

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, July 24, 2023

Location: TF Brown's, Batavia, NY

Time: 6:12 PM



Proxy:

- None

Called to order:

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

Points of Interest

- None

Meeting Minutes from May 2023 Meeting – Sent via email March 13, 2023

Motion: Approve March 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

President's Report (Lucci)

- 2023 National Meeting in Dallas, TX
 - Rocco and Frank attended the meeting
 - Boys' teams follow the competition: USA or AAU
 - SafeSport presentation
- WEVA Boys All-Star Team
 - Placed 4th out of 18 teams
- Junior Girls Rep Election Result
 - Brittany Murdie won the election

Registrar's Report (Page)

- Membership
 - 4,578 total members
 - 673 total adult memberships
 - 2875 total full junior memberships
 - 418 league/summer memberships
 - 612 tryout memberships
 - Versus budgeted:
 - Overall 152 higher
 - Adults 20 higher
 - Juniors 305 higher
 - League/summer 131 higher
 - Tryout 304 lower

Financial Report (Page)

- September 2022-June 2023
 - Income = \$311,737 (\$55,679 more than budgeted)
 - Registrations = \$172,631 (\$22,077 more than budgeted)
 - Tournament Income = \$106,100 (\$25,100 more than budgeted)

- Other Income (less tournaments) = \$33,005 (\$8,501 less than budgeted)
 - Expenses = \$226,142 (\$21,653 less than budgeted)
 - Net = \$85,595 (\$77,332 more than budgeted)
 - Investments (as of 7/22/2023)
 - \$239,595
 - Up 4.9% (\$11,095 from 7/8/2022)
 - Down 5.5% (\$13,877 from 1/8/2022)
 - Up 37% from original investment (\$175,000)

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

Vote: Approved: 8-0-0

Tournament Report (Pentz)

- Tournament Directors meeting was held on July 17th
- “Tiers” have been added to tournament sanction request form so that Tournament Directors can designate “club”, “open” or “non-classified” levels

Website Update (Pentz)

- Over 50 camp/clinic solicitations received
- New Job Board page created to promote club and college coaching opportunities
- July Newsletter going out on July 26th highlighting try-outs. Boys All-Star team, USAV memberships, and web site updates

Officials Report (Cwiklinski)

- Jeff DiCristopher and Mary Grace Keenan achieved Junior National Referee status
- Scoresheets in the Region can be anything the Region decides to use. Going outside the region may necessitate using the USA Volleyball standards
- Uniforms can be anything within the Region but going outside the region may necessitate USA Volleyball standards
- Currently have approximately 72 officials with a target of 85 officials for the start of the season

Beach Report (Majeski)

- Junior Beach Qualifier was lightly attended; could have been due to being on Father’s Day
- The divisions were primarily 12s and 14s

Junior Business (D’Errico)

- Girls - USA Nationals: Order of divisions participated in: National/USA/American/Freedom. 18s in Columbus, OH, 11s-13s in Minneapolis, MN, and 14s-17s Chicago, IL.

Age	Team Name	Record	Place
13s	VFX Mystic	0-9	42 out of 48 – National - lost in finals of Flight 6
14s	NFVB 14 Navy	1-9	46 out of 48 – National - lost in finals of Flight 7
14s	VFX Conjure	0-9	63 out of 64 – American - lost in semis of Flight 10
14s	Paradigm Riot	2-7	43 out of 48 – Freedom – lost in semis of Flight 6
15s	VFX Chant	1-9	46 out of 48 – National - lost in finals of Flight 7
15s	NFVB 15 Navy	2-7	47 out of 64 – American - lost in finals of Flight 6
15s	NFVB 15 Red	4-6	42 out of 48 – Freedom - lost in finals of Flight 6
16s	VFX Mantra	5-5	30 out of 48 – National - lost in finals of Flight 3
16s	NFVB 16 Navy	1-8	55 out of 64 – American - lost in semis of Flight 8
16s	NFVB 16 Red	0-9	47 out of 48 – Freedom – lost in semis of Flight 7
17s	VFX Rapture	4-5	27 out of 48 – National - lost in semis of Flight 2
17s	NFVB 17 Navy	3-6	43 out of 64 – American - lost in semis of Flight 5

- 17s Paradigm Revolt 4-6 33 out of 48 – Freedom – won in finals of Flight 4
- 18s NFVB 18 Navy 1-7 46 out of 48 – National – lost in finals of Flight 4
- 18s VFX Magic 4-4 33 out of 64 – American - won Flight 2B
- 18s NFVB 18 Red 0-7 47 out of 48 - Freedom - lost in semis of Flight 4

