

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, July 26, 2021
Location: Batavia Downs in Batavia, NY
Time: 6:06 PM



Proxy:

- none

Called to order:

- Present: Frank Cwicklinski, Cindy D'Errico, John Hughes, Rocco Lucci, Roger Majeski, Bill Page, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel
- Unexcused: Ryan Repich, Dave Tytler
- Guest: Gary Hill, John Newland, Jim Vanderhoof

Meeting Minutes from May 2021 Meeting – Sent via email May 11, 2021

Motion: Approve May 2021 Meeting Minutes

Email vote: **Approved:** 9-0-1

Boys Junior National Championship Funding – Initiated via email May 24, 2021

Motion: WEVA to pay Hot Shots 17s team in the amount of \$675 towards Nationals (\$1,000 entry fee less Region Championships entry fee of \$325, due to non-participation in Boys Region Championships)

Email vote: **Approved:** 8-2-0

Financial Report (Page)

- Finance summary
 - As of 7/7/2021, have a deficit of ~ \$39K due affects of COVID-19 on the season
 - Fiscal year ends 8/31/2021
- Budget report
 - Reviewed report
 - Need to update some categories
 - **Will be voted on via email after updates**
- Budget committee update
 - Meeting scheduled for 8/16/2021

Registrars Report (Hughes)

- At end of June:
 - Full Junior memberships = 1738
 - All Junior memberships = 2103
 - Full Adult memberships = 427
 - Of which 334 were coaches
- Need to relook at SportsEngine information to validate the registration numbers

Tournament Report (Seabridge) sent via email July 26, 2021

- Reviewed report
- Question on when the Boys Can-Am Bid Event would be held
 - Do not currently know the planned date
- Will resume 2-day traditional and 1-day standard sanctioning for the 2021-2022 season

Web Site Report (Seabridge)

- No report submitted
- Discussion on initial look at whether to maintain the current web site or migrate to a new platform

Officials Report (Cwicklinski)

- Difficult year due to tournaments changing up to the night before an event
- Three officials were upgraded to regional level
- Can-Am was supplied 47 officials
 - Only 2 officials brought in from out-of-region
- Looking to get the officials numbers up to 80-90 for next season

Beach Report (Majeski)

- First event in Buffalo was cancelled due to low registration
- Had trouble in getting schedule out to Juniors using SportsEngine
- Junior participation is lower than expected
- Having someone to work social media to drum up interest within the region
 - Region to look into creating a Social Media Coordinator position
- Would like to investigate running a beach qualifier, even if it is not associated with USA Volleyball

Executive Director Transition Committee Report (Seabridge) sent via email July 26, 2021

Discussions regarding the report

- Provisional referee and scorekeeper status has gone away

Motion: *Accept the strategy and plan for the Executive Director transition as presented – 1st Committee, 2nd – none needed due to coming from committee*

Approved: 9-0-1

Junior Business (D'Errico)

- To be discussed during Junior Meeting

Old Business

- Friends of WNY Volleyball golf outing
 - WEVA sponsored a foursome and two holes

New Business

- None

Next BOD Meeting

- November tbd, 2021
- Location: TBD

Motion: *Adjourn meeting – 1st Page, 2nd Trznadel*

Approved: 8-0-0

Junior Meeting

Attendees: Gary Hill (NFVB)

1) Junior National Championships

GIRLS (both American and National bids awarded this year for 13s and up). If number of teams in division is 64 that represents the American Division and teams of 48 represents the National Division. 18s in Columbus, Ohio and 11-17s in Las Vegas, Nevada. Considering adding an additional division in the future – Open, USA and Liberty (new) from qualifiers; National and American from region.

Age Division	Team Name	Record	Place
13's	VFX Mystic	2-7	51 out of 64 – lost in semis of Flight 7
13's	NFVB 13 Navy	3-6	31 out of 48 – lost in semis of Flight 3
14's	VFX Conjure	4-6	45 out of 48 – won Flight 7
14's	NFVB 14 Navy	2-7	51 out of 64 – lost in semis of Flight 7
15's	VFX Chant	4-6	30 out of 48 – lost in finals of Flight 3
15's	Viking VBC	3-7	57 out of 64 – lost in finals of Flight 9
16's	NFVB 16 Navy	3-7	30 out of 48 – lost finals of Flight 3
16's	NFVB 16 Red	0-9	63 out of 64 – lost in semis of Flight 10
17's	NFVB 17 Navy	5-4	21 out of 64 – lost in semis of Bronze A
17's	VFX Rapture	1-8	47 out of 48 – lost in semis of Flight 7
18's	Penn York Power	1-7	46 out of 48 – lost in finals of Flight 4

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Age Division	Team Name	Record	Place
14 USA	Pace 14 Black	6-3	3 out of 23 – lost in semis of Gold
14 USA	LVC 14 Black	5-3	13 out of 23 – lost in quarters of Silver
15 Open	NFVB 15 Gold	0-9	35 out of 36 – lost in quarters of Flight 3
15 Club	Pace 15 Black	6-5	15 out of 41 – lost in semis of Bronze
16 Open	NFVB 16 Gold	1-8	35 out of 36 – lost in quarters of Flight 3
16 Open	Pace 16 Black	6-5	25 out of 36 – won Flight 2
16 USA	LVC 16 Black	4-5	19 out of 36 - lost in semis of Bronze
17 Open	NFVB 17 Gold	7-2	5 out of 36 – lost in quarters of Gold
17 Open	Hot Shots 17 Nat'l	3-6	23 out of 36 – lost in semis of Flight 1
18 Open	NFVB 18 Gold	6-4	21 out of 36 – won Flight 1
18 Club	Pace 18	10-2	10 out of 56 – lost in semis of Silver
18 USA	LVC 18 Black	6-3	13 out of 36 – lost in quarter of Silver

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!

