

Minutes from the Southern Region
January 5, 2020

In attendance: Ken Cain, Colleen Craig, Carmen Foster, Suzanne Garland, Bernie Goldfine, Kurt Jacobus, Kim Kenyon, Steve Kenyon, Jim Kirkpatrick, Apple Kridakorn, Anthony Marshall, Kevin McClure, Brenda McIntosh, Mark Prater, Michelle Prater, Lacy Shannon, Jessica Turnbull, Bob Watson, Keith Weller

Guests in Attendance: Shawn Davis, Tom Bianco, Rob Cason, David Schnieders, Jamison Horton, Mary Beth McPeake, Christopher Miller, Stephanie Finn, Steve Nicola

Call to Order

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

Steve thanked Colleen Craig for providing Rally as our meeting site, and he welcomed our guests.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

New Business

- a. Jim Kirkpatrick presented the financial reports.

Ken requested information on a balance sheet, i.e., the account balances in our various savings accounts and Steve read the balances to the Board.

- b. Handbook Changes

Motion #1 was made, seconded and passed: If requested by a sitting Board member, SRVA will reimburse the current USAV full membership and background check fee(s) if applicable for anyone who currently serves on the Board as a small token of appreciation for all the time and care that those individuals give in dedication to the Region.

Motion #2 was made, seconded and passed: The GJNC hotel room block, secured by the SRVA, will be offered to the winners of the Bid Divisions at the 2020 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.

A discussion group will be formed to discuss an equitable way to disperse the rooms.

Motion #3 was made, seconded and passed: The discretionary AVCA memberships will be offered to all sitting Board members. If there are more requests than memberships, a random selection process will be employed. If a Board member has been selected previously, they are not eligible to apply the following season unless there are fewer requests than available memberships.

Jessica would like a way to be sure that someone who gets it will use it and not waste it. It is a \$150 membership.

Motion #4 was made, seconded and passed: The complimentary AVCA convention registration will be offered to all sitting Board members. If there are more requests than registrations a random selection process will be employed. If a Board member has been selected previously they are not eligible to apply the following season unless there are fewer requests than available registrations.

Motion #5 was made, seconded and passed: Create a committee to identify candidates and recommend the top 3 candidates for the AVCA Southern Region Diversity Award.

Carmen asked if the committee will have the final say or will the selection be made by the Board. It was decided the criteria will be sent to the Board for review and the Executive Committee will approve the final candidates vetted by the Committee.

Steve will send an email to Board members asking for interest in being on the Committee. The email will include Board members elected at this meeting.

Motion #6 was made, seconded and passed with one voting against: We will change the Indoor Handbook, Section III C to read: Adult Indoor Tournament Entry Fees – For events hosted by SRVA there will be a charge of \$25 per player for each adult tournament in which they participate.

Motion #7 was made, seconded and passed: The Board grants the Commissioner and his/her designee the authority to make editorial updates and corrections to both the Indoor and Beach Handbooks throughout the season as needed, and notify the Board of substantive changes.

Motion #8 was made, seconded and passed: In the Beach Handbook – Inclusion of the applicable corrections to grammar, spelling and small wording changes approved during the 8/4/19 Board Meeting (Motion 13).

Motion #9 was made, seconded and passed with one abstention: Update page 5 of the Beach Handbook, “Membership Classification and Fees” to reflect the changes approved during the 8/4/19 Board Meeting (Motions 8-12).

Motion #10 was made, seconded and passed: Update page Section II of the Beach Handbook, “Registration of Clubs and Members” to add the following information:

OUTDOOR JUNIOR TRYOUTS: These tryouts may occur at any time during the year. All participants must be current USAV/SRVA members. A tryout fee of no greater than \$75 may be collected during these periods.

It is the responsibility of the clubs, coaches and participants to ensure that they do not violate any high school or collegiate rules that may apply.

It was requested that we see if there is a way to track cross-over players between beach and indoor. Ken asked if outdoor players had the same protections during tryouts as indoor players.

Motion #11 was made, seconded and passed: Update Beach Handbook Section XIII “Due Process” to reflect the changes approved during the 8/4/19 Board Meeting (Motions 8-22).

Motion #12 was made, seconded and passed: Update Beach Handbook Section VII C to read:

Only the champion or runner-up in each age/gender classification will be eligible for reimbursement of their individual national entry fee, but at the Region Commissioner’s discretion, a lower finishing team may receive the region bid without reimbursement.

