

Minutes from the Southern Region
August 8, 2021

In attendance: Deidre Brown, Colleen Craig, Shawn Davis, Stephanie Finn, Duane Hill, Kim Kenyon, Steve Kenyon, Jim Kirkpatrick, Apple Kridakorn, James Lawson, Heather LeMay, Anthony Marshall, Brenda McIntosh, Kevin McClure, Christopher Miller, Mary Beth Peake, Rose Powell, Mark Prater, Michelle Prater, David Schnieders, Lacy Shannon, Carlos Soler, Mindy Spalding, Jessica Turnbull, Bob Watson, Keith Weller

Call to Order

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously: We go into Executive Session.

Jim Kirkpatrick conducted a review of the Financial Report and Balance Sheets.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously: We come out of Executive Session.

Motion #1 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – The SRVA Board approves the \$10 price reduction on all Full memberships for the 2021 – 2022 season only.

Motion #2 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – The SRVA Board of Directors approves using a portion of the remaining surplus funds from the 2019 – 20 season to create a “Boys Growth Grant Fund” the expenditures of this fund will be capped at forty thousand dollars.

Motion #3 as made, seconded and passed unanimously – The SRVA Board approves the 2021 – 2022 Budget.

Motion #4 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – The SRVA Board gives the elected officers of the Board the authority to determine payments of stipends, which are not to exceed the approved budget line item amount of the annual budget and inform the Board when such payments are made.

Motion #5 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – The SRVA Board of Directors approves issuing a region credit card to the High Performance Program Director. The credit limit is not to exceed five thousand dollars.

Motion # 6 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Update SRVA Handbook sections (II.C.2) reword the High School Cancellation sentence.

Current wording; For the 2020 –2021 season In the event that a state’s high school association truncates/terminates/cancels the current state season prior to the established SRVA tryout dates, the 5 day tryout period for just that state will be adjusted to start the first Saturday after the truncation/termination/cancellation is effective. But not prior to September 12th.

Proposed wording —In the event that a state’s high school association truncates/terminates/cancels the current state season prior to the established SRVA tryout dates, the 5 day tryout period for just that state will be adjusted to start the first Saturday after the truncation/termination/cancellation is effective. But not prior to September 1st.

Motion #7 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Modify SRVA Handbook section (IV.A.5) to include the tournament formats that our central registration system supports.

Current wording Section IV.A.5. – If the gold/silver format will be used.

Proposed wording Section IV.A.5. 5. Which of the following play formats will be used

- a. Standard.**
- b. Gold – Silver.**
- c. Modified Gold – Silver (4 team pools).**
- d. Wave Format (3 team pools).**

***Note – Tournaments that will be using an alternate play format (other than listed above) must apply for a waiver see section IV.G.**

Motion #8 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Modify SRVA Handbook sections (III.A, IV.C.1 and IV.G) to reflect the current processes regarding waived tournaments.

Current wording Section III.A – All tournament entries and fees must be received by the Region Commissioner or their designee.

Proposed Wording Section III.A – All tournament entries and fees must be received by the Region Commissioner or their designee. This requirement does not apply to tournaments that have been granted a waiver from using the SRVA central tournament registration system.

Current wording Section IV.C.1, Second Paragraph – Tournament hosts/directors ~~requesting a multiple –day tournament(s)~~ may request a waiver from using the SRVA central tournament registration system through the region Commissioner or their designee.

Proposed Wording Section IV.C.1, Second Paragraph – Tournament hosts/directors may request a waiver from using the SRVA central tournament registration system through the region Commissioner or their designee.

Current wording Section IV.G, last paragraph – Multiple –day tournaments granted a waiver from using the SRVA central tournament registration system shall pay a \$1,150 deposit in advance of the granting of the tournament sanction and waiver.

Proposed Wording Section IV.G, last paragraph – Tournaments granted a waiver from using the SRVA central tournament registration system or requesting a play format not listed in IV.A.5.a – d shall pay a deposit (\$950 – single day or \$1,150 – multiple day) in advance of the granting of the tournament sanction and waiver,

Motion #9 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Modify SRVA Handbook sections (IV.C. and IV.D) to allow the Commissioner to delegate tasks.

Current wording Section IV.C.1 – Teams will register through the central registration process unless waived by the Region Commissioner.

Proposed Wording Section IV.C.1 – Teams will register through the central registration process unless waived by the Region Commissioner or their designee.

Current wording Section IV.D – Tournament Director deadlines for submitting tournament information to the Commissioner.

Proposed Wording – Tournament Director deadlines for submitting tournament information to the Commissioner or their designee.

