

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, March 6, 2023
Location: TF Brown's, Batavia, NY
Time: 6:07 PM



Proxy:

- None

Called to order:

- Present: Frank Cwiklinski, Cindy D'Errico, Rocco Lucci, Roger Majeski, Brittany Murdie, Bill Page, Meryll Pentz, Ryan Repich, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel
- Excused: none
- Unexcused: none
- Guest: Art Chavers, John Newland

Points of Interest

- none

Boys Region Championships Award – Sent via email February 12, 2023

Motion: Regional age level winners will now receive "prize money" from the region to be used towards a single USAV sanctioned event. This can be any past or future event in the current season but CANNOT be a tournament where the team has already received a free entry through another means. For 2022-2023 season, a maximum of \$1,000 will be awarded. - 1st Schneider, 2nd D'Errico

Email vote: **Approved:** 10-0-0

Meeting Minutes from January 2022 Meeting – Sent via email January 16, 2023

Motion: Approve January 2023 Meeting Minutes

Email vote: **Approved:** 10-0-0

Registrar's Report (Page)

- Membership
 - 4,447 total members
 - 599 total adult memberships
 - 2850 total full junior memberships
 - 386 league/summer memberships
 - 612 tryout memberships
 - Versus budgeted:
 - Adults 54 lower
 - Juniors 280 higher
 - League/summer 99 higher
 - Tryout 304 lower

Financial Report (Page)

- September 2022-February 2023
 - Income = \$212,767 (\$43,290 less than budgeted)
 - Registrations = \$158,025 (\$7,471 more than budgeted)
 - Other Income = \$54,742 (\$50,761 less than budgeted)
 - Expenses = \$123,276 (\$124,517 less than budgeted)
 - Net = \$89,491 (\$81,227 more than budgeted)
- Investments (as of 3/5/2023)
 - \$232,744
 - Up 1.8% (\$4,244 from 7/8/2022)

- Down 8.1% (\$20,728 from 1/8/2022)

Motion: Approve 2022-2023 Financial report – 1st D’Errico, 2nd Seabridge

Vote: Approved: 8-0-0

Tournament Report (Pentz)

- 33 total events

Website Update (Page, Lucci)

- 2023 elections will be updated on the website

Officials Report (Cwiklinski/Gill)

- 77 officials registered in SportsEngine (last season had 48 total)
- Discussion on clarifying the officials pay/voucher
 - Trznadel to rework the voucher
- Discussion on last minute cancellation of officials

Beach Report (Majeski)

- Beach qualifier is tentatively scheduled for Father’s Day (Sunday, June 18, 2023)

Junior Business (D’Errico)

- WEVA Events – sanctioned and posted to AES for registration. Merchandise will be sold at SUNY Brockport. Sent email to club directors about events being open for registration and accepted into event when paid (do not cash checks until after event). Completed contract requirements for SUNY Brockport - new rate \$300 per court from 7 AM to 7 PM. Had to fill out facility requests for East HS. Still seeking site coordinators for Boys Regionals. Payment to Pinnacle and East HS pending. Pinnacle booked basketball rental on two courts on 2/11 based on estimated court usage times. Provided feedback to Tri-County (concessions and internet connectivity).
 - Rally I – Feb 5th (COMPLETED): post tournament report - 32 teams - merchandise profits \$983.00
 - Festival – Feb 11th – 12,13,14,15 divisions (COMPLETED): post tournament report - 55 teams - merchandise profits \$2186.00 at Tri-County, East HS (Sat only) and Pinnacle (Sat/Sun-over time estimated in contract for usage of courts)
 - Festival – Feb 12th – 16,17,18 divisions (COMPLETED): post tournament report - 53 teams - merchandise at SUNY Brockport included above
 - Challenge 15’s – Mar 11th – Eastside Ice host – Tri-County - Waitlisted 7 teams
 - Challenge 14’s Mar 18th & 13’s Mar 19th – NFVB host Niagara Frontier Sports - room for one more in each division
 - Challenge 16’s – Mar 19th – VFX hosting – Pinnacle Athletic Campus
 - Bid Qualifier 18’s – Mar 19th - 3 teams – Niagara Frontier Sports- VFX registering 2 teams
 - Boys Regional Championships – Mar 26th – 12 (6), 14 (14 - 3-13’s), 15 (6), 16 (11), 17 (4), 18 (6) - SUNY Brockport, East HS, Nazareth -14 courts -discussion of requirement of two WEVA events for teams prior to event - voted to waive requirement for this season - sent email to directors - site coordinators finalized - Rocco to turn back 16’s and 18’s American bid

Motion: Waive the requirement for Boys teams to participate in two (2) in-region events to qualify for Boys Region Championships for the 2022-2023 season – 1st Page, 2nd Majeski

Vote: Approved: 9-0-1

- Rally II – Apr 15th - 12 (9), 13 (14-room for 2 more), 14 (16) – SUNY Brockport and East HS
- Rally III – Apr 16th - 15 (20), 17 (12), 18 (12) – SUNY Brockport and EAST HS
- Bid Qualifier – Apr 22nd - 12 (4), 13 (8), 14 (7) – Niagara Frontier Sports - discussion of requirement of two WEVA events prior to event-left as required in past
- Bid Qualifier – Apr 23rd - 15 (8) 16 (8), 17 (9) - Niagara Frontier Sports
- Girl’s BID Qualifier – 2023 will be hosted at Niagara Frontier Sports. USA needs to know the 18’s teams that qualified for Nationals by the end of March. The Bid Qualifier events for 18’s thru 14’s will award a National, American and Freedom level BID. The 12’s and 13’s will award a National and American level

bid. Sent email to solicit level of interest so region can turn back-in bids not utilizing for reallocation. Accepting teams based on rank within region from registrations and interest in accepting BID to Nationals (not a requirement to register). Rocco to turn back 11 bid - waiting for additional information from clubs about accepting bids.

