

WEVA BOD Meeting – AGENDA

Monday, Jan 15, 2018

T.F. Browns - in Batavia, NY – 6PM



Excused Absences: None

Unexcused Absence: D. Johnson and J. Crangle

Call to order: 6:08pm

BOD and Staff Position Update (R. Lucci and J. Hughes)

- Discussion regarding changing the adult position to a new title on the board.
 - The suggestion is that the title is “Development” or “Developmental” or “Region Membership Development”
 - This position would continue to work towards growing the adult membership, but it would also work in a larger scope to grow membership in all ages and have continued growth in the region.
 - Dan submitted an email in November regarding his thoughts on this change.
 - We will look to confirm the changes in the position title at the March meeting.
- Board positions are eligible to be challenged after two unexcused absences
 - Two positions were specifically discussed due to both positions having two unexcused absences.

Last Meetings Minutes (L. Schlegel)

- Approved via email 11/29/2017.

Points of Info

- Thanks to Frank and Art for running the referee Clinics
- Thanks to John Newland for organizing referees for Can Am weekend (boys and girls)
- Thanks to John Hughes for his work over the past two weeks in helping clubs get ready to compete this weekend and to help the tournament directors get ready to host the events
- Thanks to Cal Wickens and Dan Bowers for their work in running the Boys Can Am Qualifier.
- Thanks to Rocco Lucci for his work in running the girls 14s and 16s Can Am in Buffalo.
- Boys Bid Winners from Boys Can Am Qualifier
 - NFVB 15-1, 16-1, 18-1
 - Lockport 14-1 and 17-1
 - Pace 14-1, 15-1, 17-1 and 18-1
- Boys Bid Winners from Previous weekend at So Cal Qualifier
 - Pace 16-1
- WEVA hosted first USAV Boys HP tryout in conjunction with the USAV HP tryout that took place the Friday night prior to the Boys Can Am Qualifier.

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- Reviewed membership document provided by J. Hughes
 - Junior youth is up 127 members from last year.
 - Discussed options for how we can help players find a club to play for when they are cut from the club they have tried out for.
- Reviewed financial document provided by J. Hughes
 - Current membership gives us every indication that we will meet our budget for the year.
 - Grant is shown that was given from USAV to help the region grow the boys program.
 - Some of this grant has already been allocated.
 - Region store is currently behind, but should be made up once clubs complete payments.
 - Advance on salaries for S. Seabridge and J. Newland are shown in document.

- IMPACT clinics are on schedule according to budget.

Tournament Report (J. Hughes via S. Seabridge)

- Reviewed S. Seabridge report that was emailed out.

Financial Report (B. Page)

- Budget report
 - Review Quarterly Summary that was handed out.
 - Youth Membership is up.
 - Junior and Youth Membership spending is up and is in line with what has been budgeted for the year.
 - VanGuard Report reviewed
 - Discussed potential for future investments based on trends that we have tracked on our account.
 - Discussed the best time to potentially make a next investment.

Motion To Approve Budget; 1st R. Majeski, 2nd C. D’Errico - Approved (8-0-0) – Unanimous

Officials Report (F. Cwiklinski)

- Thanks to the board from Frank for his position on the board this year
- Clinic recap
 - Four Clinics; two in Buffalo and two in Rochester
 - Thanks to Rocco and Cal for helping to host these clinics.
 - Currently have 71 referees.
 - Jeff Fahmer is a candidate for Junior National
 - Sally Wise is also a potential candidate for Junior National
 - 7 new officials have joined.
 - Will be used on 12s, 13s and 14s and will be helped by area veteran officials.
 - Goal is that the officials are “facilitators” – not “police”
 - Poor behavior will not be tolerated by officials at events and veteran officials will be the head officials at sites to help set this standard and protect young / new officials.
 - F. Cwiklinski’s role will be to help all officials at events this year vs. being up on the stand and working.
- National Clinic
 - Cancelled on Friday due to the clinician not being able to make it due to the weather. Officials can also take this clinic online. There were 31 officials signed up and it most likely will not be rescheduled for this area to host again this year.
- Briefly discussed why our region loses new / young officials after 1 or 2 years and what we can do to potentially help retain officials more in the future.

