

WEVA Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: July 21, 2008

Time: 7:50 PM

Present: S. Seabridge, T. Weislo, J. Lodes, T. Short, D. Schoenl, R. Majeski, L. Schoenl, C. D'Errico, J. Hughes, J. Ingalls, L. Wilson, F. Chase

Excused: R. Lucci, C. Wickens, J. Newland

Unexcused: R. Repich, B. Chanthavisouk

Guests: Michell Hays (Crossroads), Gene Watchey (JAVA), John Gilfus (Wildcats), Pete Woodward (JAVA), David Kohl (JAVA), Gary Hill (NFVB)

Welcome & Thank You/Agenda Review (S. Seabridge & C. D'Errico)

- Thanks to all attending tonight
- Introductions of WEVA BOD members

Top Level Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- On a national level, WEVA is in top 10% in increases of members
- As of 7/21/08, WEVA has 2275 members

Top Level Finance Report (J. Hughes)

- Big change in WEVA past vs. WEVA present. Budget is currently over \$130,000
- End result (after \$15,000 to NFVB), we are going to break even for our budget
- Question: Any changes in WEVA registration of \$43 for next season?
 - Answer: Budget meeting will be held in early August. There may be a recommendation for approximately \$3 increase for registration. All club reps will be notified after budget meeting about any increases

Top-level BOD Changes Report (S. Seabridge)

- From the start of our season up to now, we finally got to maximum of members. However, meetings became dysfunctional and it got to be too much
- BOD has been scaled down to a "core" group with sub-committees that will help to make decisions
- BOD to now consist of the following:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Officials Rep
 - Junior Coordinator
 - Boys Rep
 - Girls Rep
 - Adult Rep
- Everyone stays in current positions except Roger Majeski will move to Adult Rep instead of Ryan Repich. Ryan was not able to make some of the meetings and with Roger's tenure on the BOD, it was a logical decision
- Question: What is the BOD looking for representation from the Southern Tier?
 - Answer: Cindy D'Errico to make list of questions that affect the junior community, so all will be represented
- Sub-Committees may consist of the following:
 - Adult
 - Communication
 - Education

- Ethics and Eligibility
- Executive
- Event
- Finance
- Governance
- Junior
- Officials
- Outdoor
- Next elections 2010:
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Boys Rep
 - Girls Rep
- Next elections 2011:
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Junior Coordinator
 - Adult Rep
 - Officials Rep

Adult Power League (S. Seabridge)

- Ryan Repich didn't get information to Scott before the meeting
- Our region is being hit hard by the loss of adult players due to the rise of junior club/players
- Thought of getting an adult power league forming with other regions. As long as each region can get two teams, it should be able to work
- Key is to get non-coaching adults registered and playing volleyball
- Question: What season are you looking?
 - Answer: Looking at January through April

Website Update (S. Seabridge)

- Been working with Symbolic Inc. to update our WEVA website
- Core website is completed
- Clubs will be able to register and login and enter their own information
- Tournament sanctioning will still be online, but certain fields can be edited (e.g. adding sites, more age groups)
- Practice sanctioning will be online
- Bouaketh will be news editor
- Please send club pictures (team, club, facility, officials, etc) to Scott to add to our website
- Projected completion date: Aug. 15

Outdoor Efforts (J. Hughes/R. Majeski)

- Junior qualifier tournament: August 3 (Great Lakes tournament)
- Big push for juniors to play on the beach
- Harborfest week Jun 22-23 had a big turnout (4 courts women/2 courts men)
- 60%-70% of NOVA membership are juniors
- Junior series is also being run at Hot Shots
- USA Volleyball is really pushing outdoor volleyball

Tournament Report (S. Seabridge)

- Review of last year's meeting:

- 4-team pools are HIGHLY recommended but NOT mandatory
 - Will revisit the subject after 2007-2008 season to determine whether to make it mandatory
 - Is there a need for 5-team pools (financial reasons)?
- Tournament Entry & Roster Changes
 - Tournament entries and rosters must be done using the USA Volleyball Online database
- Incorrect tournament paperwork submission.
 - Scoresheets do not get sent
 - Sanction fee portion of the financial report is the sanction fees your tournament was assessed, not the total sanction fees & sanction bonds you sent it
 - Please DON'T send scoresheets!!!
- Review of 2007-2008 Tournaments:
 - 33 girls (+4 from last season) and 9 boys (-1 from last season)
 - Does not include girls bid or boys region championships
 - 3 girls events cancelled (Tri-County & Northern Tier) due to lack of teams
 - Teams are not being entered by their 11-digit team code in all tournaments
 - Rosters are incomplete: signatures missing from tournament director and coach; coaches are not listed on rosters
- Changes for the 2008-2009 season:
 - Should try to avoid sanctioning girls and boys tournaments for the same weekend
 - More to be determined by events committee
- Tournament Sanction Submission Deadlines
 - 2-day events: August 15, 2008
 - 1-day events: September, 12, 2008
 - After the September 12th deadline, it will be first-come, first-served
- Tournament Traditions
 - Rochester Can-Am National Boys' Bid Tournament: MLK weekend
 - Niagara Frontier: MLK weekend (January 19-20) Girls 14,16,18
 - Volley FX: 5th weekend (January 31-February 1) Girls 14,16,18
 - Volley FX: March 1-2 Girls 12-18
 - JAVA: March 21-22
 - New-Finger Lakes Wildcats: February 14-15

Junior Power League (C. D'Errico)

- Looking at having a junior power league in the Northeast. (NEPL – Northeast Power League)
- Initially going to have 16's and 18's
- Hope to get 12 teams to make a commitment
- Hopefully will keep travel expenses low and playing level high
- Events that are being held locally, members of the power league will have a guaranteed entry
- 6 -7 teams have shown interest so far
- Trying to keep it to WEVA, IREVA, KEVA, GEVA, Keystone, and New England regions at this point
- Membership is \$1,600 but money goes toward entry fees to tournaments (guaranteed entry)

Junior Tournament Dates (S. Seabridge)

- See above under tournament traditions

Junior Report (C. D'Errico)

- Feedback that Cindy D'Errico has received/Issues covered this season:
 - Player requested to transfer teams after financial commitment
 - Player parental and coaches conduct

- Major discussion on 18's conflict with graduation
- Email from VolleyFX to USA about any future potential conflicts
- No girls representation at USA nationals this year
- JVDA organization that was organized this year and held their own end of the year event in Louisville that was very successful
- WEVA Bid Tournament concerns: part of the process is to confirm the finish in tournaments
- Teams playing at an open vs. club level at a qualifier
- Tournament information to be distributed earlier
- Last event included in seeding will be the one 2 weeks prior
- Only one team was not allowed to play in the bid qualifier
- April is a very hard month based on breaks, please send more feedback to Cindy to set dates for the qualifier
- Ranking system is posted on website, please send feedback to Cindy. Should the human element be included after the rankings are completed? Will keep looking into that
- FYI, we need to educate people within clubs: once you know what your club schedule is, please send it in to Cindy so it can be included in the rankings
- Members from VolleyFX, KEVA, JAVA, NFVB, Xtreme were present for the ranking process (how to put weight on each tournament)
- WEVA Fest will stay a 1-day tournament
- Bid qualifier, this past year 13,14,15 had to go to nationals and 12,16,17,18 could use their money for another season ending event other than nationals: Next year will go back to original plan
- Jim Lodes to compile a list of what tapes, educational materials are available at UB. WEVA to allocate funds to add to the list. WEVA to pay for shipping materials to people, but you must pay to ship the materials back
- Online registration went better than previous years. Please don't let coaches register your kids
- IMPACT certifications are required for ALL coaches. 30-40 coaches will not be able to participate at the beginning of the next season, until they get their IMPACT certification (John will send the list to affected clubs)
- IMPACT is also being discussed that it will expire after 4 years, but nothing has been decided yet
- Requirement for next year is to have a rostered adult to be a second referee. Has to be qualified to take over any position except the first referee
- In re-structuring the BOD, the junior coordinator is looking at having 3 committees for juniors:
 - Education- Kyle Salisbury (IMPACT, CAP, First Aid/CPR, etc)
 - Competition (bid qualifier, ranking system, WEVA Fest, power league, sanctioned events, etc)
 - Ethics & Eligibility (behavioral, code of conduct, recruiting, etc)
- Any volunteers interested in any of the committees please contact Cindy D'Errico

New Business

- WEVA is looking into WebEx for future meetings to get more representation from other locations
- Would also like to have pre-meeting email discussions, so meetings run more efficiently

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM

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