

## WEVA Meeting Minutes

Date: May 9, 2011

Time: 6:15 PM

Present: R. Majeski, J. Hughes, S. Seabridge, L. Schoenl, F. Chase, C. D'Errico, R. Lucci, CJ Denk, J. McKinney

Excused: J. Newland, T. Weislo

### Welcome & Thank You (R. Lucci)

- Welcome and Points of Information (R. Lucci)
  - Molten Championships – Congrats to Cal Wickens and Nazareth College
    - Some of Nazareth players are past WEVA members. John Hughes to get those names to be recognized.
  - WEVA Girls Bid Tournament – Congrats to winners, officials and organizers
    - Reports received that all officials did an excellent job
  - Other
    - Congratulations to Art Chavers and Kurt Micelli have been nominated for Jr. National Certification
- Meeting Minutes Verbiage (R. Lucci)
  - How much does WEVA want to convey to the public?
  - Minutes are posted on the website before reviewed and approved.
  - Minutes to send out to BOD members
- Penfield HS issue has been discussed and resolved.
- Motion: Approve previous meeting minutes with changes...1<sup>st</sup> S. Seabridge/2<sup>nd</sup> J. McKinney/ Passed (9-0-0).

### Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- Last meeting, region had 2367
- Now have 2432 and expect to get another 10-20 members (chaperones, etc)
- More background checks this year

### Financial Report (J. Hughes)

- Under budget on 5Star Coaches Clinic. Still have some money left over from this line if needed for other coaching needs.
- \$5K over budget for Region Championships
- \$1800 left on agreement with BNCC, which amounts to about one day.
- Motion: Approve budget report as presented...1<sup>st</sup> C. D'Errico/2<sup>nd</sup> F. Chase/Passed (9-0-0).

### BOD Election Update (F. Chase)

- Movement of final voting date – extended through 5/14/11
- All bios are online for all people running for BOD position.
- Results will be distributed as follows:
  - Initial results sent to John Hughes, Fred Chase, and Scott Seabridge
  - They will let Rocco Lucci know who in turn will tell winners and non-winners.
  - General public will be notified by 5/18 via email and WEVA website.

### Review Action Items (S. Seabridge)

- Tournament Area Policy – Seabridge
  - Proposed WEVA Policy (2011 – 2012 season)

- WEVA has designated a 4<sup>th</sup> tournament area:
    - Southwest: Jamestown (1)
    - Northwest: Buffalo (2,3,4)
    - Northeast: Rochester/Finger Lakes (4,5,6,7,8)
    - Southeast: Corning (9)
  - You CANNOT run conflicting tournaments on the same weekend from the Southwest & Northwest areas, Northwest & Northeast, Southwest & Southeast, or Northeast & Southeast areas unless the original event is full (closed).
  - You CAN run conflicting events on the same weekend from the Southwest & Northeast or Northwest & Southeast because they pull teams from different areas.
  - 2-day tournaments have exclusive rights for that age group, regardless of region, until they are full (closed)
  - Tournament directors want to be able to secure dates up to 2 years in advance for tournaments that they traditionally host.
    - Motion to accept Proposed 1<sup>st</sup> S. Seabridge/2<sup>nd</sup> F. Chase...(9-0-0 passed)
- Gary Adler Scholarship
  - 5 Female Applicants, 0 Male Applicants
  - Essays were distributed to 4 WEVA BOD members for review/vote
  - Votes due back by 5/13
- Open/Close field – Seabridge
  - Still in process
- Update website with manual Practice/Try-out Sanction
  - Sent to Maureen on 5/5/11 - closed
- Develop Formal Review Process – Seabridge & Hughes
  - Still in process
- Establish Grants/Sponsorship Committee – Hughes
  - Hoping to get someone from newly election position
- High Performance
  - Closed until next year

#### Tryout/Practice Report (L. Schoenl)

- Nothing to report – no updates
- Who will carry on sanctioning responsibilities once L. Schoenl is gone?
  - Position still offered to L. Schoenl if she wants it. She will make a decision and let J. Hughes know.
- Sanctioning Summer Camps (S. Seabridge)
  - No response from J. Waller.
  - Should be no problem as long as all are WEVA members
  - \$15 summer membership to add to camp fee for non-members
  - As far as forms are concerned, they will be treated as practice

#### Education Report (J. Hughes)

- Division III Men's Championship and Clinic Review
  - 20 paid coaches
  - Great feedback on the event
  - Some people didn't stay for second day

#### Tournament Report (S. Seabridge)

- 37 events sanctioned, 2 cancelled

- Assessed Sanction Fees
- Bonds more difficult to assess
- Financial Reports are due by end of June

#### Website Update (S. Seabridge)

- Nothing to report
- What projects are being done for next year?

#### Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

- High Performance Development (R. Lucci for T. Weislo)
  - Decided that this item will be discussed next season
- WEVA Boys Regional Championships Review (T. Weislo)
  - Tabled until next meeting
- WEVA Girls Bid Tournament Review/Jr. Team Rankings – (C. D'Errico)
  - Still needs improvement re: deadlines to submit info, etc
  - Should there be a seeding meeting every year?
  - Only 5 teams not accepted this year
  - Possible cap on number of teams allowed in tournament
  - Total of 47 teams participated
- Teams attending USA Junior Championships in Atlanta
  - Girls: 12's NFVB 12-1, 13's VFX Mystic, 14's NFVB 14-1, 15's NFVB 15-1, 16's VFX Mantra, 17's NFVB 17-1, 18's NFVB 18-1
- Rule of Two – Brought to table by boys coaches regarding injured players unable to meet 2 event requirement (C. D'Errico)
  - For Boys: If an individual player has a doctor's excuse due to an injury, can that make them exempt from the Rule of Two
  - Will check current WEVA guidelines to see if it needs to be re-written
- WEVA Code of Conduct
  - Most people on committee agreed with revisions that were made
  - Two concerns were brought up that recruiting guidelines do not cover
    - Club coaches calling high school coaches to persuade them where to send their kids to tryouts
    - Parents and players feel pressure from high school coach who is also a club coach about what club team they play for
- Number of Coaches allowed on roster at an event (J. Hughes)
  - How many should be allowed?
  - Will add topic to Jr. Guidelines Committee
- Dates for next year for WEVA Fest
  - Girls: 2/25 – 2/26 @ Armory
  - Boys: 3/18 @ Armory

#### Officials Report (F. Chase)

- It was reported that WEVA had both Junior National Referee applications accepted as candidates at this year's Girl's Junior Olympic Championships to be held in Atlanta, GA.
- There were two issues discussed regarding referees involved in incidents on the court at junior club VB tournaments.
  - First: A referee issued an incorrect sanction in response to an interaction with a junior coach. The referee intended a penalty sanction (USAV yellow card) but instead issued a red card (expulsion). The referee also neglected to make sure the penalty point was assessed and allowed the

coach to remain on the bench coaching their team. Afterward, he realized he believed his action was a HS/NCAA sanction of a point, not a USAV expulsion. The person has subsequently received training on the correct sanction via cards and counseled on how he could have handled the situation more effectively from a WEVA Officials Committee member.

- Second: In another incident at a different event another official serving as the R2 in a final became frustrated with the questioning of a coach. After directing the coach to return to their team bench and sit down, he muttered an inappropriate characterization of the same person. This was overheard by a coach and reported to me. I subsequently checked with the official and they admitted they did use the indicated term. Working with the Chair of the WEVA Official's Committee, I agreed with recommended sanction of placing the referee on probation for a year. The intention is to meet with the official in person within a week or so to review the incident, counsel them on how to appropriately address disruptive coaching behavior without escalating or losing control of a situation.

#### Adult Report (R. Majeski/R. Lucci)

- Two men's teams going to adult nationals (Dallas) in BB division

#### Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- Beach HP Tryout Review
  - Did not promote clinic vs. tryout
  - 16 people participated
  - Should be promoted as a clinic
  - Kids received a lot of hands-on knowledge (coaching)

#### New Business

- Special Olympics Volleyball Super Regional at BNCC – 5/21
- Preparation for Annual Meeting
  - Roger to call Bohn's to reserve room
  - Please try to solicit people from every club to attend
  - Annual meeting date: 7/11/11 to be held at either TF Brown's or Bohn's Restaurant Batavia, NY 6:00 – 7:30 for annual meeting and 7:30 – 9:00 for WEVA BOD meeting
  - Solicit feedback from people regarding:
    - WEVA Code of Conduct
    - Fines Policy
    - High Performance
    - Ranking System/Submission
    - Re-aligning of area tournaments
    - Deadlines for tournament submissions
    - Website update
    - Future of region
    - Future of officiating
    - Scorekeeper certification process
- CJ Denk and F. Chase attending Jr. National Meeting in Dallas.
- Proposal regarding handout from S. Seabridge regarding proposed WEVA Policy for 2011 – 2012 season
  - Tournament Director want to be able to secure dates up to 2 years in advance for tournaments that they traditionally host.

- Nobody has issues with this.

Motion to adjourn meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> S. Seabridge/2<sup>nd</sup> R. Majeski/Passed (9-0-0).  
9:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Western Empire Volleyball Association  
Laura Schoenl, WEVA Secretary