

Minutes from the Southern Region Board Of Directors Meeting
January 10, 2021

In attendance: Ken Cain, Colleen Craig, Shawn Davis, Stephanie Finn, Carmen Foster, Duane Hill, Kim Kenyon, Steve Kenyon, Jim Kirkpatrick, Apple Kridakorn, James Lawson, Anthony Marshall, Kevin McClure, Brenda McIntosh, Christopher Miller, Mary Beth Peake, Rose Powell, Mark Prater, Michelle Prater, David Schnieders, Mindy Spalding, Jessica Turnbull, Bob Watson, Keith Weller

Two guests – Deidre Brown and Heather LeMay

Call to Order

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

Minutes

The minutes from the 8/9/20 and 9/17/20 were previously approved

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

New Business

Motion #1 passed unanimously: The Board will go into executive session.

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

Motion #2 passed unanimously: We come out of executive session.

Motions brought before the Board for approval.

Motion #3 passed unanimously -Section I. Add Non-Playing Junior Coach to the first classification group.

Motion #4 passed unanimously - Section II. Page 7: Update the Financial Assistance information.

The region will offer assistance to those with demonstrated financial need by reducing its share of a junior player's annual membership fee. Financial need will be determined by a family's eligibility for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program, or similar federal or state program **based on income**. Each applicant for this assistance will be required to submit proof of their or their family's current eligibility for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program, or similar federal or state program **based on income**, prior to receiving this assistance. **Upon the applications approval, a discount code will be issued for use during the initial purchase of, or upgrade from tryout to a Full Junior Player membership.**

Motion #5 passed unanimously -Section II. Page 7: Update the following section dealing with Junior involved individuals.

All individuals associated with junior activities such as Club Directors, Club Administrators, Team Reps, Coaches, Chaperones, Trainers, Officials, and any junior Tournament Director/Site Director/On-Site Tournament Administrator/Manager must complete SafeSport **Core** training or **SafeSport Refresher courses**. **They must also** consent to a background screening **as required** by completing and submitting the required forms through **their SportsEngine account**. These forms must be submitted and their **application accepted/passed/cleared** before the applicant may participate in sanctioned junior events and/or activities (a minimum of one week should be expected to complete the screening). **An individual whose background check is declined/failed must immediately cease all participation in SRVA/USAV sanctioned junior events and/or activities until such time as their background check status is changed to accepted/passed /cleared and their membership suspension is lifted. The background appeals process is available on SRVA.org.**

Motion #6 passed unanimously - Section II. Page 7: Update the following statement to reflect actual current practice.

Coaches - IMPACT or equivalent certification approved by USA Volleyball is required.

Motion #7 passed unanimously - Section II. Page 7: Document the junior team approval requirements of to reflect current practices.

To be approved each junior team must have a minimum of 6(six) approved players and have an Adult Head Coach who is a registered member of the Southern Region who has passed the background screening process, and has completed SafeSport and Impact training on their roster and designated as a Head Coach in the current governing season.

Motion #8 passed unanimously - Section III.B Update this sentence to reflect current requirements.

A junior team may not register for a tournament without listing a rostered **Head** coach who has passed a background check has **completed SafeSport training and is Impact certified.**

Motion #9 passed unanimously - Section IV. A: Add items 8 & 9 for inclusion in the 21-22 season tournament sanction request.

8. If there are any specific health & safety requirements which must be met for participation.

9. If there are any specific health & safety requirements which must be met for attendance as a non-participant.

Motion #10 passed unanimously - Section IV. B: Clarify that only electronic copies will be provided.

The following materials may be downloaded from the SRVA web site (www.srva.org) by the Tournament Director, or if not on the website, **electronic copies** will be provided by the SRVA.

Motion #11 passed unanimously - Section IV. C.4: Document that an Official must be “eligible” to work SRVA sanctioned tournaments.

SRVA tournament officials who are paid must be in-process or certified **and must have met all other SRVA/USAV requirements to be eligible.**

Motion #12 passed unanimously - Section IX. C.1 & C.2: Update our process to be in line with current USAV rules.

