

WEVA Meeting Minutes

Date: April 9, 2007

Time: 7:15 PM

Present: J. Algier, F. Chase, D'Errico, Hughes, J. Ingalls, J. Lodes, R. Lucci, R. Majeski, T. Weislo

Excused: D. Bothner, M. Paull, D. Schoenl, S. Seabridge, L. Schoenl, R. Werkmeister, C. Wickens

Guest: B. Chanthavisouk (7:22 p.m.)

Note: Jerry Algier agreed to scribe the meeting minutes in the absence of Laura Schoenl

Welcome (F. Chase)

- Welcome and special thank you to Jerry to taking the meeting minutes
- **Motion: Approve previous meeting minutes as presented ... 1st J. Lodes / 2nd J. Ingalls / Passed (8-0-1)**

Registrar's Report (J. Hughes)

- 2027 current members, nearly 200 members more than last year our and a record.
- 1561 junior members
- 466 adult members

Financial Report (J. Hughes for D. Bothner)

- Updates since last meeting:
 - 2209+ from region store.
 - Total March deposits of nearly \$23,000.
 - Expenses are in-line with income
- WEVA Savings Account: \$62,434.56
- WEVA Checking Account: \$6,123.06
- Gary Adler Account: \$1,064.78
- WEVA M&T Free Checking Account (Scott): \$4,837.24
- **Motion: approve the financial report as presented ... 1st C. D'Errico / 2nd J. Lodes / Passed (8-0-1)**

Status of CD's:

- Gary Adler CD: \$4,691.13 – next maturity 7/9/07
- CD # 32333 for \$6,000 – next maturity 9/10/07
- CD # 33505 for \$6,183.24 – next maturity 7/9/07
- CD #33513 for \$6,254.84 – next maturity 7/9/07

By-Laws (F. Chase):

- Scott Seabridge, in reviewing the WEVA By-Laws determined that we need to hold elections for all offices this year. Further, three sections of the current By-Laws have sub sections that the Board should review and determine if any changes are made prior to the nomination process for the elections.
- Section 3.02 “The nominating committee will ensure that there are no less than two (2) candidates nominated for each board position that is open to election.”
 - **Motion to amend Section 3.02 of the By-Laws ... 1st C. D'Errico / 2nd J. Lodes / Passed (8-0-1)** to read the following: “The nominating committee will make every effort to assure that there are no less than two (2) candidates nominated for each board position that is open to election.”

- Section 3.02a “With the exception of the two Area Representatives, all member of WEVA shall elect member for the Board of Directors. Members of WEVA residing in that area shall elect each Area Representative.”
 - *Motion to amend Section 3.02a of the By-Laws ... 1st J. Ingalls / 2nd T. Weislo / Passed (8-0-1)* to read the following: “Current Members of WEVA, at least 18 years of age at the time of the election, in good standing are eligible to elect Members of the Board of Directors with the exception of the two Area Representatives. Members of WEVA residing in that area shall elect each Area Representative.”
- Section 3.04 “Annual Meeting: A meeting of the Membership shall be held annually for the election of officers and consideration of other matters. The annual meeting of Members shall take place on the last Sunday of April, or within 60 days thereof. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately following the annual meeting of the Members.
 - *Motion to amend Section 3.04 of the By-Laws ... 1st J. Hughes / 2nd R. Majeski / Passed (8-0-1)* to read the following: “Annual Meeting: A meeting of the Membership shall be held annually for the election of officers and consideration of other matters. The annual meeting of Members shall take place on the last Sunday of June, or within 60 days thereof.”

Equipment Upgrades (J. Hughes):

- John Hughes informed the Board of a recent opportunity to purchase Sports Imports Net Systems at an unusual discounted price. At the recent NECVA Men’s Collegiate Division III Championships hosted by Nazareth College, there were two new Sports Imports support & net systems. The systems are priced at \$4,002 but the representative is willing to offer them to WEVA or a local club for \$3,001.50. WEVA is purchasing one set with the intent to provide them on a facility use agreement payback to SUNY Geneseo. That way, the College will have the ability to set up two courts in the refurbished gym and a total of five courts if both gyms are utilized.
- Rocco Lucci is very interested in purchasing the second Sports Import system and will work with John Hughes to pursue that.

Tournament Coordinator’s Report (F. Chase for S. Seabridge)

- Current tournaments that have been sanctioned:
 - 42 total (3 adult and 39 junior)
 - \$1,480.00 in sanction fees

Commissioners Report (J. Hughes)

- Two men’s teams have registered to play in Adult National Championships in Austin, TX starting May 26, 2007. No women’s team registered in time.
- Regional Championships have been held in every junior girl’s age group with the exception of 16’s. The girl’s 16’s and the boy’s age-group championships will be held April 22, 2007.

Committee Reports:

- Juniors – C. D’Errico (girl’s) and T. Weislo (boy’s)
 - Cindy shared that this is the last year of the current seeding and tournament formats. Junior Board representatives, club directors and coaches should consider whether to continue the current format or change it. As of the meeting, girl’s 16’s are planned for East HS and Monroe HS. The boy’s are scheduled to use GCC, RIT and possibly one court at Monroe HS.
 - For the WEVA Festival scheduled for May 10th, there are only 10 teams registered. Tournaments are scheduled on May 6 and May 20 at Byron Bergen HS. The May 6 event has openings but the May 20 event is filled with a waiting list.

- Discussion was held on when to hold a club directors meeting and overall juniors meeting over the summer. The purpose is to complete work on a proposed recruitment policy and to review this season with a look ahead to next year in regard to registration, tournaments and any Region policy and procedure changes related to juniors. July may be the best month to hold such meetings.

Officials Report (F. Chase for Mike Paull)

- Linda Chase has been accepted as a National Scorekeeper Candidate
- Jeff McKinney and Fred Chase have applied as National Referee Candidates
- There are no referees applying as Junior National Candidates. Fred will work with Mike Paull to identify individuals who may be ready to move up from Provisional to Regional, Regional to Junior National or Junior National for National for next year.

New Business

- Jason Ingalls related an incident that took place at an Xtreme tournament at Bloomfield HS involving parents and coaches from Niagara Frontier and Volley FX teams. Jason will get the appropriate contact to call John Hughes, Commissioner.
- Rocco expressed interest to revisit whether to continue the current format of Regional Championships or consider returning to the two day Bid event.

Next WEVA Board Meeting and Juniors Meetings:

- WEVA Board of Directors - Monday, June 11th @ 7:00 PM at (GCC)
- WEVA Annual Meeting ???
- Junior Representatives Meeting – Monday, May 7th @ 6:00 PM (GCC)
- Tournament Directors meeting for Juniors club & coaches – Monday, July 11th @ 6:00 PM (GCC)

Motion to adjourn meeting: 1st R. Majeski / 2nd J. Algier / Unanimous (9-0-0) 10:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Western Empire Volleyball Association
Jerry Algier for Laura Schoenl, WEVA Secretary