- Boys - AAU Nationals: Orlando, FL

Age	Division	Team Name	Record	Place
14	Club	Hot Shots 14 National	3-8	37 of 58 (lost in semis of Flight 3)
15	Club	Hot Shots 15 National	6-4	25 of 50 (lost in semis of Flight 1)
16	Premier	Hot Shots 16 National	5-7	39 of 48 (won finals of Flight 5)
17	Club	Hot Shots 17 National	7-5	11 of 71 (lost in semis of Gold Consolation)
14	Premier	LVC 14 Black	6-4	17 of 37 (lost in qtrs. of Flight 1)
16	Premier	LVC 16 Black	8-3	5 of 68 (lost in qtrs. of Championship)
17	Club	LVC 17 Black	6-5	24 of 71 (lost in semis of Flight 2)
18	Club	LVC 18 Black	7-5	10 of 36 (lost in finals of Gold Consolation)
15	Open	Niagara Frontier 15 Gold	4-5	33 of 48 (lost in semis of Flight 3)
15	Club	Niagara Frontier 15 Silver	5-7	44 of 50 (lost in finals of Flight 3)
16	Open	Niagara Frontier 16 Gold	5-6	55 of 60 (won in finals of Flight 6)
16	Club	Niagara Frontier 16 Silver	9-3	36 of 88 (lost in finals of Flight 3)
17	Open	Niagara Frontier 17 Gold	3-7	43 of 56 (lost in qtrs. of Flight 4)
18	Open	Niagara Frontier 18 Gold	6-4	5 of 54 (lost in qtrs. of Championship)
12	Open	Roch Pacebootlegger 12 Blk	3-6	9 of 27 (lost in qtrs. of Gold)
14	Open	Roch Pacebootlegger 14 Blk	1-9	31 of 43 (lost in semis of Flight 2)
15	Open	Roch Pacebootlegger 15 Blk	6-4	19 of 48 (lost in qtrs. of Flight 1)
16	Open	Roch Pacebootlegger 16 Blk	5-5	13 of 60 (lost in qtrs. of Gold Consolation)
17	Open	Roch Pacebootlegger 17 Blk	4-7	41 of 56 (lost in semis of Flight 4)
18	Open	Roch Pacebootlegger 18	3-6	23 of 54 (lost in qtrs. of Flight 1)

- Congratulations to all teams that participated at Nationals and represented WEVA with pride and passion. WEVA, clubs and families are all proud of your season culminating with the opportunity to represent the region at the highest level of competition! To seniors, good luck in your future endeavors. To all underclassmen, continue to work hard and see you next season as you pursue your dreams and goals!

- All Star Championships - Fort Lauderdale, FL

Age	Team Name	Record	Place
17	WEVA All Stars Boys	5-3	4 out of 18 (4th in Gold division)

- USA housing lottery was awarded to VFX and the region in 2023. This will be continued for the 2024 season with detailed information posted soon to the USA website under play/compete/Girls indoor.
- Girl's BID Qualifier – 2024 will be hosted in the Rochester area-requesting SUNY Brockport. USA needs to know the 18's teams qualified for Nationals by end of March. All divisions will be awarded a National bid with American and Freedom bids to 14's thru 17's. Determination of availability for an American/Freedom bids for our region in 2023-2024 season for 18's and 12's will occur shortly based on membership numbers compared to other regions.
- AES will be utilized again for team registration and scheduling of events for the 2023-2024 season for ALL WEVA run events. Dates to be finalized/sanctioned for WEVA Festival, Rally I, II and Rally III, Boy's Regionals, Girl's BID Qualifier and 18's Qualifier. Sent email to new contact at SUNY Brockport requesting tournament dates for the region, Pace, Hot Shots, VFX and Eastside Ice since they voiced their first preference is to host volleyball at their facility. Speaks highly of how the region represents themselves within the region! The WEVA age group Challenge events will be hosted by clubs (Past hosts include: NFVB at Niagara Frontier Sports, Eastside Ice VBC at SUNY Brockport and possibly Tri-County Sports

Complex, and VolleyFX at SUNY Brockport if dates confirmed available by facility). Junior Coordinator will work with clubs to determine dates (typically mid-March) and age groups that they are interested in hosting for the upcoming season. Awards for Challenge events will be consistent. All entry fees for WEVA hosted events will be mailed to Cindy D'Errico, 7032 Swamp Road, Byron, New York 14422. DO NOT SEND ANY ENTRY FEES or emails to the WEVA office in regard to tournaments. All communication in regard to the events will be with Cindy D'Errico, Junior Coordinator/Tournament Coordinator. ALL CHECKS written must be for one event only (Festival and Bid Qualifier 12-17 are treated as one event even though on two different dates). Checks will be shredded, and request sent for a replacement if multiple events are in one payment.

