

May 2018 Atlantic Zonal Discussion Items

Atlantic Zone Meeting called to order by Steve Bishop at 1:30 PM, Dallas, May 22, 2018

Joint RVAA / JA Atlantic Zone

ATTENDING:

IREVA: Mike McNeil (VP), Hazel Goldstein (Comm), Tracy Manning (JA)

WEVA: John Hughes (Comm)

FL: Steve Bishop (Atlantic Zone Chair, President/Principal Rep), Mary Andrew (Comm), Randy and Lauri Dagostino (Big South Qualifier), Eugene Tichenor (Big South Qualifier), AJ Joseph (FL, Boston Qualifier)

Carolina: Kevin Wendelboe (Comm), Fred Wendelboe (JA)

Keystone: Michelle Carlton (Comm), Debbie Fayerski (Secy), Chynna Tavares (Adult Chair/Events)

Chesapeake: Lisa DiGiacinto (Comm)

NERVA: Dave Peixotto (Comm), Roxann Link (Asst Comm) Charles Ezigbo (JA), Gina Trinsey (JA), Stephen Boyle (JA)

Old Dominion: Skip Weston (Comm), Tammy Elliott (JA)

OVR: Bob Price (OVR), Al Herbert (Registrar), Bill Zehler (JA), Bob Kyle

GEVA: Bill Doyle (Jr), Bob Baker (Comm)

Southern: Ken Cain (Comm), Steve Kenyon (Comm Elect), Keith Weller (JA)

USAV Staff: Tammy Shotkoski (Region Services), Irina Damy (Indoor Events), Kristy Cox (Events), Housing Vendor

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Atlantic Zone election:

Steve Bishop nominated and elected unanimously

RVAA Assembly motions for May, 2018 coming out of committees:

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1. Strategic Planning motion 1: Create an administrative fund of \$50K for RVAA. Motion came out of Chicago Forum discussion. The RVAA needs to evolve with the times and move beyond an all-volunteer organization. The RVAA needs to create a better business model. This would provide a fund for resources for RVAA to assist regions in various situations. This could also be used to pay for certain leadership roles which take considerable time and effort.
 - a. Discussion: Motion 3 addresses considerations for incorporation and other logistics. Discussion about also reimbursing the JA leadership in addition to RVAA leadership roles.
 - b. Lisa raised concerns about ongoing funding, as the current insurance fund may run out of funds within 3 years.
 - c. This might be a separate fund or merged with the current contingency fund
 - d. Who would have responsibility for the money? We would need to elect officers, etc.
 - e. Fred: Could these funding items come from USAV versus our own RVAA funds? We are now paying for things, like concessions for meetings, that used to be paid for by USAV. Fred suggested pushing back to USAV. We could pursue both options simultaneously.
 - f. What about regions who do not want to opt in? They would still be members of the RVAA, but not the new corporation.
 - g. Vote: (by Principal Representatives only)
 - i. For: 5
 - ii. Against: 4
 - iii. Abstain: 2
2. Insurance motion 2: Invest current Insurance Fund (~\$1.1M) into Edwards Jones investment fund. Options were short-term CDs with different maturities spread across multiple banking institutions to obtain FDIC insurance coverage (\$250K per institution)
 - a. Net rates range from 1.75% for 3 months up to 3.2% for 5 years
 - b. Vote:
 - i. For: 11
 - ii. Opposed: 0
 - iii. Abstain: 0
3. Strategic Planning motion 3: The RVAA can only recommend actions to USAV BoD and has no "teeth".
 - a. Discussion: This is not intended to be a "mutiny" from USAV. The rationale is that the RVAs need to represent our constituents and we are not always heard and responded to.
 - b. Question about what is really being proposed and what the implications are. This can be perceived as a revolt against USAV.
 - c. The recent experience with beach programming not being responsive until the regions started alternatives.
 - d. The current RVAA corporation is a name-only organization without any/many structure and ByLaws.
 - e. Ken gave some history around the 2007-08 USOC-initiated reorganization. There used to be separate RoD and RVA, although Fred gave a dissenting view.
 - f. Question about how this change would empower us? One example is the recent MOU process for the Beach programming. Also a separate corporation would change liability,

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- both positively and negatively. There are financial implications with creating a separate corporation.
- g. Concern about commissioners committing before vetting this significant change with their local BoDs.
 - h. Vote:
 - i. For: 5
 - ii. Opposed: 4
 - iii. Abstain: 2
4. Structure and Function Motion 4: To amend article VII:14.
- a. Discussion: Fairly straightforward change to update the OpCode for region membership #s for weighted voting.
 - b. Intent was to add "as of August 31"
 - c. Vote:
 - i. For: 10
 - ii. Opposed: 0
 - iii. Abstain: 0
5. Structure and Function Motion 5: To amend Article III;7;c
- a. Straightforward change to amend OpCode to reflect current reality.
 - b. Vote:
 - i. For: 9
 - ii. Opposed: 0
 - iii. Abstain: 0
6. Structure and Function Motion 6: To amend Article VII;14;h, vi
- a. Changes voting in the best interests of the RVA, changing from in the best interests of USAV.
 - b. John Hughes gave his view on voting interests should be in the best interests of volleyball, not necessarily for a particular organizational perspective.
 - c. Fred questioned the need for any language at all. John suggested that he had a recent discussion with Jamie to make a similar change the USAV ByLaws.to go back to the best interests of volleyball.
 - d. Vote:
 - i. For: 10
 - ii. Opposed: 0
 - iii. Abstain: 0
7. Structure and Function Motion 7: To amend Article IV;7:a
- a. Change proxy language
 - b. Vote:
 - i. For: 10
 - ii. Opposed: 0
 - iii. Abstain: 0
8. SafeSport Motion 8: Fund a training and Roundtable Discussion
- a. To support how to interact with law enforcement to get best practices and better understanding of the legal implications of SafeSport at the regions.
 - b. Vote:

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- i. For: 10
- ii. Opposed: 0
- iii. Abstain: 0

9. RVA Competition Committee Zonal Items

- a. Item 1: Modify rule change of jersey number outline
 - i. Support:
 - 1. For: 0
 - 2. Opposed: 4
 - 3. Abstain: 5
- b. Item 2: Consider adopting the National Federation (high School) or NCAA scoresheet to simplify scoresheet (go back to the Lauten scoresheet); have two flip scoreboard on each court
 - i. Discussion about desire to simplify for training and reducing errors, enable recovery
 - ii. Support:
 - 1. For: 3
 - 2. Opposed: 5
 - 3. Abstain: 2
- c. Item 3: Changes to USAV Transgender policy
 - i. Discussion about whether transgender players can play in both gender competitions. Irina responded with a recommendation that they play in the gender that they select in WebPoint.
 - ii. Item Support:
 - 1. For: 4
 - 2. Opposed: 0
 - 3. Abstain: 6
- d. Item 4: Are approved transgender members allowed to play in both divisions?
 - i. If USAV is silent, can regions make their own decision?
 - ii. Consensus is to use the gender selected in WebPoint
 - iii. Item Support:
 - 1. For: 0
 - 2. Opposed: 5
 - 3. Abstain: 5
- e. Item 5: Should all adult members be Background Screened?
 - i. Discussion: This would be challenging for regions with large numbers of adult membership. Also clubs/teams with mixed adult/junior participation.
 - ii. Item Support:
 - 1. For: 0
 - 2. Opposed: 10
 - 3. Abstain: 0
- f. Item 6: Drop the 50% regional membership requirement for Adult club teams (AA, A, BB, B)
 - i. Irina notes that many situations are due to members in school and conglomerate teams. The old rule was 2 members.

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- ii. John Hughes noted that there is an easy workaround to transfer players between regions, although paperwork intensive.
 - iii. Desire to allow as much adult participation as possible
 - iv. Item Support:
 - 1. For: 10
 - 2. Opposed: 0
 - 3. Abstain: 0
- g. Item 7: Club teams to start scoring in 2019
 - i. Remove financial impact of paying Scorers in addition to R1 and R2. This would not reduce entry costs, but would allow deferral of future entry cost increase.
 - ii. Another option is to allow two different entry fees to allow for paid scorer or not.
 - iii. This applies to club teams only, not age groups
 - iv. Item Support:
 - 1. For: 3
 - 2. Opposed: 3
 - 3. Abstain: 4
- h. Item 8: Full membership required for playing at the national tournament
 - i. Irina wants clarification on whether Collegiate membership is considered a full membership for national participation purposes.
 - ii. Other regions are concerned about erosion of full membership fees
 - iii. Some regions that do not have adult play in region only register teams to attend
 - iv. Item 3 Support:
 - 1. For: 7
 - 2. Opposed: 2
 - 3. Abstain: 1
- i. Item 9: National Options for 11&u
 - i. Option of moving the 11s to the 18s Championship for a 3-day tournament option.
 - ii. Item Support: No support
 - 1. For:
 - 2. Opposed:
 - 3. Abstain: 0
- j. Item 10: Boys Transfer Rule
 - i. Boys transfer rule should not be the same as girls.
 - ii. Split season problems with boys HS season inserted after qualifiers but before later season
 - iii. Desire to create "all-star" teams versus keeping club teams intact
 - iv. Confusion about rules and enforcement at regions for playing at nationals and allowing player transfers for non-qualifier/national events
 - v. Item Support: no vote
 - 1. For:
 - 2. Opposed:
 - 3. Abstain: 0

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- k. Item 11: Parent/Spectator Behavior
 - i. Unclear what this issue is asking for.
 - ii. USAV website does not have a link to the Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct on the Parents page.
 - iii. The USAV Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct has never been approved
 - iv. Item Support:
 - 1. For:
 - 2. Opposed:
 - 3. Abstain: 0
- 10. Interest in Purple Card?
 - a. Several regions have tried it successfully
 - b. Other regions are interested, but unclear on how it works and what training for referees is required
- 11. Stakeholder Committee – not found!
- 12. Housing
 - a. Housing lottery allotment
 - b. Detroit housing
 - i. Minneapolis 3200 versus 2200 room nights
 - ii. Indianapolis next year at 3900 room nights
 - c. April 15 deadline is too soon
 - d. Allotment for regions is being surveyed
- 13. Junior Assembly Motions – ran out of time to discuss at length
 - a. JA motion 1: 18s Qualifier threshold limits
 - b. JA motion 2: All juniors in HS to play with their grade
 - c. JA motion 3: Increase size of American 12
 - d. JA motion 4: Male junior split season
 - e. JA recommendation 1: Teams must accept Boys Open bids
 - f. JA recommendation 2: Foreign teams accepted at Boys open
 - g. JA recommendation 3: Tie breaking Procedure
 - h. Motion GlenL 1: Playoffs for ties
 - i. Motion Kim: Play first round of Opens to be played in the morning session, as courts are available
 - j. Motion Al: 3rd place playoff in all division
- 14. Meeting adjourned at 3:45