

Minutes from the Southern Region

August 04 2024 Board of Directors Meeting

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

Call to Order

A quorum was present.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

New Business

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

The budget review was presented by Bob Watson.

Budget Motions

Motion #1 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously -

For the 2024-2025 season only, the SRVA Board of Directors approves the reinvestment of surplus funds from the 2023-2024 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 be offered a grant of \$500. This grant will only be distributed via Electronic Transfer, if a club elects to not provide the Electronic Transfer information the funds will be retained by the SRVA.”

Motion #2 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously -

For the 2024-2025 season the SRVA will provide reimbursement for up to 2 Adult Coach SRVA Memberships & Background check per organization (SRVA sanctioned club) who are involved with boys' indoor programming.

Motion #3 – was made and seconded. A friendly amendment was added to change the dates from 2023-2024 to 2024 – 2025 and to delete the last bullet. The Friendly Amendment was accepted. Motion #3 as amended was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

For the 2024-2025 season the SRVA will provide entry fee reimbursement for up to 2 SRVA Sanctioned indoor Boys Events per SRVA sanctioned Boys Team using the following parameters:

- Each SRVA sanctioned club may request a maximum of two Boys Grant Fund entry fee reimbursements per indoor SRVA event that they participate in.
- The Boys Grant Fund entry fee reimbursement will not exceed \$250 per SRVA sanctioned boys' team per event.
- Each SRVA sanctioned boys' team is eligible for a maximum of two Boys Grant Fund entry fee reimbursements for the 2024-2025 season.
- The Boys Grant Fund entry fee reimbursement total for the 2024-2025 season will not exceed \$1000 per SRVA sanctioned club.
- ~~Each SRVA sanctioned club will fill out and submit the online entry fee reimbursement request form prior to the end of the indoor season.~~

Motion #4 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously –

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the movement of funds from line item 4029 (Grants Adult/Jr Development) to create the new line item 4050 SRVA Hall Of Fame with appropriate sub accounts to track expenditures.

Motion #5 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously –

For the 2024-2025 season only, the SRVA Board of Directors approves the continued funding of 4039-5 (Boys HS Grants).

Motion # 6 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously –

For the 2024-2025 season only the SRVA Board of Directors approves the following parameters for awarding and distributing line item 4039-5 (Boys HS Grants).

For the 2024-2025 season, the SRVA will continue to provide a boys' grant to promote the growth of boys' high school volleyball. Each school can request a maximum of a \$1,000 grant for the year. Grants would be awarded using the following parameters:

- One grant per school.
- Max of \$1,000, even if a school has more than 1 boys team.
- Hybrid teams not eligible
- Must be in grades 8 - 12, and participating on a high school team
- Open to both public and private schools
- New and existing boys' programs are eligible in AL and TN.
- **New teams and existing teams (that are 70% or higher of free or reduced lunch) for GA**
- **All coaches must be USAV certified. A coach who is a registered Southern Region member has passed the background screening process, who has also completed SafeSport, and Impact training.**
- Schools may apply but are not guaranteed until approved by the Boys Regional Grant Committee

The distribution process and timeline would be as follows:

- Grant applications available Nov 1 and must be submitted by Feb 15th for consideration
- Information Submitted to the Boys Regional Grant Committee
 - Feb. 15th - Commitment form with W-9 for either school or school athletic booster club due (checks will not be sent to individuals)

- March 1st - Student Roster, Match Schedule, team picture, and a statement about your season, submit scores throughout the season using Max Preps if available
- May 1st - final scores submitted

Distribution of grant funds will begin no earlier than March 1st (\$500) and April 15th (\$500). Funds will be distributed to the school or athletic booster club (no individuals)

Some concerns were shared about the amount of time spent on the USAV requirements Safe Sport and Impact Training.

Motion # 7 – was made, seconded. A friendly amendment to increase the total amount was accepted. Motion #7 as amended was made and seconded. The motion passed with two in opposition. The new amount would allow 10 additional schools to be added to the grant program.

For the 2024-2025 season only, the SRVA Board of Directors approves the increased funding of 4039-5 (Boys HS Grants).

Motion # 8 -was made, seconded, and passed unanimously –

For the 2024-2025 season only, the SRVA Board of Directors approved a small increase in the Stipend provided to the three State representatives.

Motion # 9 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously –

For the 2024-2025 season only, the SRVA Board of Directors approves purchase of the membership and reimbursement of the BG screening cost for the three Boys HS State representatives.

Motion # 10 – was made and seconded. A friendly amendment changed the word from contracting to investigation. The friendly amendment was accepted. Motion #10 as amended was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the investigation of a Strategic Planning Consultant for the purpose of assisting to develop a strategy focused on the long-term success and health of the SRVA.

Motion #11 – was made, seconded, and failed unanimously –

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the use of funds from line item 4029 (Grants Adult/Jr Development) to provide a grant to the three “AVL” semi-pro teams located in the SRVA.

Motion #12 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 #13 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously –

The SRVA Board approves the 2024 – 2025 Budget. (as presented or as modified)

Procedural Motion to come out of executive session passed unanimously.

Motion #14 - was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The SRVA Board approves the distribution in the published meeting minutes the substance of Motions 1-13 and the results of the vote on these motions.

Policy motions:

Motion #15 – was made and seconded. A friendly amendment was made to change the Board of Directors meeting in August to the first Sunday in August. The friendly amendment was accepted. Motion #15 as amended was seconded and passed unanimously.

The SRVA Board of Directors approves setting the following dates for the Board of Directors meetings moving forward. The second Sunday in January of each year and the **First** Sunday in August of each year.

Motion #16 - was made, seconded, and passed unanimously -

The SRVA Board of Directors approves setting the following dates for the Girls 18 Bid Championships moving forward. The second Saturday and Sunday in March of each year.

Motion #17 - was made, seconded, and passed unanimously -

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the following policy regarding the method of distribution of funds.

“The SRVA requires whenever possible that all payments made by SRVA are to be sent electronically. This requirement will apply to all vendors, tournament directors, clubs and other entities which the SRVA does business with.”

Motion #18 - was made, seconded, and passed unanimously –

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the implementation of SportWrench as the region’s tournament hosting software for single day non-waivered tournaments.

Handbook motions:

Motion #19 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously –

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the updating of the 24-25 Region handbook to reflect the changes required to implement the use of SportWrench as the regions tournament hosting software.

Motion #20 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously –

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

Commissioners Report

Steve will continue to serve on the RVAA Marketing and Branding Committee and he also will continue to serve as the RVAA representative the new Structure and Function Committee.

He will attend the Oct. RVAA meeting in-person in Boston. He will also attend the IHOF Banquet in Holyoke, Ma.

Accounting:

All stipends for 2023-2024 have been distributed.

Banking:

SRVA will continue to use Wells Fargo and move forward with plans to use Wells Fargo ACH whenever possible.

Tournaments:

SRVA 18's has received a bid from Alliance in Nashville and will be held March 8th & 9th

SRVA Junior Beach Championships will be held May 17th and 18th

THS will continue to serve as the official housing company for 2024-2027. THS donated \$10,000 to the Fulford Scholarship fund.

SRVA Regionals will be held in Halls C, B-C Connector, and Hall A May 3rd & 4th.

SafeSport Issues/Complaint resolutions

Ten formal complaints. Eight complaints have been closed without issue. One complaint was reviewed at the National level and the original decision was upheld. The second complaint will be looked into this week.

Other Reports

SRVA Junior Chair, Boys Program, HP Program and updates on AVP and Atlanta Pro team were all given

Next Board Meeting: Jan. 12 at Kennesaw State University

Motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adjourn.