Adult Report (D. Johnson / R. Lucci)

- 3 Men’s teams planning on attending open Nationals
 - 1 A, 1 AA and 1 B
- 3 Women’s teams planning on attending open Nationals
 - Two are playing A and one is playing 40 and over

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- Siesta Key is hosting Nationals again.
- Discussion about our region hosting a qualifier again this year.
 - If we do, our region will get an additional 3 bids to give out at the event.
 - Date consideration would be for a June date over a July date.
 - July date is not best based on juniors playing at Nationals and then coming back and heading to camps.

- Last year's event was also largely effected by the weather and effect it had on the beach.
 - USAV would sanction our event for any date we suggest.
 - Sunday, June 17 is a suggested date for this event (Father's Day).
- Cost, equipment and location discussion.
 - Charlotte, Woodlawn, Sylvan, Mickey Rats and Sunset were all discussed as options to consider.
 - Charlotte and Woodlawn would most likely be the best two options.
 - Equipment would need to be determined. Discussed if we would need to rent from NOVA (or elsewhere) or if we could use portable systems.
 - Most likely we would aim to use portable systems to alleviate the cost of equipment rental from this past year.
 - Set up / clean up staff would need to be determined since we also paid NOVA for this last year.
- We also would run an adult event in conjunction with this event to help pull more people to the event to play and help volunteer.

Action Item: R. Majeski needs to reach out to USAV regarding our proposed date to get final approval. R. Lucci would help in reaching out to Woodlawn / Town of Hamburg to make sure we are able to use the beach that day

Junior Report (C. D'Errico)

- Reviewed Cindy's report as presented.

WEVA Document/Policy amendments

- No new updates to report.

Old Business

- Concussion Training on WEVA site
 - Not mandated by USAV as of right now, but we have a link on our website for coaches to take course and it is needed if you coach in Ohio.
- Safesport Training
 - This will move to being required every two years by coaches.
 - Feedback is that the current Safesport is taking longer and seeing some issues with the site but USAV is working on it.

New Business

- Discussion about the conditions at the Armory.
- Commitment Letter written by WEVA to the Lockport Sports Complex
 - Letter was same as WEVA has done with other facilities for a reverse check book set up in exchange for court usage and equipment.

Action Item Review

- All reviewed and completed

Motion To Adjourn Meeting: 1st T. Schneider, 2nd W. Page - Approved (8-0-0) – Unanimous

End time; 8:04pm

Next Meeting – Monday, March 12, 2018 at 6pm - TF Browns

Action Item: R. Majeski to reserve TF Browns for March meeting.

- 1) WEVA events – All sanctioned WEVA events have been entered into AES. Registrations to date listed below.

WEVA Rally I – 2/4 - 13, 15, 17 – (28 teams) – SUNY Brockport 7 courts
WEVA Festival – 2/10 - 12, 13, 14, 15 (46 teams) – Pinnacle 6 courts, Tri-County Sports (3 courts) – working on Victor Complex
WEVA Festival – 2/11 - 16, 17, 18 (44 teams) – Pinnacle 6 courts. East HS (3) – working on Victor Complex, Tri-County 2 courts – asked about cancellation policy since we need 3-4 courts not 2
WEVA 14's Challenge – 3/10 – (24 teams) – BNCC 6 courts
WEVA 18's BID Qualifier – 3/11 – (3 teams) – BNCC 2 courts
WEVA 15's Challenge – 3/11 – (16 teams) – Pinnacle 6 courts – AT THIS POINT ONLY need 4 courts
WEVA Boy's Championships – 3/25 - 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (21 teams) – 13 courts 2017 – Pinnacle 6 courts, SUNY Brockport 7 courts
WEVA Rally II – 4/8 - 12, 14, 16, 18 (45 teams) – SUNY Brockport 3 courts (had 7 originally), East HS 3 courts, Pinnacle 6 courts
WEVA Rally III – 4/15 - 13, 15, 17 (24 teams) – SUNY Brockport – 7 courts
WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/28 - Apr 29th – 12, 13, 14 (15 teams) – BNCC (6 courts) – may need extra dependent on 12's and 13's registration numbers
WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/29 - 15, 16, 17 (16 teams) – BNCC – 6 courts

Determined court requirements, finalizing additional requests for courts with Victor school district. Will update website as soon as finalized and send communication to registered teams. Need to order medals for events and will provide breakdown per event to John for the budget entries.

