

WEVA Meeting Minutes

Date: January 10, 2011

Time: 6:35 PM

Present: R. Lucci, J. McKinney, C. D'Errico, CJ Denk, T. Weislo, R. Majeski, S. Seabridge, J. Hughes

Excused: J. Newland, F. Chase, L. Schoenl

Welcome & Thank You (Lucci)

- Mention of volleyball article in Democrat & Chronicle, Gatorade State Girls Volleyball Player of the Year is Heather Feldman from Niagara Frontier, and Alyssa D'Errico's accomplishment at Penn State as a 4-time National Champion

Previous Meeting Minutes (Lucci for Schoenl)

Motion: Approve previous meeting minutes as presented ... 1st D'Errico / 2nd Weislo/ Passed (6-0-1)

Registrars Report (Hughes)

- 2040 paid members vs. last year's total of 2365
- Quite a number of background checks have been completed with only 6 outstanding to date

Financial Report (Hughes)

- Stokes-Visca, the company that is currently doing WEVA's payroll and taxes, will now be performing the duties of Financial Administrator. This will save WEVA ~ \$600/year. Many thanks go out to Dionne Bothner who had last held this position
 - Savings: \$131,187.60
 - Main Checking: \$6,289.60
 - Tournament Checking: \$6,686.24
 - CD#2333: \$24,470.98
 - CD#3505: \$12,744.98
 - CD#1690: \$6,003.78

Motion: Approve budget report as presented ... 1st D'Errico / 2nd Majeski / Passed (7-0-0)

Review Action Items (Seabridge)

- See attached report

Tryout/Practice Report (Hughes for Schoenl)

- Tryouts and practice sanction done before the on-line system was up are being added to the web site

Education Update (Hughes)

- Impact: Jonathon Head in Buffalo and Kyle Salisbury in the Rochester area have held 2 clinics. One more each are planned for the Buffalo and Rochester areas. One is planned for the Jamestown area. After that, they need to use the Webinar through USA Volleyball
- Coaching clinic at the Division III Men's Championships will be \$150 and the cadre will be Jim McLaughlin, Tom Pait, and John Kessel are committed. The clinic is being promoted throughout the New England region
- A players 12 & under clinic will be hosted by John Kessel

Tournament Report (Hughes)

- Deadline for the WEVA Festival on February 26 & 27 is February 1st and 35 teams have committed to date

Website Update (Seabridge)

- Need to add an “Open/Closed” field to the tournament portion of the web site
- Tournament sanctioning still needs to be refined similarly to the tryout & practice sanctioning
- Club information is being reviewed and will be updated

Junior Business (D’Errico & Weislo)

- High Performance Update: Tom talked with OVR, IREVA, & Chesapeake regarding their HP programs. Handout was presented with the benefits to having a HP program plus a rough outline that WEVA can start with. Board agreed we would move forward with starting the program with one Boys and Girls team each in the 14/15 age group. Tom is to establish the HP committee. The goal is to have a defined program in ~ 3 weeks

Motion: Have WEVA commit to starting a High Performance program with one team each from Boys and Girls ... 1st Lucci / 2nd Weislo / Passed (7-0-0)

- Recruiting Guidelines: Cindy mentioned that Mark Robinson sent out via e-mail an updated version of the recruiting and marketing of players policy he brought to the last Board meeting. Cindy has recruited the following people to be on the Junior Guidelines committee: Dale O'Dell, Robert Pierce, Mark Robinson (replacing Dave Tytler), and Rocco Lucci (until a replacement can be found). Cindy will review the recruiting portion of the Code of Conduct and merge some of the feedback from Mark Robinson’s suggestions. This is to be sent out to the Junior Guidelines committee and, once finished, presented to the Board for vote

Officials Report (Hughes for Chase & Newland)

- Officials are being worked with/trained at a NFVB scrimmage and the Eden Erie Cup
- Officials with Jr. National and National potential are being worked with

Executive Review (Hughes & Seabridge)

