



WEVA Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6:30pm at TF Browns in Batavia, NY

Call the meeting to Order: 6:35pm

Excused Absence: F. Chase (proxy J. Hughes), M. Trznadel

Unexcused Absence: J. Crangle, W. Paige

Last Meetings Minutes (L. Schlegel) Approved via e-mail on March 21, 2017

Points of Info

- Girls WEVA bid winners
 - 12s – VFX 12-1
 - 13s – NFVB 13-1 / NFVB 13-2
 - 14s – NFVB 14-1 / VFX 14-1
 - 15s – NFVB 15-1 / VFX 15-1
 - 16s – VFX 16-1 / NFVB 16-1
 - 17s – VFX 17-1 / Octane 17-1
- Don Gleason named inaugural head men's coach at Daemen College
 - Buffalo News article presented by Rocco
- Pinnacle has new general manager that we will have to work with.

Registrars Report (J. Hughes) – sent via e-mail on May 4

- The region is down 94 total members from last season
 - This is most likely due to JAVA and FLWC clubs folding.

Tournament Report (S. Seabridge)

- Sent via email on May 8, 2017

Financial Report ((J. Hughes and B. Page)

- Budget report – sent via e-mail on May 4, 2017
- Fines and Fine letters (J. Hughes)
 - Reviewed fines that have been sent out and confirmed all clubs received a letter.
 - Discussed the procedure for clubs that do not comply and pay their fine and ideas to help enforce.

Motion: To send out another round of letters to clubs that have not paid their fine. This letter will notify them that the fine must be paid by August 31, 2017 or their club will become inactive for the upcoming year. 1st C. D'Errico, 2nd T. Schnieider – Approved (7-0-0) - Unanimous

Motion To Approve Budget Report: 1st R. Majeski 2nd R. Lucci -Approved (7-0-0) – Unanimous

WEVA Document/Policy amendments



- Updated WEVA Due Process and Appeals document - **Approved (9-0-0) Unanimous via email on March 27, 2017**

Election Update (R. Lucci)

- **Motion:** To name the following two incumbents and one newcomer facing no opposition to their respective WEVA Board positions by way of casting one vote via the Board of Directors and therefore eliminating the establishment of voting process by the membership: Michael Trznadel - Vice President (Nominee), Lindsey Schlegel - Secretary (Incumbent), John Newland - Officials Representative (Incumbent)
Motion To Approve: 1st, F. Chase, 2nd R. Lucci - Approved (9-0-0) Unanimous via email on April 4, 2017
- Notice to membership

Officials Report (J. Newland)

- Mike Paul – WEVA referee that was one of the referees at the DIII Men’s National Championship
- Pay Rate
 - Can Am:
 - Officials budget for this event was over \$4,000 the budgeted amount for Pace.
 - This is due to the # of referees that we have to bring into the region for this event.
 - More mileage and hotels were needed.
- Received update on officials that are moving up in their certifications and in the process of raising their certifications.
- Bid Tournament
 - Girls Bid Event- Need to budget more money for officials next year based on what we did this year.
 - We did 11 officials on 6 courts, ideally this is 12 and a normal tournament is usually 9.
 - We did this to allow an up and down official on all semis and finals of all age groups.
 - Boys Bid Event
 - Traditionally we have put an up and down on the 18s semi’s and finals, so we can consider this for all age groups but at a minimum will keep it for 18s.

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- Schedule is out
- First event: Saturday, May 13 @ Cobbs Hill
- Tour event: early June we can expect to see more advertising for the event.
 - July 16 – date is confirmed and set
- Charlotte Beach
 - Next two events are suppose to be here
 - Condition of beach right now is not good due to all the rain and this might effect the events.

Adult Report (D. Johnson)



- Meat raffle was run this weekend to support teams headed to adult nationals
- Teams are practicing and preparing for Nationals
- Men's / Women's Indoor Tournament this weekend at Pinnacle
 - First Adult Tournament by Pinnacle
 - 4 Women's Teams (BB/ A Level) / 7 Men's Teams (A Level)
- Next big item for all our adult teams is Nationals at the end of the Month.

Action Item: D. Johnson to present adult ideas for the region at the next meeting. The topic is a proposed tournament series to put into place next year. All tournaments would be sanctioned USAV events.

Junior Report (C. D'Errico)

- Reviewed Cindy's Junior Report Notes
- Two-event rule for bid event eligibility.
 - Girl's 18s – Discussed what our reason is for this rule and what the negative effect could be if we only required one event.
- 12U serving guidelines
 - Added notes about jump serving during the season.
 - Ideas from event committee / Board brainstorm
 - Every 2 serves the player has to take a step back
 - When they come around in the rotation for a second time, they need to start where they ended.
 - Or – put a line on the court that is the same on all courts and players have to stay behind it.
 - Or – max of 3 serves from within the court and then player must move back to behind the end line. The player can start inside the court the next time they serve in the rotation.
 - Tournament Directors can alter expectations for the Gold Division.
- 12U and 13U bid event requirements:
 - For 12s and 13s we will except all teams and eliminate the requirement of playing in 4 total events to be able to participate. All teams are required to play in two region events to be eligible to play.
- WEVA tournament roster submissions (Webpoint vs. AES or either)
- Pinnacle Vendor and Spectator Fees
 - Vendor Fees – we would negotiate these for next year and have vendors cover these.
 - Spectator Fees – we can raise the cost of the event to cover these fees so our spectators do not need to pay.
 - Need to find out from Pinnacle what they would increase our per day / per court rate for us to eliminate the spectator fee.
 - Need to address with Pinnacle their spectator fee for kids
 - This year they charged all kids older then 2yrs to enter and “watch.”
 - Ideally we can negotiate all children to be free in the upcoming year.