- Work team – USA will continue to require an adult rostered individual to be second referees at USA national qualifier events as well as the region WEVA Girl's BID and Boy's Regionals.
- National Qualifier events for 2024 - qualifiers have been posted to the USA website.
- 2024 Nationals Sites: Upcoming season – Girls 11-17 Nationals split to two locations/different date timeframes.
 - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 11s-13s – Dallas, TX – 6/21-6/24
 - USA Volleyball GJNC for 14s-17s - Las Vegas, NV - 7/3-7/11
 - Concern about how late this event is scheduled
 - USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC) - Dallas, TX - 6/26-7/3
 - USA Volleyball Open National Championships - Columbus, OH - 5/24-5/29
 - USA Volleyball GJNC for 18s - Baltimore, MD - 4/26-4/28
- Election was held in 2022-23 for the Girl's Representative. Brittany Murdie was elected to fill this position. The other three positions that were up for election had no one running against them. Resources currently serving in those positions agreed to serve for an additional three-year term. Positions that were up for election in 2023 were the following: Girls and Boys Representative, President, and Treasurer. Positions that are up for election in 2024 are Vice-President, Secretary, and Officials Representative. If anyone knows of resources interested in running for one of the positions in 2024, please forward name to Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the BOD.
- USA 2023-24 age group definitions will be posted to the WEVA website. Registration for the upcoming season will be set up using these guidelines.
- USA Education Services – USA seeking resources from region to serve as region trainer(s). 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 for the upcoming season. Expenses associated with USA zonal training of region trainers will be WEVA's responsibility. Julie Almond is still interested. Forwarded email from Rocco to USA education Coordinator and relayed the difficulty Julie has

had in receiving a call back and/or response via email to her request to talk to anyone about the role and USA plans for kicking off the above regional training.

- WEVA budgeted financial assistance in support of a Girl's and Boy's All Star regional team from the region to attend the USA All Star Championships in Orlando FL. WEVA held tryouts in Buffalo and Rochester. Dan Miranda, Buffalo State head men's coach, was selected as head coach for boys along with Ryan McDonough as assistant. Kristen Bauer, Buffalo State assistant woman's coach, selected as head coach for girls with Kathy Neelon as assistant. Program offered to seventeen and under athletes (born in 2006 and 2007). Tryouts were well attended, and eleven players were selected for each team along with alternates. Detailed information can be found on the WEVA website. After discussions with athletes selected for the Girls team, due to conflicts with training dates and commitments players had for collegiate camps etc., the region decided to not register the team for the event. WEVA Board and coaches will discuss considering fielding a younger girls team in 2023-24 to avoid conflicts that easily occur for the 16 and 17 under age group athletes. Also, a factor is the later date for USA Nationals for 14's to 17's (7/3-7/11).
- Topics for future discussion:
 - Do we lower or remove the requirement for girls' teams and athletes to play in two region events to qualify for BID event participation? And reinstate the requirement for qualifying for boys' regional championship events?
 - Fielding of girls' all-star team for lower age group? 2023 - 15 National - 16 teams and 15 International - 8 teams (17/15/13 fielded)
 - Girls USA Nationals for 14-17 age group - out a week later than in the past 7/3-7/11 - extra expenses for clubs, conflicts with collegiate camps etc. - with the All-Star Championships soon after?

Old Business

- WEVA Handbook update – action item
- Player Safety Resources webpage on WEVA web to include Lindsay's Law Training, CPR, Red Cross, AED, and Concussion protocols
- Action Item: Merge multiple documents (such as Spirit of WEVA, By-laws, Travel Policy, Handbook to name a few - action item for Cindy).

New Business

- Regional Organizational Audit (ROA) standards are due for WEVA by September 1st

Next BOD Meeting

- August 13, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.
- Location: Charlotte Beach, Rochester, NY

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

Vote: Approved: 10-0-0