2) USA housing lottery was awarded to VFX and the region in 2021. This will be continued for the 2022 season with detail information posted soon to the USA website under events/Girl's indoor.

3) Girl's BID Qualifier – 2021 will be hosted in the Rochester area. USA needs to know the 18's teams qualified for Nationals by end of March. The 18's BID Qualifier will only be awarded a National level BID. There is no American BID to Nationals for 18's or 12's. Determination of availability for an American BID for our region in 2021-2022 season will occur shortly based on membership numbers compared to other regions. With our region numbers being down for this past season we are hoping that WEVA will still be awarded an American bid for the upcoming season.

4) AES will be utilized again for team registration in the 2021-2022 season for ALL WEVA run events. Dates to be determined for WEVA Festival, Rally I, II and Rally III, Boy's Regionals, Girl's BID Qualifier and 18's Qualifier. The WEVA age group Challenge events will be hosted by clubs (Past hosts include: NFVB at Niagara Frontier Sports, Eastside Ice VBC at Tri-County Sports Complex, VolleyFX at Pinnacle Sports Complex). Junior Coordinator will work with clubs to determine dates and age groups that they are interested

in hosting for the upcoming season. Awards for the 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 John Hughes in the WEVA office in regards to tournaments. All communication in regards to the events will be with Cindy D'Errico, Junior Coordinator/Tournament Coordinator.

5) WEVA region Travel Policy is posted to the WEVA website. USA requirement that all clubs have a travel policy. All new clubs will have to review WEVA policy and advise if they are adopting the WEVA policy as their club policy or have one of their own. If they have one of their own it has to be sent to the WEVA office for their records. New clubs for 2021-2022 season need to comply.

6) 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.

7) National Qualifier events for 2022 – two qualifiers have been posted to the USA website (Lone Star and Sunshine). Refer to the website as additional ones are finalized. USA looking to host some of the traditional ones in the future.

8) 2022 Nationals Sites:

The USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 11's thru 17's returns to Indianapolis, Indiana 6/23-7/4

The USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC) - TBD

The USA Volleyball Open National Championships - TBD

The USA Volleyball Girl's Junior National Championships for 18's - TBD

9) No election was held in 2020-21. The three positions that were up for election had no one running against them. The three resources in those positions agreed to serve for an additional three-year term. Positions that were up for election in 2021 were the following: Vice-President, Official's Representative and Secretary. Positions that are up for election in 2022 are Junior Coordinator, Growth and Development Coordinator and Beach Representative. If anyone knows of resources interested in running for one of the positions in 2022, please forward name to Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the BOD.

10) USA 2021-22 age group definitions will be posted to the WEVA website. Registration for the upcoming season will be set-up using these guidelines.

11) RVAA motions passed at their meeting in 2021:

a) Competition Motion - Teams are no longer required to line up on the end line prior to the match.

b) Competition Motion - Reinstate the 15 Point tie breaker single set for Gold advancement. Teams tied in matches will be required to play a tie breaking set. There would be the minimum number of tiebreaking matches played. For example, if 3 tied for 1st, sets would determine 1st, 2nd and 3rd would play a tiebreaking set.

c) Allow boys 12s & 13s to have age waivers available similar to those now offered to boys 14s based on grade in school. Sixth grade boys can play 12s and seventh grade boys can play 13s.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

Based on short term and long term goals for the region:

1) Retirement of Executive Director/Commissioner August 2022, consideration of splitting roles to two resources – Commissioner (volleyball related duties) and Executive Director (business related duties) with implementation of a dedicated registrar.

2) Grow the membership in the region, identify obstacles to get membership back to pre-COVID levels, additional support from region to grow membership in the region

a) Solicit coaching interests and provide training to new coaches

b) Support in obtaining additional practice facilities and/or courts available to region for tournaments/practices

c) Support in starting new clubs

3) WEVA to provide financial assistance in support of a Girl's HP team from the region to attend the USA High Performance Championships. In the past, there was no interest on the girl's side to have a WEVA region team attend the HP Championships. With the change in the structure of the USA High Performance program, WEVA believes there would be an interest to send a team from the region. Currently, the region provides support of two boy's teams. Don Gleason would be a resource for how the boys program is set up from tryouts, coach and player selection, fundraising, cost responsibility of families and travel accommodations etc.

4) Increase WEVA region or clubs role in running beach events. Best timing for events with indoor Nationals scheduled thru beginning of July for boys and girls. WEVA to be re-approved to host a beach qualifier event within the region. The 2021 USA NATIONAL BEACH TOUR QUALIFIER AND CHAMPIONSHIP MANUAL was updated in May 2021 and posted to the USA website.

5) Research interest and establish a possible date for a WEVA run Coaches Clinic with local college coaches in January timeframe possibly in conjunction with one of the WEVA sanctioned events. Depending on format, possibly offer a Friday night clinic before the event starts or if a two day event in the evening after the first day of competition. Cindy to do additional research and work with tournament directors on best option.

6) Board topic dependent on landscape for 2021-2022 season - AES – Do we run WEVA events thru AES, an additional cost is \$10 per team? Benefit is for results to be available in AES versus teams entering them for use for seeding at National Qualifiers/Nationals and schedule available online. Schedules are posted to the WEVA website for each event.

Additional Discussion

- Will reach out to Club Directors to gauge whether they plan on participating in the 2021-2022 season and to update their tryout information on the WEVA web site

Motion: Adjourn meeting – 1st Majeski, 2nd D'Errico

Approved: 8-0-0