Motion #10 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Remove the Triple Performance bond requirement for non - SRVA member tournament directors from SRVA Handbook section (IV.G).

Current wording to be removed – * A triple performance bond will be paid to SRVA by non - SRVA member Tournament Directors. This bond is refundable provided the requirements listed in IV. F. are met.

Motion #11 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Remove the requirement that all format changes or variations must be approved from SRVA Handbook section (VI.E).

Current wording – Pool play, playoff schedules and officiating assignments must be explained during the meeting of team representatives prior to start of play and must be posted prominently in the gym. Any changes or variations in the format must be approved by the Region Commissioner or their designee and cannot be modified by Coaches, Tournament Director or Court Managers.

Proposed wording – Pool play, playoff schedules and officiating assignments must be explained during the meeting of team representatives prior to start of play and must be readily available to participants during the day.

Motion #12 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Modify SRVA Handbook sections (VII.D.1) to change the tie break coin toss order that determines which team gets a bye.

Current wording Section VII.D.1 third sentence – If still tied, two coin tosses will determine the bye, with the two teams listed highest on the original pool sheet taking part in the first coin toss, and the winner of the first toss takes part in the second coin toss with the team listed third on the original pool play sheet, and that second coin toss winner receives the bye.

Proposed Wording Section VII.D.1 third sentence – If still tied, two coin tosses will determine the bye, with the two teams listed lowest on the original pool sheet taking part in the first coin toss, and the winner of the first toss takes part in the second coin toss with the team listed highest on the original pool play sheet, and that second coin toss winner receives the bye.

Motion #13 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Update SRVA Handbook sections (IV.C.5 and VII) to properly document current tournament procedures.

Current wording Section IV.C.5 – For the tournament entry fee charged, the host will provide one suitable game ball

Proposed Wording Section IV.C.5 –The host will provide one suitable game ball

Current wording Section VIII – For the tournament entry fee charged, the host will provide appropriate awards for First Place in each classification in which there are four or more teams. If two classifications are combined, separate play –offs and awards are not required.

Proposed Wording Section VIII – The host will provide appropriate awards for First Place in each classification division in which there are four or more teams.

Motion #14 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Update SRVA Handbook section (IX.B.4) to clarify the team officiating requirements.

Current wording Section IX.B.4 – The Tournament Director is not responsible for providing officials for teams. It is a team responsibility and the team must secure the necessary officials for the tournament.

Proposed Wording Section IX.B.4 – The Tournament Director is not responsible for providing officials for teams. It is a team responsibility and the team must secure the necessary officials for the tournament. This only applies to 3, 4, and 5 –team pools on a single court and 6 team pool on two courts. Other play formats may require additional officials and the team cannot be expected to cover all officiating duties.

Motion #15 was made, seconded and passed (23 yes, 2 no, 0 abstention) – Change SRVA Handbook section (X.A) to modify how the two tournament requirement is determined.

Current wording – QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS FOR INDOOR REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS – A Junior team must have participated in at least two sanctioned regular season SRVA indoor tournaments to be eligible to compete in the applicable Indoor Regional Championship. Teams bumped from an indoor tournament due to court space limitations or cancellation of an indoor tournament by SRVA will count as a tournament if the team has registered and paid the entry fee by the tournament registration deadline.

Proposed Wording – QUALIFICATION OF TEAMS FOR INDOOR REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS – A Junior team must have participated or be fully registered in a timely fashion in at least two sanctioned regular season SRVA indoor tournaments to be eligible to compete in the applicable Indoor Regional Championship. Teams bumped from an indoor tournament due to court space limitations or cancellation of an indoor tournament by SRVA will count as a tournament if the team has registered and paid the entry fee by the tournament registration deadline. If a team fails to participate in a second regular season SRVA tournament their entry in the applicable region championship may be rejected.

Motion #16 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Add the following to SRVA Handbook section (X.A) to address the issue of more team entries than the Region Tournament can accommodate.

“All teams that qualify to enter the Junior Regional Indoor Championships will be accepted provided enough gym space is available to accommodate the teams. If gym space or court availability becomes a limiting factor, qualified teams will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis”

Motion #17 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Update SRVA Handbook section (X.A – 4th and 5th paragraphs) to document the process and timelines for moving teams into the correct division.

Current wording fourth paragraph – A junior team that is ranked in the top 10% of their age division within 3 weeks of the tournament date, must participate in either the Power or Bid divisions of the Indoor Regional Championships, they cannot participate in the Club Division.