- Need to develop a formal review process
- **Finances:** Stokes-Visca has been contracted to perform our payroll, taxes, and financial Administrator services. The use of the certified accounting firm will save us ~ \$600/year and ensures financial compliance. WEVA had a net income after expenses of \$19,122 which is the largest amount since WEVA was established as a 501C3 organization. Sold two of the Sportscourts for \$14,000. Overall WEVA had made ~ 3 times as much from the Sportscourts investment compared to the original cost to WEVA
- **Facilities:** Working with the Main Street Armory in having an acceptable (6 court) facility, with no financial responsibility to WEVA, for region use. Donated two net systems to Penfield High School because of the established relationship that allows WEVA to rent 5 courts at \$90/court/day (compared to the region average of \$275/court/day)
- **Grants and Sponsorships:** Need to establish a Grants & Sponsorship committee
- **Official’s Development:** Goal for 2009-2010 season was to upgrade the quality and quantity of the region’s officials through training. WEVA has more officials at a higher overall level compared to previous years
- **Communications:** The development of the web site and increased number of broadcast e-mails has improved the communication between the WEVA/Region office and its members.
- The overall service to WEVA’s members is much greater than neighboring regions. There are numerous requests for clubs to join WEVA but they are declined because they are from neighboring regions

New Business (All)

- John is to send out an e-mail regarding the Gary Adler scholarship
- WEVA will no longer support the Kaminna Allen scholarship

Next Meeting: Monday, March 14th at 6PM at TF Browns

Motion to adjourn meeting: 1st Majeski / 2nd Weislo / Passed (7-0-0)

9:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Western Empire Volleyball Association
Scott Seabridge for Laura Schoenl, WEVA Secretary

Item	Date	Person	Action	Status	Update	Comment
005	11/16/2009	Denk	Contact college clubs regarding playing USA	Closed	11/21/10	Decided at 9/18 meeting that there wasn't enough benefit and CJ was not present at meeting for alternatives
011	1/11/2010	Hughes	Proposal for WEVA Coaching Clinic instead of CAP	Open	11/21/10	Coaches and Player's clinics are scheduled for 4/15-16/2011
018	5/10/2010	Seabridge	Add pool play recommendations to web site	Open	1/10/11	to be done this week
021	9/18/2010	Hughes Seabridge	Propose WEVA Fines policy	Closed	1/10/11	Scott to update with changes and e-mail out for BOD vote
022	9/18/2010	Weislo	Develop proposal on how to move forward with region High Performance teams	Open	1/10/11	Reviewed document with benefits and rough outline of structure needed to have a successful program. Board voted to start the program with 1 team each fro Boys and Girls. Tom to establish committee and have a formal proposal in ~ 3 weeks
025	11/21/2010	D'Errico	Review Junior recruiting policy portion of Code of Conduct with Junior Guidelines committee using feedback supplied by Mark Robinson and Dave Tytler	Open	1/10/11	Dale O'Dell and Robert Pierce have committed from the Boys side; Mark Robinson will replace Dave Tytler; Rocco to be rep until a replacement can be found; part of the Junior Guidelines Committee
026	11/21/2010	Seabridge	Adjust tournament on same weekend policy because of Southeast (Corning) area	Open	1/10/11	Scott to send out updated information
027	1/10/2011	Hughes	Send out notice of the 3 remaining Impact clinics	Closed	1/17/11	E-mails regarding clinics have been sent
028	1/10/2011	Seabridge	Add Open/Closed to tournament page	Open	1/10/11	
029	1/10/2011	Weislo	Get commitments for WEVA HPAC and develop preliminary program and budget based upon initial outline	Open	1/10/11	Due in 3 weeks
030	1/10/2011	Schoenl	Update web site with manual practice and tryout sanctions	Open	1/10/11	
031	1/10/2011	Hughes	Send out e-mail regarding Gary Adler Scholarship	Open	1/10/11	
032	1/10/2011	Hughes Seabridge	Develop a fromal review process for the executive Director	Open	1/10/11	
033	1/10/2011	Hughes	Establish a Grants & Sponsorship committee	Open	1/10/11	