

Minutes from the Southern Region

***Virtual Meeting (Zoom)**

10 am ET Jan. 12, 2025

In attendance: Garrett Bitter, Deidre Brown, Colleen Craig, Shawn Davis, Stephanie Finn, Michael Fletcher, Shelby Foyer, Duane Hill, Scott Jones, Steve Kenyon, James Lawson, Anthony Marshall, Kevin McClure, Christopher Miller, Marsha North, Mary Beth Peake, Rose Powell, Mark Prater, Michelle Prater, David Schnieders, Scott Thompson, Bob Watson, Keith Weller, Abbey West

*Meeting was changed to Virtual due to the Winter storm which created hazardous travel conditions for Board members.

Call to Order

A quorum was present.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Motion to go into Executive Session- accepted, seconded and passed unanimously

Motion to approve the agenda – accepted, seconded and passed unanimously

Bob Watson went over the budget. No additional line items added or deleted. Stipend line item was adjusted to reflect the changes passed in the 8/04/24 BOD meeting.

Budget Motions:

Motion #1 was made, seconded and passed unanimously: After the 01/12/2025 financial review the SRVA Board approves the modified 2024 -2025 budget, as presented.

Motion #2 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board approves closing the two money market accounts (Embassy National and CCB). The funds will then be transferred to the existing Wells Fargo Platinum savings account.

Motion #3 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board approves as a current and ongoing practice to have the address of record for the banking and credit card accounts be the address of the current Commissioner.

Motion #4 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board approves reinvestment of the Club Transfer fees into our programs which directly benefit our members.

Motion to come out of executive session. accepted, seconded and passed unanimously

Guests joining the meeting: Tim Cooper, Travis Leblanc, Steve Wilcosky

Call to Order for open session

A quorum was present.

SRVA Board Elections

Those running for a position on the Board of Directors were given 5 minutes to address the entire Board. We then reviewed the election procedures. There were 9 positions available, including 3 incumbents not running and 6 current members up for re-election.

Election results – with the new terms beginning July 1st, 2025 and running until June 30th, 2028

Returning Board members - Colleen Craig, Shelby Foyer, Rose Powell, Mark Prater, Scott Thompson, Robert Watson

New Board members - Timothy Cooper, Stephen Wilcosky

There were only 8 candidates who received 50% or greater of the 24 votes cast.

The 9th seat will not be filled at this time as the remaining candidates did not reach the 50% threshold.

In January 26, there will be 9 full seats up for election and a single seat with a two-year term available.

Motion #5 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board approves the distribution in the published meeting minutes the substance of Motions 1-4 and the results of the vote on these motions.

Motion #6 was made, seconded, and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board approves the inclusion of the tryout and athletic transfer policies in the Electronic Documents which must be signed to meet the eligibility/purchase requirements for membership.

Handbook motions: No handbook changes to be reviewed at this time. If changes are required in the coming months, they will be dealt with in accordance with the following motion which was approved in the 8/4/24 BOD meeting.

Motion #20 from 8/4/24 BOD: The SRVA Board of Directors approves the updating of the 24-25 Region handbook to reflect the changes required to operate in the 24-25 season.

Notice of a Proposed By-Law Amendment:

By-Laws may be amended, altered or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Directors present at any regular or special meeting. Notice of the proposed amendment must be submitted in writing or email to the President or Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to said meeting.

Rationale: Article IV of our By-Laws contains a requirement more restrictive requirement than listed in the current IRS code

Upon dissolution the Board determines where the assets are to be distributed, it does not have to be USAV as currently stated in our By-Laws.

From IRS 501 (c) (3)

“Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(3), or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.” Jan 29, 2024

Current Article IV of By-Laws:

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation **shall be distributed to the United States Volleyball Association**, or in the event the USVBA shall not exist, then to an organization dedicated to fostering national and international amateur volleyball competition, provided that organization continues to be dedicated to the exempt purposes as specified in Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3).