Proposed Wording fourth paragraph – A junior team that is ranked in the top 10% of their age division within 3 weeks of the tournament date, must participate in either the Power or Bid divisions of the Indoor Regional Championships, they cannot participate in the Club or Local Divisions. However, moving teams will only occur if space is available in the next higher division. In addition, once play schedules are set, moving teams will not apply.

Current wording fifth paragraph – A Local Division will be offered at the SRVA Regional Championships for teams that are at a level lower than our Club Division. These divisions will be utilized if at least 8 teams are entered at least 2 weeks prior to the event. If any Local Division does not achieve at least 8 entered teams, those teams will be entered into the Club Division based on their original entry date. Teams that enter the Local Divisions cannot have a region ranking in the top 50% of the respective age group.

Proposed Wording fifth paragraph – A Local Division will be offered at the SRVA Regional Championships for teams that are at a level lower than our Club Division. These divisions will be utilized if at least 8 teams are entered at least 2 4 weeks prior to the event. If any Local Division does not achieve at least 8 entered teams, those teams will be entered into the Club Division based on their original entry date. Teams that enter the Local Divisions cannot have a region ranking in the top 50% of the respective age group within 3 weeks of the tournament date. However, moving teams will only occur if space is available in the next higher division. In addition, once play schedules are set, moving teams will not apply.

Motion #18 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Update SRVA Handbook section (X.A 7th paragraph) to document which teams are actually eligible for reimbursement.

Current wording Section X.A, seventh paragraph – Only the champion or runner –up in each indoor classification will be eligible for reimbursement of their national entry fee, but at the Region Commissioner’s discretion a lower finishing team may receive the region bid without reimbursement.

Proposed Wording Section X.A, seventh paragraph – Only the champion in each indoor Bid Division ~~classification~~ will be eligible for reimbursement of their national entry fee.

Motion #19 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Add the following paragraph to SRVA Handbook section (X.B) to document which adult teams are actually eligible for reimbursement.

Any adult team with no available competition in their classification for the Adult Indoor Regional Championship must have participated in one sanctioned regular season SRVA indoor tournaments to be eligible for reimbursement if entry/play in their classification was offered by the region during the year.

Motion #20 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Modify SRVA Handbook section (X.F.2) to decrease division size breaks from 24 to 16 and remove redundant tie break information.

Current wording Section X.F.2. – In these divisions of the SRVA Junior (Indoor) Regional Championships,

- a. If a division has more than 24 teams entered, the fourth place team in each pool on the first day will be placed into a separate (Silver) playoff bracket.
- b. The teams finishing in the top three positions of each power pool will advance to the championship division playoffs however only Bid Division teams will be eligible for the region bids to the USAV National Championships.
- ~~c. If two teams are tied the head-to-head match will be used for placement.~~
- ~~d. If three or more teams are tied and include a fourth place position in the pool, the affected teams will be seeded based on set winning percentage for all matches played and then by total point percentage for all matches played.~~
- ~~e. The teams found to be in the third and fourth place positions will play a single playoff set to 25 points with a court switch at 13 points and the second place team will officiate the match.~~

Proposed Wording Section X.F.2. – In these divisions of the SRVA Junior (Indoor) Regional Championships,

- a. If a division has 16 or more teams entered, the fourth place team in each pool on the first day will be placed into a separate (Silver) playoff bracket.
- b. The teams finishing in the top three positions of each power pool will advance to the championship division playoffs however only Bid Division teams will be eligible for the region bids to the USAV National Championships.

Motion #21 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Modify SRVA Handbook section (X.G.2 & X.G.4) to decrease division size breaks from 24 to 16 and 64 to 32 and remove section (X,G,3)

Current wording Section X.G. – CLUB & LOCAL DIVISIONS PROCEDURES for the Girls Indoor Junior Regional Championships.

1. The Club & Local divisions will play match play (2 out of three sets) to 25 points.
2. In the Club & Local divisions of the SRVA Junior Regional Indoor Championships, when there are 25 or more teams participating the teams finishing third and fourth will be placed in separate playoff brackets.
- ~~3. In the Club & Local divisions of the SRVA Junior Regional Indoor Championships, pool adjustments are allowed to prevent teams from the same club from being placed in the same pool on the first day of competition~~
4. At the SRVA Junior Regional Indoor Championships, any Club & Local divisions with more than 64 teams will separate teams for playoffs into four different divisions for the playoffs (Gold, Silver, Bronze and Copper).

Proposed Wording Section X.G – CLUB & LOCAL DIVISIONS PROCEDURES for the Girls Indoor Junior Regional Championships.

