

Minutes from the Southern Region

August 03 2025 Board of Directors Meeting

In attendance: Garrett Bitter, Deidre Brown, Colleen Craig, Stephanie Finn, Michael Fletcher, Shelby Foyer, Duane Hill, Scott Jones, Steve Kenyon, Anthony Marshall, Kevin McClure, Christopher Miller, Mary Beth Peake, Mark Prater, Michelle Prater, Sally Polhamus, David Schnieders, Bob Watson, Keith Weller, Abbey West, Steve Wilcosky

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

The budget review was presented by Bob Watson.

Previously approved Budget motions:

Electronic Motion - The SRVA Board of Directors approves the following: We will maintain the current rate of the SRVA portion of the yearly USAV/SRVA membership cost for both Full and Limited memberships for the 25-26 season. We will raise the USAV portion of the yearly USAV/SRVA membership cost for the affected Full and Limited memberships for the 25-26 season to account for the \$5 increase that was approved by the USAV BOD.

Budget Motions

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

For the 2025-2026 season only, the SRVA Board of Directors approves the reinvestment of surplus funds from the 2024-2025 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 2025-2026 season the SRVA will continue to provide reimbursement for up to 2 Adult Coach SRVA Memberships & Background check per organization (SRVA sanctioned club) who are involved with the boy's indoor program.

Motion #3 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

For the 2025-2026 season the SRVA will continue to provide entry fee reimbursement for up to 2 SRVA Sanctioned indoor Boys Events per SRVA sanctioned Boys Team using the following updated 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 2025-2026 season.
- The Boys Grant Fund entry fee reimbursement total for the 2025-2026 season will not exceed \$1000 per SRVA sanctioned club.
- **The region office will verify the level of reimbursement and send it via electronic transfer.**
- **This reimbursement 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 #4 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously .

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the increased funding for line item 4050 SRVA Hall Of Fame with appropriate sub accounts to track expenditures.

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

For the 2025-2026 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 as amended.

For the 2025-2026 season only the SRVA Board of Directors approves the following update parameters for awarding and distributing line item 4039-5 (Boys HS Grants).

For the 2025-26 season, the following level of disbursement will be available:

- Up to a Maximum of \$1,000, even if a school has more than 1 boys team.
 - o \$500 on or about 3/15/2026
 - o \$500* on or about 4/15/2026 (*or even split of remaining funds)
- Funds will only be disbursed to the school or athletic booster club (NOT to individuals).
- Schools are not guaranteed Grant disbursement until their application is approved by the Boys Regional Grant Committee.

The following team composition parameters must be met for Grant disbursement:

- The High School must be in the Southern Region of USAV.
- All participants must be enrolled at the same school.
- **All teams fielded by a school must meet the above requirements.**
- **Schools with Hybrid teams (players from more than one school) are not eligible.**
- All participants must be in grades 8-12.
- Both public and private schools are eligible.
- In AL & TN both new and existing programs are eligible.
- In GA New, second year and existing programs (that are 70% or higher of free or reduced lunch) are eligible.
- **All coaches must be USAV-certified prior to 3/11/2026.**

This is defined as a coach who is a registered Southern Region member, has passed the background screening process, and has also completed SafeSport and Impact training.

The following requirements must be met for Grant disbursement:

- This complete Application must be done by the school's Principal, Athletic Director, or similar administrative agent & received no later than 3/11/2026.
- A completed W9 Form for either the school or the school athletic booster club must be received no later than 3/1/2026.
- A complete Participant Roster (**USAV Certified Coaches**) and Players must be received no later than 3/10/26.
- A Match Schedule received no later than 3/15/26.
- A Team photo & Grant Impact Statement received no later than 4/15/26.
- Up-to-date Match Scores and results received no later than 5/01/26.

Failure by a team/school club to adhere to the team composition parameters and/or complete the requirements listed will preclude their school from receiving future funding from this program.

Any program that does not fulfill the March 15th requirements will not receive the 1st disbursement and is not eligible for the 2nd disbursement.

Programs that do not fulfill the April 15th requirements will not receive the 2nd disbursement from the SRVA Boys High School grant program.

These Programs may also no longer be eligible to receive funds in future years.

Motion # 7 – was made, seconded, and pass unanimously.

For the 2025-2026 season only, the SRVA Board of Directors approves the continuation of the Stipend provided to the three State Boys HS representatives.

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

For the 2025-2026 season only, the SRVA Board of Directors approves purchase of the membership and reimbursement of the BG screening cost for the three State Boys HS representatives.

Motion # 9 – was made, seconded. The motion failed 13 Against, 4 For , 3 abstained.

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the use of funds NTE \$5000 from line item 4029 (Grants Adult/Jr Development) to provide a grant to the four “VLA” semi-pro teams located in the SRVA.

Motion # 10 – was made and 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 #11 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The SRVA Board approves the 2025 – 2026 Budget. (as presented or as modified).

Motion #12 was made, seconded, and failed unanimously.

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the following alternate dates for the 2028 SRVA Regional Championships.

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

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

The SRVA Board approves the distribution of the substance of the Electronic Motions 1-12, and the results of the vote on these motions in the published meeting minutes.

