:

- Both of our National teams have qualified for the Beijing Olympics, which is not always a given. Both are medal contenders.
- The Beach teams have strong gold medal contenders in Women. The Men's Beach teams could be strong but no guarantee.
- The USAV Board reorganization is ongoing which means a downsizing of board to 16 members.
- The USA Volleyball Foundation has a grant application to assist the HS Federation with the training of High School coaches. This will expose a lot more High School coaches to USAV.

D. State of the Game President's Report – Karl Owen:

Karl announced that Chuck will be leaving his staff position over the next couple of months. With this change, we will need to address our own staff reorganization. Karl mentioned that Chuck and Kevin have submitted ideas on how that reorganization could look. It will be an important discussion among the board for next couple months. We continue to have challenges with growing our adult and boys populations.

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 2008 Carolina Region Meritorious Service Award winners are:

- A. Jenna Hinton – Jenna has worked in our High Performance Program as a coach. She has run tournaments for the Carolina Region for many years. She created the Youth Volleyball Program for Triangle Volleyball Club which has introduced volleyball to over 500 kids in grades 2-8.
- B. Linda Lang – Linda has been a coach and player in the Chapel Hill area for many years. She showed her dedication to the sport and desire to improve volleyball opportunities for those in the Chapel Hill area by building a one-court facility in her back yard in 2007.
- C. Rick Laskey – Rick is a transplant member who moved to North Carolina from Ohio in 2003. He is a National Referee and gives numerous clinics in the Carolina Region. Rick is a huge supporter of the Special Olympics in North Carolina and across the world.
- D. Jean Lojko – Jean is the Head Volleyball Coach at Greensboro College. She has run several tournaments for the region over the past four years. She is also instrumental in hosting the High Performance summer camps on the Greensboro College campus.

The Carolina Region is proud of our 2008 Meritorious Service Award winners and appreciates their service to volleyball in North Carolina!

V. Special Recognition – Karl presented a plaque on behalf of the Carolina Region Board of Directors to Chuck for his distinguished service to the region as Director of Programs and Membership Development.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Next Meeting –May 3, 2009 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro

IX. Meeting adjourned – Motion by Fred, second by Doug to:

Motion 2: adjourn the May 4, 2008 Annual Meeting at 2:24 pm. MSA
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