

**Minutes from the Southern Region**  
**August 14, 2022**

**In attendance: Deidre Brown, Emily Brown, Colleen Craig, Shawn Davis, Stephanie Finn, Shelby Foyer, Duane Hill, Steve Kenyon, Jim Kirkpatrick, Apple Kridakorn, James Lawson, Heather LeMay, Anthony Marshall, 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**

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order. Steve welcomed our newest Board members.

**Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business. Previous minutes were approved electronically.

Steve reminded the Board that while in Executive Sessions, all discussions are confidential.

**New Business**

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

Jim Kirkpatrick conducted a review of the Financial Report and Balance Sheets.

**Motion #1 - was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board of Directors approves a pass-thru increase to the costs of membership to reflect the \$5 hard cost increase of insurance on all memberships except tryout.**

**Motion #2 – was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board of Directors approves increasing the amount of the Fulford scholarships from \$1000 each to \$2000 each.**

**Motion #3 – was made, seconded and passed unanimously: For the 2022-2023 season only, the SRVA Board of Directors approves the reinvestment of surplus funds from the 2021-2022 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 receive a credit of \$500. This credit will be applied to their club account.”**

**Motion #4 – was made, seconded and passed unanimously: For the 2022-2023 season the SRVA will provide reimbursement for up to 2 Adult Coach SRVA Memberships & Background check per organization (SRVA sanctioned club or High School joining as an SRVA sanctioned club) who are involved with boys’ indoor programming.**

**Motion #5 – was made, seconded and passed unanimously: For the 2022-2023 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 2021-2022 season.
- The Boys Grant Fund entry fee reimbursement total for the 2021-2022 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 #6 - was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board of Directors approves the creation of a Paul Albright official's scholarship fund. The distributed funds are not to exceed the approved budget line item amount of the annual budget.**

**Motion # 7 – was made, seconded and passed unanimously: For the 2022-2023 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 #8 – 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 #9 – was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board approves the 2022 – 2023 Budget as presented.**

**Motion #10 - was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board approves the distribution in the published meeting minutes the substance of Motions 1-9 and the results of the vote on these motions.**

**A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously: We come out of Executive Session.**

#### **Handbook Motions:**

**Motion #11 - was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board of Directors approve the removal of the following paragraph from the Region Handbook section II.A.**

~~The region will offer assistance to those with demonstrated financial need by reducing its share of a junior player's annual membership fee. Financial need will be determined by a family's eligibility for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program, or similar federal or state program based on income.~~

~~Each applicant for this assistance will be required to submit proof of their or their family's current eligibility for the Federal Free or Reduced Price Lunch Program, or similar federal or state program based on income, prior to receiving this assistance. Upon the applications approval, a discount code will be issued for use during the initial purchase of, or upgrade from tryout to a Full Junior Player membership.~~

**Motion #12 - was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board of Directors approve the following change to the Region Handbook section II.E remove the requirement of both Club Directors permission.**

E. ATHLETE/MEMBER TRANSFERS: An athlete may represent only one club in the same season. After January 15, a junior cannot transfer clubs without the permission of ~~the both Club Directors~~. of their current club by being released in SportsEngine.

**Motion #13 - was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board of Directors approve the following change to the Region Handbook section III.D to document a current procedure.**

III.D A decision on pool assignments for an indoor tournament will be made on Monday prior to the tournament. Classifications with insufficient entries as of the tournament registration deadline may be cancelled. Or with participant agreement combined with other classifications for pool play.

**Motion #14 - was made, seconded and failed with 9 voting yes and 16 voting no: The SRVA Board of Directors approve the following change to the Region Handbook section V.N.1 to allow the participation of boys on 13 year old teams.**

Current wording - Twelve and under girls' teams may play in girls SRVA tournaments/events and the 12 and under Power, Club and Local SRVA Junior Regionals with boys participating in no more than two of the six legal positions on the court at any time.

Proposed wording - **13** and under Girls' teams may play in girls SRVA tournaments/events and the **13** and under Power, Club and Local SRVA Junior Regionals with boys participating in no more than two of the six legal positions on the court at any time.

**Motion #15 - was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board of Directors approve the following addition to the Region Handbook section V.N to allow the participation of up to two girls on any age division boys team.**

V.N.4 Any age Boys' teams may play in boys SRVA tournaments/events and if offered the boys Power, Club and Local SRVA Junior Regionals with girls participating in no more than two of the six legal positions on the court at any time. This would include a girl who is playing in the libero position. However, girls may not participate with these teams in the Bid Division of the SRVA Regional Championships or at any USAV national bid tournament, national qualifier or national championship event.

This motion will be in effect for the 2022-23 Season.

**Motion #16 - was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board of Directors approve the following change to the Region Handbook section X.C.1 to clarify our procedure.**

Current wording X.C.1 - Although teams may register to play in the SRVA Junior. Regional Indoor Championships at the opening date of indoor tournament registration, their entries won't be approved until at least March 1, and entry into junior Regionals is not guaranteed. The tournament entry deadline for SRVA Junior Regional Indoor Championships is four weeks prior to the tournament date.

Proposed wording X.C.1 - Although teams may register to play in the SRVA Junior. Regional Indoor Championships at the opening date of indoor tournament registration, their entries won't be approved until at least March 1, and entry into junior Regionals is not guaranteed. The tournament entry deadline for SRVA Junior Regional Indoor Championships is four weeks prior to the tournament date. A team that withdraws two weeks or less prior to the tournament will not be eligible to receive a refund of their tournament entry fee.

**Motion #17 - was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board of Directors approve the following addition to the Region Handbook section X.C.3.h to clarify our procedure regarding the allocation of re-allocation/trickle down bids.**

New X.C.3.h - Only teams that participated in the Regional Championships Bid Division will be eligible to receive a re-allocation/trickle down bid.