1. It is the responsibility of the First Referee and the Tournament Director to enforce the uniform rule and to notify the offending team that all games played while out of uniform will be forfeited. **The legality of a team’s uniform(s) is not grounds for a protest by their opponent. The determination of a team’s uniform legality is the responsibility of the match referee(s), head referee(s), and/or tournament staff.**

Motion #13 passed unanimously - General Handbook clean-up: Replace all (His/Her, He, She, Him/Her) with non-gender specific language (their, them, they...).

Motion #14 passed unanimously – The approved changes in Motions (1 – 11) will be incorporated into the SRVA Beach Handbook as applicable.

Motion #15 passed unanimously – The GJNC hotel room block, secured by the SRVA, will be offered to the winners of the Bid Divisions at the 2021 SRVA Jr. Regional Championships. If a club has already been selected in the Tier 1 Lottery, their teams are not eligible to participate. If there are more requests than room nights available, a random selection process will be employed.

Motion #16 passed unanimously – A team that is forced to withdraw from a non-waivered event due to a positive Covid test or exposure to someone who has Covid will receive a 100% refund.

Motion #17 passed unanimously – For the 2020-2021 season only, the SRVA Board of Directors approves the reinvestment of surplus funds from the 2019-2020 budget in the following manner. “Each approved SRVA Club (indoor and beach) which has a minimum of one approved team in each age and gender division that they offer registered in a minimum of two SRVA sanctioned events will receive a credit of \$500. This credit will be applied to their club account.”

Motion #18 passed unanimously - Due to the resignation of Kurt Jacobus, there will be a 10th Board position available. The candidate receiving the tenth total vote count above 50% will fill this vacancy. The candidate who fills this interim position will have a term that starts 1/11/2021 and is up for reelection in January, 2022.

Mary Beth Peake, Shawn Davis and Dave Schnieders presented the HP Report.

USAV is changing the name of the HP Program to “Nationals Team Development Program (NTDP).

NDTP Mission: Identify, recruit, and accelerate the development of high potential youth volleyball players for the ultimate purpose of strengthening our National Team programs to achieve sustained competitive excellence.

NTDP Primary Goal: Achieve sustained competitive excellence among our by helping to improve the quality and quantity of young, high potential American players.

Given that the ultimate goal for our teams is to compete in the “HP Championships”. In the Southern Region, this program will still be known as HP.

Current plans;

- HP tryouts will be held at the GWCC the day prior to SRVA Regionals.
- There will be 2 coaches per team – Head Coach will be collegiate, Assistant Coach will be club.
- There is a 2 day commuter camp planned (dates and location TBA).
- The SRVA HP team camp is tentatively scheduled for July 15-18, 2021 at Life University.
- This would be a 4 day overnight camp and SRVA will split the projected cost (\$750-900).

Diversity Scholarship – April Carroll received and scholarship and attended the AVCA camp virtually. She sent a letter of appreciation for the opportunity.

Steve acknowledged Rose Powell for her hard work in promoting this.

Motion #19 passed unanimously: We will move the Commissioner’s Report to “Other Reports”.

Elections

Candidates were given 5 minutes to speak, and then the election was held. There was no run-off needed. Steve will send an email to all candidates to let them know their outcome.

Election results.

Newly elected Board members Deidre Brown, Heather LeMay their terms are 7/1/21 - 6/30/24

Interim Board member Carlos Soler his term is 1/11/2021 - 6/30/22

Re-elected Shawn Davis, Duane Hill, William Kenyon, James Kirkpatrick, James Lawson, Brenda McIntosh, David Schnieders their new terms are 7/1/21 - 6/30/24

The 3 officers were re-elected to their positions their new terms are 7/1/21 - 6/30/24:

William (Steve) Kenyon – Commissioner

Jim Kirkpatrick – Vice President

Brenda McIntosh – Secretary

Other Reports

Steve presented his Commissioner's Report.

The SRVA has been contacted by a company that is willing to provide low or no COVID testing services to clubs or tournaments. It was decided that if requested by a Club or Tournament director, Steve will forward them the company's information.

Mark presented an Official's Report.

Keith reported that he intends to start the monthly club director conference calls again at the end of this month.

Brenda reported our membership is currently at 13,754, although the number is somewhat of an estimate based on an inability to get membership reports from SE.

Motion #20 passed unanimously: Our next Board meeting will be August 8, 2021 and it is currently scheduled to be a virtual meeting.

Motion #21 passed unanimously: We adjourn