Motion #13 was made, seconded and passed: Update the Beach Handbook Section VII E to read:

SRVA member HP junior beach athletes who participate in the Junior Beach Regionals and attend the National HP Championships may apply to have an amount not to exceed their individual entry fee reimbursed. If these reimbursement requests exceed the budget allotment for that season the funds will be divided equally among all SRVA athletes who qualify.

Motion #14 was made, seconded and passed: Update to Indoor Handbook Section X. A:

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 moved into the Club Division based on their original entry date. Teams that enter the Local Divisions may not have a region ranking in the top 50% of their respective age group.

Motion #15 was made, seconded and passed: Update Indoor Handbook Sections X. G. 1-3 as follows:

Replace Club Division with Club and Local Divisions.

Motion #16 was made, seconded and passed: Update the Indoor Handbook Sections X. G. 4 as follows:

Replace Club Division with Club or Local Division.

HP Program update

Steve thanked Mary Beth McPeake for all of her assistance in gathering information from around the country about HP Programs and how they are handled.

There will be 2 HP teams this season – both boys' teams. Boys need help to grow and since they are a smaller pool, it will help us to be able to start successfully. The program will be run by the Region and not a specific club.

Pittsburgh will host HP this year.

Anyone wanting to help should contact Steve Kenyon.

Bob Watson put together the handout covering an explanation of how SRVA functions for proposed Board members, as well as current ones.

Carmen presented a brief report on behalf the SRVA Grant Committee. She covered the positive effect that the grants had on 2 clubs which were selected last season. – Ace Club in TN and C2 Boys.

Commissioner's Report

Steve discussed his report while the Board had lunch.

USAV is starting to ramp up the television marketing on sports channels, beginning with Big 10 channel and hopefully expanding into SEC and ACC during volleyball events.

USAV now offers a staff membership for tournament workers at a cost of \$5 to the regions. (Clarification SRVA is offering this to the tournament directors for \$10), these individuals will still be required to complete both a background check and SafeSport training.

The locations and dates for the Girls 18's bid and Region Beach Championships were announced. The date in the distributed report for the Beach Championship was corrected to May 9th & 10th. Thank you Colleen for the correction.

It was announced that Suzanne Garland had stepped down as the Beach Chair, she will continue to serve as a member of the Beach Committee. Steve thanked Suzanne for her years of service in this role.

At the current time the Beach Chair position is vacant. The Beach Chair job description and duties are being re-evaluated and once that is complete, Steve will start the search for a replacement.

Steve announced the following appointments Social Media Editor, Jordi Nix appointed 11/15/19.& Christopher (Andy) Miller has accepted the appointment to serve as the SRVA Beach Officials Chair.

We extended the agreement with THS to serve as the official housing company for the 2020-2023 SRVA Regional Championships. With this extension THS will be donating 1% of gross sales to the Bill Fulford scholarship fund. These additional funds will be used in the 2021 year.

Sport Wrench has been selected as the ticketing registration and results software vendor for the 2020 SRVA Junior Regional Championships and 2020 Girls 18 Bid event.

We will be scheduling a meeting with representatives from the GWCC and ACVB to go over the 2019 event and ensure everything is in place for the 2020 event.

The Cyber Insurance coverage has been renewed for the upcoming season.

We have negotiated a new agreement with Lucky Dog for the 2020-2021 Junior Regional Championships. This two-year agreement that will be reevaluated after the 2021 Junior Regionals.

We signed a current season agreement with Synergies 21 to serve as our Vendor management group. Look for announcements of our new tournament partners and sponsors in the coming weeks.

Michelle Prater was recognized as having been selected to be the 1st official during the NCAA Championship Final this past December.

Elections

Motion #17 was made, seconded and passed: Due to the resignation of Bob Hume and Courtney Wade, there will be eleven total spaces available. The candidates receiving the tenth and eleventh total vote counts will fill these vacancies.

Election Results

Board Members with a 7/1/2020-6/30/23 term: Stephanie Finn, Kittilax Kridakorn, Anthony Marshall, Kevin McClure, Christopher Miller, Mary Beth Peake, Rose Powell, Michelle Prater, Keith Weller

Board Members with a 1/6/2020-6/30/21 term: Shawn Davis, David Schnieders.

Other Reports

Other reports had been sent to Board members prior to the meeting and there were no questions.

The next Board Meeting will be 8/9/2020 in Atlanta, and Colleen is going to check the availability with Rally.

Motion #18 was made, seconded and passed: We adjourn.