Proposed – ARTICLE IV The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. **Upon the dissolution of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed to one or more organizations dedicated to fostering national and international amateur volleyball competition, provided that such organizations continues to be dedicated to the exempt purposes as specified in Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3)**

Note – It was agreed that this vote would be conducted electronically, and a notice would be sent to current board members for action. (results of vote attached at end of document)

Commissioner’s Report

- RVAA recommended changing all USAV sanctioned Beach event division from the current “Date-of-Birth” (DOB) to Graduation year model
- Background checks turnaround time reduced from 5.2 days to 3.8 days.
- SRVA Commissioner will attend the May RVAA in-person meeting in Denver

Tournaments:

- Beach Championships will be held at Rally May 17 & 18
- Rally and SRVA will host 2 Beach National Qualifiers for the 24-25 season
- SRVA Regional Championships are 5/3/25 & 5/4/25 at GWCC
- The SRVA has signed contracts for 2025 – 2028 for GWCC
- SRVA have entered a second 5-year agreement with Nike and Athlete Performance Solutions and we have extended our contract with Molten through 2027

Moving Forward: There is a need for an outside “complaint investigator.” A job description was attached.

SRVA Membership – SRVA continues to grow. We currently have 20,666 members. SRVA Commissioner will create a smart group that shows the boys membership by state.

Officials Chair Report: Mark Prater gave the report. SRVA currently has 410 eligible officials and 72 ineligible officials. Ineligible officials have not either passed the background check yet or completed Safe Sport.

Hall of Fame Update: Mark Prater gave the report. SRVA Awards Banquet in conjunction with SRVA Regionals on Friday prior to SRVA Regional Championships 7:00 -8:00 pm at GWCC.

Boys Grant: Garrett Bitter gave the report. Georgia currently has 45 – 50 teams registered to play this spring. Tennessee teams grew from 7 teams to 35 teams. Alabama worked through insurance issues last year which will help more schools become eligible.

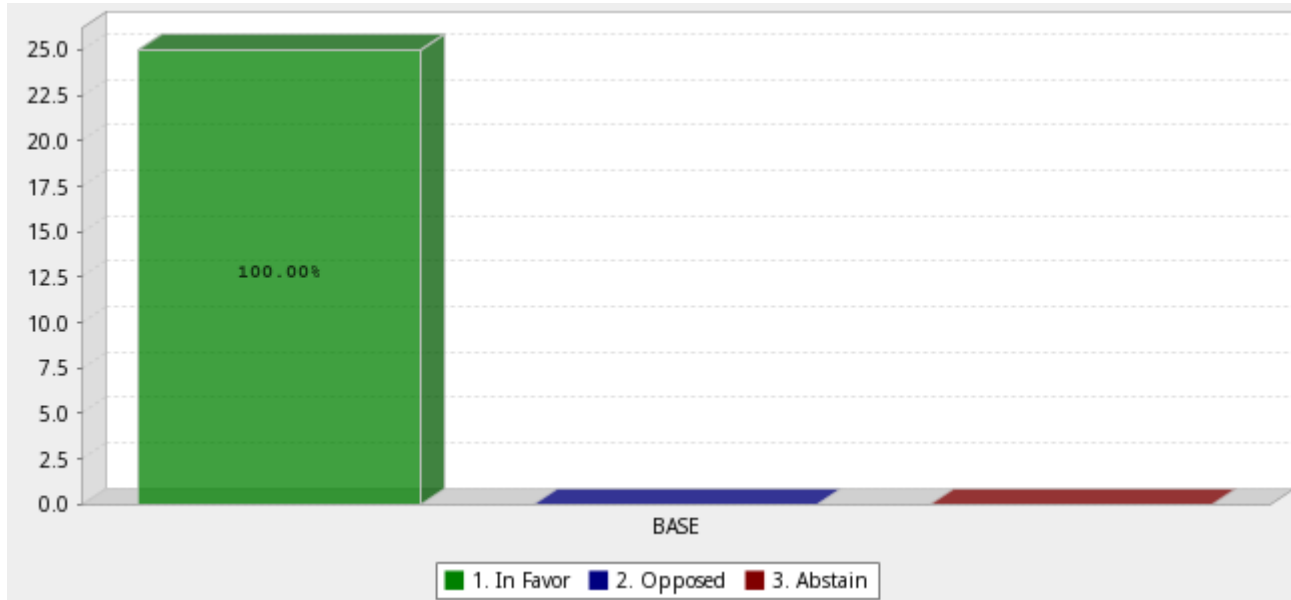
Other reports given.

Next meeting Aug. 3, 2025

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Article IV By-Law vote

Q2. In regards to the proposed motion to modify the SRVA By-Laws Article IV record my vote as -



	Answer	Count	Percent
	1. In Favor	25	100.00%
	2. Opposed	0	0.00%
	3. Abstain	0	0.00%
	Total	25	100%
Mean : 1.000		Confidence Interval @ 95% : [1.000 - 1.000]	Standard Deviation : 0.000
		Standard Error : 0.000	