- No results from events run in AES will be required. For all other events, the hosting club or WEVA will be entering results in AES for use in regional ranking of teams for the girls BID Qualifier events and USA National Qualifiers and Nationals. Requested assistance in documenting how to enter results into AES for distribution to event directors or region use, Bill Page assisting. Discussed briefly about all WEVA sanctioned events formatting schedule in AES.
- National Qualifier events for 2023 – refer to USA website for approved qualifiers.
- 2023 Nationals Sites: Upcoming season – Girls 11-17 Nationals split to two locations/different date timeframes:
 - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 11's thru 13's – Minneapolis, MN – 6/14-6/17
 - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 14's thru 17's – Chicago, IL – 6/28-7/6
 - USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC) – Salt Lake City, Utah – 6/28-7/6
 - USA Volleyball Open National Championships – Dallas, TX – 5/26-5/31
 - USA Volleyball Girl's Junior National Championships for 18's – Columbus, OH – 4/28/30
- Positions on board that are up for election in 2023 are President, Treasurer, Boys Junior Representative and Girls Junior Representative. If anyone knows of resources interested in running for one of the positions in 2023, please forward name to Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the BOD.
- USA Education Services – Need to determine WEVA representative for the zonal training being offered by USA volleyball. Julie Almond was recommended, sent email contact information for USA Education Director so she could solicit additional information on the program to decide if she can meet the expectations and commitment level. Sent information to Julie about email contact in education department after she tried multiple times with a different contact. Individuals would be part of USA's new direction for offering training across the regions. In order to make workshops more convenient and affordable USA will be training instructors in each region who can deliver a wide variety of workshop topics. USA will be providing these Regional Instructors with Instructor Guides (lesson plans) for the topics they wish to deliver. The Regions and Clubs can arrange with their "Regional Instructors" to deliver the workshops where and whenever they want. The Regions and Clubs can charge the coaches attending any fee they wish or make it free. If a Region or Club wishes to have USAV arrange to send in National Faculty to deliver a workshop there will be a fee charged to cover the cost of sending the National Faculty to the site and delivering the workshop. The Regional Instructors will be trained to deliver a variety of topic workshops covering techniques and tactics, strategy, physical training, mental preparation, team administration, team dynamics and relationships. Some regions may wish to have certain instructors focus on specific topics. The Regional Instructors will be provided with detailed topic Instructor Guides and resources (lesson plans) to use to deliver the workshop. USA is working with the USOPC on the development of an On-line mental wellness course. It will be launched at the same time as the rest of the programs, the goal is to launch the overall program and begin delivering online modules for the upcoming season. Expenses associated with USA zonal training of region trainers will be WEVA's responsibility.
- WEVA to provide financial assistance in support of a Girl's All-Star team from the region to attend the USA All Star Championships (Prior was High Performance). With the change in the structure of the USA All Star event, WEVA believes there would be an interest to send a team from the region. Currently, the region provides support of a boy's teams. Don Gleason would be a resource on how the boys' program is set up from tryouts, coach and player selection, fundraising, cost responsibility of families and travel accommodations etc. Daemen coaches Eli Irizarry and Don Gleason are not available to serve as coaches for the All-Star teams. Sent email seeking any interest and received one response from Destinee from NCVC-interested in fielding a team and coaching. Followed up. Dan Miranda, Buffalo State head men's coach is interested in fielding and coaching a boys' team. Rocco providing details regarding that effort. Rocco reaching out to an additional coach for the girl's team.
- Updated handbook with penalty points given to next scheduled match if work team is not trained to keep score causing a delay in the match. Sent email to all club directors with requirement and expectations for

work team as well as required communication to coaches/players/families so not surprised day of event. Updated other material that was outdated in document. Sent modifications added per board members for approval at meeting. Date set for response from board on acceptance or modifications recommended. Nothing received. Asked for new one to be posted. Action Item: Merge multiple documents (such as Spirit of WEVA, By-laws, Travel Policy, Handbook to name a few - action item for Cindy).

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Mission statement review
 - Motion: Approve Mission statement – from Committee – 10-0-0
 - Growth & Development committee led by Repich and has members Page, Pentz, and Trznadel
- WEVA record storage, retention, and destruction policy
 - Policy accepted
- Conflict of interest policy
 - Policy already in place
 - Forms were signed by Board members
- NTDP
 - Looking for coaches for Boys and Girls
- Looking into mandating AES tournament registration/scheduling
 - Could be costly for smaller events
- Janae Edmondson injury in St. Louis
 - Will be creating a message to the region raising awareness for possible donations to assist Janae
- Looking to hold a mandatory club director and tournament director meeting this Summer

Next BOD Meeting

- May 1, 2023 / Location: TF Brown's, Batavia, NY

Motion: Adjourn meeting – 1st Cwiklinski, 2nd Murdie

Vote: Approved: 10-0-0