

**USAV Junior Assembly**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
May 20, 2024

- I. Welcome
- II. Roll call (Quorum is approved with 25 present)
  - A. email address and committee check
- III. Elections (four-year terms)
  - A. Atlantic Boys rep to JAAC
    - 1. Bill Doyle (GEVA)
  - B. Border Boys rep to JAAC
    - 1. Cindy Kirk (Arizona)
  - C. Central Girls rep to JAAC
    - 1. Kim Greenback (Great Lakes Region)
  - D. Pacific Girls rep to JAAC
    - 1. Charlie Stanton (CEVA)
  - E. JA Chair
    - 1. Motion to approve Kailey Bridges as JA Chair
      - Motion by Chris Clauss. Second by Bill Doyle.
      - Unanimously approved
- IV. New JA Manual
  - A. Concerns/Questions
    - 1. Should the JA Chair, JA Associate Chair, and JA zonal representatives be required to be JA members?
      - Currently as written: Not required to be JA members. We weren't sure if it was necessary so that is why it was not written in the manual. The Region should probably already have given blessing to a JA attendee before reaching the JA Assembly.
      - Reasons to allow non-JA members:
        - (1) We have so few volunteers to begin with
        - (2) Differing viewpoints are a positive thing

(3) Lots of great people that are out there that can't get involved at certain levels

- Reasons to not allow:

(1) We are all put in this position by the Region we are representing

2. Any other concerns

- Dragan: Do we need to change the manual to reflect?
- Request: Make sure that the person is in good standing with the Region
- ★ **Motion**: Any individual running for a position on the JA administrative council needs to be a member supported by the Region. Motion: Dragan. Second: Scott McQueen (Motion passes unanimously)

V. JA website

1. Listing of JA members/ Contact info
2. Information on structure how this all works
  - Suggestion: Onboarding for new JA members

VI. Motions

A. Motion from general meeting

- ★ **Motion**: Manual currently states that no proxies are allowed. Proxy voting is only allowed from a designated representative from the same region. Chris Clauss motion. Moved by Chris Clauss, Second by Gloria. **Passed unanimously.**

B. Motions from competition committee

- ★ **Motion** – No brackets should be larger than 16 teams on Day 3 of Qualifiers in qualifying divisions. **Motion passed committee 13-0. Passed full assembly unanimously.**
- ★ **Motion**– Scott: Girls National Qualifiers will present attending teams a binding choice to accept or decline bids no later than the end of day 2. Kim seconds. **Motion passed 11-0 in committee. Passed full assembly unanimously.**

- ★ **Motion-** Girls national qualifiers will be able to have a 15- and 16- Freedom division which will have one bid. Scott motioned. Seconded by Chris.  
**Motion passes 13-0 in committee. Passed full assembly 26-1.**
- ★ **Motion** – Girls Nationals Qualifiers scheduling should be such that teams in Division 1 in bid divisions or still in contention for a bid should be played in the morning on day 2. Curt motion. Kim seconds. **Motion passed 10-0 committee. Passed full assembly unanimously.**
- ★ **Motion** – Expand 13 Open from 24 to 36 teams for the GJNC, using the 8, 12, and 16 as respective tiers for granting a number of bids. Scott motion. Kim seconds. **Motion passed 12-0 in committee. Passed full assembly unanimously.**
- ★ **Motion** – If all teams are tied in matches, set percentage and point percentage, then the seeds for any tiebreaking sets will be determined by using the original ranking in the pool that is tied. Curt motion. Seconded by Charley. **Motion passed 12-0. Motion passes full assembly 26-1.**
- ★ **Motion-** The words in the championship manual should be updated to define the number of players that are permissible to play in multiple weekends of a qualifier in qualification divisions. Curt motion. Chris seconds. **Motion passes 9-1. Motion passes full assembly unanimously.**
- ★ **Motion-** Add a rule of 2 of adding no more than 2 athletes from an already qualified team from the same club to participate in USAV 18's GJNC. Lisa motioned. Seconded by Keith. **Motion passed 11-2. Passed full assembly 26-1.**
- ★ **Motion-** Any player who qualified on a 18's team frozen roster cannot play in a younger division at GJNC's. Scott motioned. Seconded by Tim Cooper.  
**Motion passes 9-3. Motion passed full assembly 24-3**
- ★ **Motion-** 3rd round Gold Medal pools in the open division that have 12 teams remaining should use 4 pools of 3, as opposed to 3 pools of 4. Scott motioned. John Paul seconds. **Motion passes 7-1. Motion passed full assembly unanimously.**

- ★ Motion – For all qualifying events, any working officials needs to be credentialed for that event. **No motion made at this time for the full assembly.**

#### C. Motions from Programming Committee

- ★ Motion – The JA Programming Committee recommends USA Volleyball offer scholarships to graduating seniors across the junior volleyball community that would showcase student athletes looking to further their education in a post-secondary institution. Brian motioned; Kevin seconded. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- ★ Motion – The JA Programming Committee encourages USA Volleyball, the officials division and the regions to work together to come up with a program designed at highlighting and protecting our youngest officials. The Programming Committee's recommendation includes giving all officials 18-years-old and younger a colored lanyard to use at USAV-sanctioned events to encourage positive interactions between the official along with coaches, spectators and athletes. Kim motioned. Kailey seconded. **Motion passes unanimously.**
- ★ The JA Programming Committee encourages USA Volleyball to share Region-generated and/or Region-specific content on its website, social media and newsletters on a regular basis to highlight the Regions and ALL levels of athletes, officials and coaches. **No motion brought at this time.**

#### VII. Other needed topics for discussion to be added as needed

1. Beach Age definitions: JA would like to see the consistency. No motion or recommendation at this time.
2. At-Large considerations: Idea is to have a document for people to fill out to be considered for an at-large bid to GJNC/BJNC. It help with the process and speed it up with that. Could it be a "separate event" on AES so that we know who wants to be considered?
  - Dragan: Gave a history and knowledge of who is on the seeding committee. As well as talked about the criteria that they use to determine at Large bids. Head to head. Wins vs. the Qualified field. Overall record doesn't matter as much. Last thing they look is AES and USAV rankings. Looking at outliers.
  - Trying to find balance – getting best teams there and getting all the requirements taken care of (getting results into AES).

- Putting a date and a process for making sure that we know deadlines and whose responsibilities for At-Large bids.
  - Make the box required for “At Large” consideration on AES?
  - How can you help your teams? Get them the results. Educate your teams on how to get those results into AES.
  - Region ranking system can help get teams in.
3. Next steps????? Admin Council meeting tomorrow, 2-4 PM. We will stay in contact with Michelle Goodall and the USAV crew to make sure that our motions are followed through on. Work with Chrissy and make sure they get our stories for newsletters. I will be working on the website and send the link for it via email once it is ready to go live. All that sort of stuff so things don't fall through the cracks.

B. Adjourn

1. Motion to adjourn: Kim, second: Scott. 6:14 p.m. May 20.