POLICY MOTIONS

Motion #14 - 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 Full Saturday and Sunday in March of each year.

Motion #15 – was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

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

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

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the Committee structure as presented by the Structure and Function Committee.

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

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the publishing of the upcoming SRVA Junior Regionals Tournament dates prior to the August board meeting if they are available.

HANDBOOK MOTIONS

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

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the updating of the 25-26 Region handbook to reflect the changes as required to continue the use of SportWrench as the regions tournament hosting software.

Handbook motions:

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

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the updating of the 25-26 Region handbook to reflect the changes required to operate in the 25-26 season.

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

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the creation of a specific Championship Refund late entry policy “A \$100 late entry / acceptance fee must be paid by any team that enters or meets the acceptance requirements for the Junior Regionals tournament after the two week deadline. This fee must be paid prior to the tournament and will be retained by SRVA.

Motion #21 – was made, second, and passed unanimously.

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the creation of a Junior Regionals Tournament Refund Policy:

- **Requests for refund of tournament entry fees will be honored if received fourteen (14) days prior to the Junior Regional Championships. Refund requests received after this deadline will be paid only if a waitlisted team is secured to fill the vacancy in the tournament.**
- **Failure to meet or maintain the acceptance requirements after the refund request deadline will result in forfeiture of the entry fee.**
- **Tournaments which are cancelled will have the tournament entry fees refunded at 100%.**
- **All approved refunds will be returned electronically.**

Motion #22 – was made, seconded. The motion failed by a vote of 16 against and 4 in favor.

The SRVA Board of Directors approves the following “A non-qualifying SRVA sanctioned tournament that uses sport court or similar type portable surface may request a waiver from meeting the requirement of boundary line taping as defined in: USAV 1.3.2: Boundary lines.

Commissioner’s 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 Denver. He will also attend the IHOF Banquet in Holyoke, Ma.

Accounting:

SRVA 2024-2025 QuickBooks files are reconciled monthly. SRVA moved to the Online Version of QuickBooks as support for the previous software version was discontinued.

Stipend payments are being processed via ACH.

Banking:

Money Market accounts were closed due to poor performance. SRVA interest bearing account is now just Wells Fargo savings.

SRVA is looking into a service that will automate our ACH process using an interface between QuickBooks online and Wells Fargo.

Tournaments:

RFP The Nike SRVA Girl's 18 bid tournament will be sent out in August and will be held March 14th & 15th.

SRVA Junior Beach Championships will be held May 16th and 17th Rally Atlanta will be hosting.

USAV BNQ Rally and SRVA will host 2 Beach National Qualifiers for the 25-26 season.

THS will continue to serve as the official housing company for 2024-2027.

SRVA Regionals will be held in Halls C, B-C Connector, and B2 – B5 Hall May 2nd & 3rd.

SportWrench has been selected as the registration and results software for the 2025 & 2026 SRVA Junior Regional Championships.

We have entered a second 5 year agreement with Nike & Athletic Performance Solutions.

Molten extended their contract through 2027 with SRVA.

SafeSport Issues/Complaint resolutions

Eighteen formal complaints. The majority of complaints did not rise to a level which warranted an investigation.

SafeSport took jurisdiction on 7 cases. There are two cases that the Center has jurisdiction and are on-going. There are 5 cases which were settled as Administrative Hold after jurisdiction was accepted by SafeSport.

There are 9 cases that the Center returned back to SRVA. Seven cases have been closed and 2 cases are still in-process. Three SRVA members are on probation and one SRVA member has been suspended at this time.

We have started the search for an outside "complaint investigator".

Other Reports

SRVA Junior Chair, Boys Program, HP Program, Officials indoor and beach, and updates on both Atlanta Pro teams (LOVB and Vibe) were all given. SRVA membership grew by 6.8% in 2024-25.

Next Board Meeting: Jan. 11 at Kennesaw State University.

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

Post Meeting Action regarding Motion #12 – This revote is on a motion that was originally in executive session, so only the substance of the Electronic Motion 12, and the results of the vote on this motion is published meeting minutes.

Board members, during the August Board meeting, we discussed the possibility of changing the dates for the 2028 SRVA Regionals, and Motion 12 was ultimately voted down. Since that meeting, we have explored other options and compiled data from our research. On 8/22/25 we also asked several board members to review this data and provide their initial feedback. After this initial review, we sent the information to each of you for further consideration on 8/27/25. On 8/28 after discussion we sent out a request for approval of “Action Without a Meeting”. On 8/30/28 we received a majority vote approving the request for “Action Without a Meeting”.

8/30/25 we sent out a notice for electronic voting on the revisited motion. The SRVA Board of Directors approves the suggested alternate dates for the 2028 Regional Championships at the GWCC. The motion passed 18 for, 1 against, with 2 abstentions.

Rationale: In 2028 the currently contracted GWCC space, and Hotel availability is not going to be sufficient; after research and review of alternatives, the data strongly supports the change of dates to meet our needs for space and hotels. These new dates will not be public or published until July 2027, after contracts are signed and details are finalized.