1. The Club & Local divisions will play match play (2 out of three sets) to 25 points.

2. In the Club & Local divisions of the SRVA Junior Regional Indoor Championships, when there are 16 or more teams participating the teams finishing third and fourth will be placed in separate playoff brackets.

3. At the SRVA Junior Regional Indoor Championships, any Club & Local divisions with 32 or more teams will separate teams for playoffs into four different divisions for the playoffs (Gold, Silver, Bronze and Copper).

Motion #22 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Create a new SRVA Handbook section (X.I) to address pool adjustments in all divisions to avoid club conflicts, this new section replaces (X.G.3).

Proposed Wording X.I. – CLUB CONFLICTS – In all divisions of SRVA Junior Regional Indoor Championships, pool adjustments are allowed to prevent teams from the same club from being placed in the same pool on the first day of competition. In the Bid Divisions, teams cannot be moved more than two seed positions to avoid club conflicts.

Motion #23 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Modify SRVA Handbook section (XIII.E, XIV,E and XV.E) by adding item 8 under each section addressing probation or suspension.

8. Any Official who is placed on probation or suspension will be considered to be “Not in Good Standing” until the probation period is over or the suspension is lifted.

Motion #24 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – Modify SRVA Handbook sections (XVII.G.1 –3 and XVII.F.3 –5) remove conference call/electronic hookup and replace with electronic conferencing services (i.e. telephone or video)

Current G.1 – Hearings before the Review Committee may be either in person, by conference call/electronic hookup

Proposed G.1 – Hearings before the Review Committee may be either in person, through the use of available electronic conferencing services (i.e. telephone or video),

Current G.2 – Conference call/electronic hookup costs

Proposed G.2 – Electronic conferencing services (i.e. telephone or video) costs

Current G.3 – The presiding officer will make reasonable efforts to schedule the hearing /conference call/electronic hookup.

Proposed G.3 – The presiding officer will make reasonable efforts to schedule the hearing whether in person or through the use of available electronic conferencing services (i.e. telephone or video)

Current H.3 – Board Appeals may be convened in person at a normally scheduled Board meeting, by conference call/electronic hookup

Proposed H.3 – Board Appeals may be convened in person at a normally scheduled Board meeting, or through the use of available electronic conferencing services (i.e. telephone or video),

Current H.4 Conference call/electronic hookup costs

Proposed H4 – Electronic conferencing services (i.e. telephone or video) costs

Current H.5 – The presiding officer will make reasonable efforts to schedule any hearing conducted by conference call/electronic hookup

Proposed H.5 – The presiding officer will make reasonable efforts to schedule any hearing conducted by electronic conferencing services (i.e. telephone or video)

Motion #25 was made, seconded and passed unanimously – The SRVA Board approves that any changes made to the SRVA Tryout Dates or Procedures should be made no later than January 15th of the year in which these tryouts will be held.

Motion #26 was made, seconded and passed (11 yes, 6 no and 8 abstentions) – The SRVA Board approves that for the 2021 –2022 season (in Alabama only) 14 and under tryouts can start on 10/3/2021. The commitment date for 14 and under will be the 6th day after the completion of the Metro tournament 10/2/2021.

Carlos had questioned if there were any boy-specific personal grants available and Steve said not at this time because our grants were based on financial need only.

We will add “tournaments” as a category to the boys’ growth initiative proposal.

Jessica suggested holding a zoom call for a Boys Development Committee to tackle the issue.

Another suggestion was made to create a reduced membership still requiring SafeSport and background checks for parents who only want to line judge. In researching this suggestion it was discovered that there is no need for a new membership type - (**The Event Workers** membership can be used for this situation, as it requires a background check and SafeSport training. It is good for the entire season and is only \$10 plus the cost of a background check if needed.)

The tryout policy was discussed briefly, however, it was decided it might be better to form a committee to look into this and report back to the Board with specific recommendations.

The proposed dates for SRVA Beach Regionals are May 21-22, 2022. Colleen has that date available in both Atlanta and Huntsville.

We will try to have some adult tournaments, and host a regional championship. David Schnieders is working with Bernie Goldfine. A potential date for the regional championship will be tabled for now.

Proposed dates for the 18 Bid Tournament - March 12-13, 2022 at Tsunami Center.

Commissioner and Other Reports

Mary Beth went over the budget for the inaugural HP Program this year, and provided details and program enhancements that justified the increased budget line item for the 2021-2022 budget year.

Steve went over his report.

The next SRVA Board Meeting will be on Sunday January 9, 2022. Steve is going to send out a survey on whether it should be held via zoom call or in person in Atlanta.

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The meeting is adjourned.