

Minutes from the Southern Region

January 7, 2024

In attendance: Garrett Bitter, Deidre Brown, Colleen Craig, Shawn Davis, Stephanie Finn, Shelby Foyer, Duane Hill, Steve Kenyon, Jim Kirkpatrick, James Lawson, Anthony Marshall, Brenda McIntosh, Kevin McClure, Christopher Miller, Sally Pollhemus, Mark Prater, Michelle Prater, David Schnieders, Scott Thompson, Bob Watson, Keith Weller

Guests: Jeff Black, Michael Fletcher, Stephanie Kingery, Scott Jones, Stephen Michael, Abby West, Steve Wilcosky

Call to Order

A quorum was present.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

New Business

The following Handbook/Policy motions were made:

Motion #1 was made, seconded and failed unanimously: Tryouts for Girls' youth and junior athletes for the next USAV season may take place at any time after the completion of their age divisions competition in prior season's Girls' USAV Junior National Championships (Indoor).

Motion #2 was made, seconded and passed with friendly amendments: Starting with the 2024-25 Season, all 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, and after the tournament will pay the same sanction fee as a non-waivered tournament. Should a single Tournament Director or Club request multiple tournament sanctions that are waived from the SRVA central registration, the deposit amount will be capped at \$3450 which will be a rolling deposit held until the final tournament is complete and all tournament requirements have been met.

The following motions #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 and #8 were made regarding the 2024-2024 Boys High School Grant Program:

Motion #3 was made, seconded and passed unanimously: A school must be located in the Southern Region in order to apply.

Motion #4 was made, seconded and passed: Grant applications are available Nov 1 and must be submitted by Feb 15th for consideration.

Motion #5 was made, seconded and passed: Initial distribution of grant funds will begin no earlier than March 1st (\$500) and the secondary distribution of grant funds will begin no earlier than April 15th (\$500). Funds will only be distributed to the school or athletic booster club (no individuals).

Motion #6 was made, seconded and passed with one abstention:

The following Information must be submitted to the Boys Regional Grant Committee by the following deadlines.

- 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 must be submitted
- April 1st – submit scores throughout season, team picture, and a statement about your season

Motion #7 was made, seconded and passed unanimously: Any program that does not fulfill the March 1st and April 1st requirements will not receive the 2nd disbursement from the SRVA Boys High School grant program.

Motion #8 was made, seconded and passed unanimously: In Motions #5, 6 and 7, we change the 4/1 submission dates to 5/15, and the 3/1 submission dates to 3/15.

Motion #9 was made, seconded and passed unanimously: Create a special committee of three - five members to report recommendations on requirements for the creation of a SRVA Hall of Fame.

Commissioner's Report

As part of his report, Steve said Michelle Goodall, who is the new liaison between USAV and the Regions has been doing a very good job.

Other Reports

Registrar reported that we have 19,450 members and are still growing.

Other reports were presented.

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 – all returning members were re-elected, and new members were Michael Fletcher, Scott Jones and Abby West.

Once that was complete, elections were held for the President, Vice President and Secretary and the following results were voted by acclamation:

President – Steve Kenyon

Vice President – Bob Watson

Secretary – Deidre Brown

The Board then went into Executive Session to discuss the Budget.

After coming out of Executive Session, the following motions were made:

Motion #10 was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board of Directors approves the 2023-2024 modified budget as presented.

The Board of Directors brought motion #22 from the 8/13/24 board meeting up for a re-vote:

Motion #11 was made seconded and failed with one abstention: For the 2023-2024 Season the SRVA Board of Directors approves the purchase of online access codes for the Silver & Gold Levels of the USAV Coaches Academy to be distributed to SRVA Coaches.

Motion #12 was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board approves the distribution in the published meeting minutes the substance of Motions #10, and #11 including the results of the vote on these motions.

The date for the next meeting was tentatively set as 8/4/24 waiting for confirmation of Kennesaw's availability.

Because it was their final Board meeting, Brenda McIntosh made the following motion and it was seconded by Jim Kirkpatrick:

Motion #13 was made, seconded and passed unanimously: We adjourn.