- 2) WEVA purchased equipment for 8th court set-up at SUNY Brockport, will be available after February 4th. Confirming availability of extra court for tournaments being hosted after that date.
- 3) WEVA BID 18's Qualifier – one WEVA event requirement – changed for the 2018 season.
- 4) Sent emails in regards to the WEVA 14's and 15's Challenge events encouraging ALL WEVA teams within the respective age groups to participate in these events. Communicated to club directors to update their rosters with players and to make all listed teams for their club to inactive/active. This will assist in evaluation of teams not registered for these events that may exist in the region. SENT second notification.
- 5) Sent out reminder to club directors of requirement (after verbiage on website was updated and new safe sport link information posted) that all registered adults affiliated with a junior club (chaperones and team reps included) will be required to be Safe Sport certified for 2017-2018. Each adult that is affiliated with junior players in any capacity must complete a background check form and the safe sport certification requirements. In addition, each adult serving in a coach's role must complete the Impact certification. Once all adult requirements have been completed the adult personnel can be added to a webpoint roster. Webpoint will not allow anyone to be added to a roster until all requirements have been met that are applicable to their assigned role for the team. Starting in 2018-2019 season, Safe Sport certification will be required every two years. Adults completing the new course in 2017-2018 season will be set for two years. There are FREE Impact on Demand offerings available to the region, contact John Hughes for details. Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the board will serve as WEVA's Safe Sport Representative to USA. Michael completed training at the USA meeting in October.
- 6) Scott sent email out in regards to AES roster being sufficient as well as the webpoint roster for WEVA events in the future. Asked Scott to confirm that certifications will show up on AES roster if imported into AES. If not, how can tournament directors advise teams when they do not meet the WEVA requirements and Scott verify after 3/15 deadline date?
- 7) Asked John to send out email to undecided registered players that openings exist on Shamrock rosters for 14's, 16's and 17's.
- 8) Education Committee – Rocco/Dan hosted the Coaches and players clinic at BNCC in December. Sixty coaches and about 80 players participated in the clinic. Reported it was a huge success. Niagara Frontier has website up that has testimonials and video from the event.
- 9) WEVA Travel Policy Requirement – will need to advise new clubs formed this year that one will be required. They can adopt WEVA's or develop one of their own. John and I will be following up with new club directors
- 10) Sent twelve and under serving standard for WEVA sanctioned tournaments to Scott to forward to all tournament directors. Completed. Sending to officials chair so he can advise all registered officials of the guidelines for the 2018 season.
- 11) Sent notification to all club directors in regards to revised handbook posted to website.
- 12) To be sent - email to boy's club directors with request to register for Regional Championships to assist in early determination of court requirements and plans for the use of the 13 courts reserved between Pinnacle and SUNY Brockport.
- 13) Reimbursed Rob Lewandowski for AVCA coaching convention registration and both Hunter Drews (LAVA) and Laura Thiele (VFX) for registration into the Art of Coaching offering based on coaches scholarship requests received.
- 14) Xtreme cancelled all tournaments that were previously sanctioned for 2018 due to facility issues. WEVA picked up the 14's age group scheduled for the same weekend as one of the WEVA Rally events.
- 15) Xtreme sent email to BOD that they will no longer exist as a club effective in the 2018-2019 season.
- 16) Additional new clubs this year (Alexander, Southwestern VBC (Jamestown area) and WNY Royals for Girls along with Westside VBC for Boys) and some clubs have seen growth for 2017-2018 season (Sunsetters Girls). John Vianney VBC girls club changed club name to Viking Volleyball. VFX started an Academy program for 13's and 14's due to the larger number of players at tryouts. An alternative to their regional and travel programs. Girl's club going inactive this year Penfield Tradition and Boy's club inactive this year Southtowns.
- 17) Updated Ranking document with a couple new tournaments per feedback from club directors. Revised document posted to WEVA website.
- 18) Will be working on a Parent Guideline/Expectations document that can be utilized within the region for all clubs.
- 19) Followed up with email to the following individuals for development of a plan in meeting the requirements for completing their IMPACT instructor certification. Sent contact information for USA resource to coordinate completion of the Impact instructor course. Will ask them to complete webinar in the fall of 2018 so they are set to step in for scheduled IMPACT classes for the 2018-2019 season.
 - o Rob Arciolla – accepted to support the Southern Tier – attended December CAP II clinic in Virginia - completing requirements.

- Mark Robinson – accepted to support the EAST – completed CAP I and CAP II certification.
- Steve Pike – accepted to support the WEST – CAP II article yet to be completed.

Submitted by: WEVA JUNIOR COORDINATOR – Cindy D’Errico