### **Policy Motions:**

**Motion #18 – was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The GJNC hotel room block, secured by the SRVA, will be offered to the winners of the Bid Divisions at the 2023 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.**

**Motion #19 – was made, seconded and passed unanimously: For the 2022-2023 season only a team that is forced to withdraw from a non-waivered event due to a positive Covid test or exposure to someone who has Covid will receive a 100% refund.**

**Motion #20 – was made, seconded and passed unanimously: For the 2022-2023 season only, the SRVA will allow a team to participate with a “Ghost Player” as defined by the “SRVA 5 Players Policy”. This document will be posted on SRVA.org and distributed to Club/Tournament Directors.**

**Note:** The following motion which was passed in 8/8/21 BOD meeting may need to be waived to make any changes in this meeting. Motion 25– “The SRVA Board approves that any changes made to the SRVA Tryout Dates or Procedures should be made no later than January 15th of the year in which these tryouts will be held.”

**Note:** This motion will also require a motion from the floor to either temporarily or permanently rescind the policy that was passed in 8/8/21 if this does not occur Motion # 21 is out of order and cannot be considered for vote. This motion from the floor will require a second and a simple majority of those present who have voice and vote.

**Floor Motion** - The SRVA Board of Directors approves temporarily waiving Motion 25 which was passed in the 8/8/21 board meeting. This motion was passed unanimously.

**Motion #21 – was made, seconded and passed ( 21 voting yes and 4 voting no): The SRVA Board approves that for the 2022 –2023 season (in Alabama only) 14 and under tryouts can start on 10/10/2022. The commitment date for 14 and under will be the 5<sup>th</sup> day after the completion of the Metro tournament 10/9/2022.**

**Motion #22 – was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board approves the following changes to the Regional Referee Re-Certification requirements Sections XIII.C.7 remove items 7.1, and 7.3 then renumber accordingly.**

### **Current Wording:**

7. Perform one or more of the following services to the Region: ~~(1) Give a day rating Provisional Referee candidates as scheduled with Officials Chair; or~~ (2) assist in conducting an Adult or Junior clinic; ~~or (3) submit eight (8) ratings of Provisional candidates; or~~ (4) referee at Adult or Junior Regional Championship as approved by the Officials Chair; or (5) other service to the Region as approved by the Officials Chair

### **Proposed Wording:**

7. Perform one or more of the following services to the Region: (1) assist in conducting an Adult or Junior clinic; or (2) referee at Adult or Junior Regional Championship as approved by the Officials Chair; or (3) other service to the Region as approved by the Officials Chair.

**Motion #23 – was made, seconded and passed unanimously: The SRVA Board approves the following changes to the Regional Scorer Re-Certification requirements Section XIV.D.7 remove current items 7.1, and 7.2 then renumber accordingly.**

### **Current Wording:**

7. Perform one or more of the following services to the Region: (1) ~~Give a day rating Provisional Scorer candidates as scheduled with the Officials Chair; or (2) Submit eight (8) ratings of Provisional candidates; or~~ (3) Conduct/assist an Adult or Junior Scorer Clinic as scheduled by the Officials Chair; or (4) Assist in conducting an Adult or Junior Region Championship as scheduled by the Officials Chair; or (5) Perform other service to the Region as approved by the Officials Chair

### **Proposed Wording:**

7. Perform one or more of the following services to the Region: (1) Conduct/assist an Adult or Junior Scorer Clinic as scheduled by the Officials Chair; or (2) Assist in conducting an Adult or Junior Region Championship as scheduled by the Officials Chair; or (3) Perform other service to the Region as approved by the Officials Chair.

### **Try-Out Policy for 2023 – Discussion/Plan of Action**

Steve opened up the possibility of changing our try-out policy to match what surrounding regions are implementing. This change could allow tryouts to happen any time after GJNC – to be discussed at our January meeting. A committee is being formed whose purpose will be to contact/survey all club directors for input.

Colleen requested, if possible, that we incorporate a breakdown by state on the membership report and an accounting of new clubs each season.

### **COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS:**

We will need to split the 2023 Regionals due to space limitations at the GWCC.

GWCC Regionals will be 4/22- 4/23/23 in the C hall and B/C Extension (80 Courts) and the second portion of Regionals will be 4/29- 4/30/23 at Rally (24 Courts) the contract will be signed the week of 8/15/22.

Nike is our official title sponsor through 2025. Lucky Dog's contract has ended this year and Steve thanked them for being a good partner and reported that we had parted ways amicably.

Jessica Turnbull has resigned from the Board of Directors and the remainder of her term will be filled in the January elections.

Beach Regionals will be 5/21 – 5/22/23.

### **18 BID TOURNAMENT:**

We received three bids from: TK, Alliance and Tsunami. Both Tsunami and Alliance were equal in cost.

With the Tsunami and Alliance bids being equal Steve asked that we consider Alliance, which gets the tournament to Tennessee as opposed to predominantly being in Atlanta. His hope is that we can alternate years between the 2 states. By show of hands, Alliance was selected. The dates will be 3/11 - 3/12/23.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**

Colleen reported that the AVP Gold Series Event was held in Atlanta the first weekend in August. She would like the Board to potentially help grow the Atlanta tournament.

The AVCA Pairs National Beach Championship will be 11/4 -11/6/22 in Huntsville, as well as the Men's Beach Championship.

We will not distribute physical copies of the rule books in the 2022-23 Season. The rules are available online.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

Other reports had been sent out previously, and were discussed.

The next meeting will be in Kennesaw on 1/8/23.

**Motion to adjourn was made Emily Brown, seconded and passed unanimously: We adjourn.**