

Junior Assembly Administrative Council
MEETING Minutes
January 11, 2024
Via Google Meet

Members in Attendance: Chris Clauss, Brian Sharkey, Scott McQueen, Krista McGivern, Heather Koehler, Dragan Karadzic, Charley Stanton, Kailey Bridges

Members Unable to Attend: Kim Greenback, Cindy Kirk, Bill Doyle, Dave Gentile

I. Welcome/Introductions began at 3:02 CST.

II. New JA Manual

A. Concerns/Questions

1. We discussed and agreed that JAAC members CAN serve in two different roles (example: as the Programming Committee Chair and the Central Zone Boys Rep).
 2. We discussed that there needed to be a chair of the JAAC elected (apart from the JA Chair).
 - a) ***Dragan made a motion to nominate Kailey Bridges for chair of the JAAC. Brian seconded the motion. Motion passed.***
 - b) ***Chris Clauss made a motion to vote Kailey Bridges as the JAAC chair. Brian seconded the motion. Motion passed.***
 3. We discussed omitting Article II.4.Q.
 4. We discussed and we recommend removing the word “highly” from Article III.1.D.
 5. We discussed and we recommend editing the numbering on Article VI.C to move line 4 up to 3 so there are no blank lines.
 6. We discussed and agreed that members of the JA need to have the ability to choose which committee they serve on, based on their own interests and expertise. We will recommend to amend Article VI.1.B and VI.2.B to “Members will choose which Committee they wish to be appointed to.”
 7. We discussed and agreed that Article VI.1.C (#1-3) and Article VI.2.C (#1-3) should read the same. We will recommend editing the sections to make them match.
- B. Kailey will make revision recommendations and send the manual out to the entire JA for a vote when the final revisions are complete.**

III. Role of the JAAC

- A. We briefly discussed the written and implied roles of the JAAC and that we serve as a “messenger” to USAV Board and Administrative Council.

IV. JA website

- A. We discussed that Michelle Goodall is working to get a template for a JA website- similar to the RVAA one. We discussed that it would be beneficial to have a platform for communication/discussions/posting documents for meetings and general review, but also a place to outline “who’s who” of the JA (representatives, chairs, who is in which committee, etc.) and what our mission/purpose is. Heather, Charley, and Brian shared ideas of possibly having 2 platforms- one such as SLACK for communication and a basic website for the other information.

V. JA huddle

- A. We discussed that the huddles are great, but more beneficial to the RVAA because their responsibilities lie more within the region offices. We discussed that one of the reasons the RVAA huddles have been great is because they create an informal place for attendees to share information and our hope would be to create that same type of discussion capabilities with SLACK or something similar.

VI. New Championship Manual

- A. Dragan recommended that the manual needs to have a “What to do when you qualify” checklist to help teams once they earn a qualifying bid. He also recommended that the housing information be updated on the website.

VII. National Ranking System

- A. We discussed that it would be better if the AES and USAV ranking systems were on separate sites and we were worried about the accuracy of the system if many teams around the nation do not play a USAV only schedule. It was also mentioned and discussed that the seeding committee members for our events would love to provide assistance in the ranking system. Other concerns/questions were if the system was still going to be tested at the 18s division of GJNCs, would tournament directors of non-bid events submit their results, are there consequences in place for tournament directors that fail to submit results within the required timeframe, and will there be any post evaluational seeding.

VIII. HIROS

- A. Chris explained the new HIROS program being implemented at national events.

IX. Meeting Dates

- A. Brian/Scott- will schedule (2) virtual spring meetings prior to May meetings
- B. Chris recommended that Kailey reach out to Chris Vadala for assistance in confirming JA representatives for the regions that have been unresponsive via email thus far.
- C. May 20-21, 2024 are the May Meeting dates + JAAC will meet in person
 - 1. Scott recommended that Kailey gets the schedule out ASAP so attendees can start to plan accordingly.

X. Meeting adjourned at 4:07 PM CST.