- Suggestion for Bid Event discussed
 - The suggestion was to do the event in a wave format and then all the finals on one day for all ages.
 - We have done this in the past, but stopped to move 15s – 17s off of Saturday to help with multi-sport athletes.
 - Same situation for the boys.

Action Item: J. Hughes to find out this information from Pinnacle so we know if this is an option or not. He will also address the fee they are charging for kids as spectators.

New Business

- Golf Outing Sponsorship
 - Last year we sponsored two holes – total we gave was \$300
 - This year, proposed:
 - Closet to the pin sponsor
 - Hole sponsor
 - ½ hole sponsor
 - Total will be \$300
 - WEVA to send out communication about the event to all members.
- Discussion by board on the potential for WEVA to host CAP I Course

Motion To Approve \$300 sponsorship: 1st C. D’Errico, 2nd J. Newland -Approved (7-0-0) – Unanimous

Action Item Review (L. Schlegel)

- WEVA staff job descriptions

Action Item: L. Schlegel to meet with C. D’Errico to go over and establish the junior coordinator job description and the WEVA staff job description that she fulfills. This needs to be completed for July meeting.

Next Meeting – Proposed Annual Meeting – Monday, July 10 – Location TBD

- 6-7:00 – Abbreviated Board Meeting
- 7 – 8:30 – Junior Meeting

Motion To Adjourn Meeting: 1st J. Newland, 2nd R. Majeski – 9:02pm - Motion Approved (9/0/0) Unanimous

Meeting Closed: 9:02pm

To all WEVA members over the age of 18...



After nominee requests for the open board positions in the 2017 WEVA Board of Director election, the Governance Committee which oversees the process, resolved that each position up for election saw only one candidate.

As there were no contests for any position, the Governance Committee and the Board of Directors has announced each person elected by acclamation for the term ending July of 2020.

As the President of the WEVA Board of Directors along with the Governance Committee members, I would like to announce the following 2017 BOD positions:

Vice President – Michael Trznadel (nominee)

Secretary - Lindsey Schlegel (Incumbent)

Officials Representative - John Newland (Incumbent)

Congratulations to the incumbents and new board members.

As always, the WEVA board is interested in new and progressive leadership within our organization. Please contact any one of the board members if you are interested in future board positions or to sit on one of the subcommittees vital to the operation of the Western Empire Region.

Thank You

Rocco Lucci

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WEVA Board President

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WEVA BOD Meeting – AGENDA

- Monday, July 10, 2017
- Genesee Community College
- Conable Tech Building T-121 - in Batavia, NY

Last Meetings Minutes (L. Schlegel) Approved via e-mail

Points of Info – Tabled for Junior Meeting

Registrars Report (J. Hughes) – Tabled for Junior Meeting

Financial Report (B. Page)

- Budget report
- Finance Summary (B. Page)
- Budget Committee meeting date



Tournament Report (J. Hughes via S. Seabridge)

Officials Report (J. Newland)

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

Adult Report (D. Johnson)

Report on teams at USAV Open Nationals

Junior Report (C. D'Errico) – Tabled for Junior Meeting

Old Business

- Friends of WNY Volleyball

Action Item Review (L. Schlegel)

Next Meeting – Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6pm Location TBD

WEVA Annual Meeting – JUNIOR AGENDA

- Monday, July 10, 2017
- Location: Genesee Community College - Conable Tech Building T-121 - in Batavia, NY
 - 6:00 p.m. BOD Annual Meeting
 - 7:00 p.m. Combined Boys & Girls Junior Meeting and Roundtable

Agenda will include a regular 6pm meeting of the Board of Directors followed by a 7pm meeting geared towards junior growth and development in the region. A recap of the past season, new guidelines and an open discussion about the future of our region will be on the slate.

Items to be discussed:

- WEVA membership numbers
- USA National Championship Results (Boys, Girls, Men, Women)
- Tournaments - dates, locations and concerns
 - Regional Championship 2018 – dates, locations and concerns
 - Girls 18U WEVA Bid Event and 18U USA GJNC in Spring
 - Boys Regional and Girls Bid events - team and individual player eligibility
 - Pre-approved 2 day events
 - Deadlines for 2 day event/1 day events
 - Ranking System/Results Submission/
- USA Rule Changes for 2017-2018 season
- IMPACT Certification for new coaches



- SafeSport Certification for all Directors, Coaches, Officials, Team Reps and Chaperones
- Concussion training for all Directors, Coaches
- Scorekeeper/Second Referee Clinic Policies and Certification Review
- Handbook, Code of Conduct and Recruiting Policy Review
- Club Travel Policy Review
- Recruiting Policy Review
- "Tryout" Membership option and Registration procedure
- Club Tryouts, Dates, deadlines, tryout lists, player transfers, other logistical issues
- Fines - Review and comments on fine policy
- Coach education and development - opportunities via club hosted clinics
- Junior Indoor Player development
- Junior Beach Player development
- Adult competition
- Open discussion on direction for WEVA region (following are some points to consider for discussion)
- Best practices to help clubs with organization and operations

Junior Board Meeting Report – May 8, 2017

- 1) WEVA events – When noted as completed, the results and tournament report have been submitted to the WEVA website. Results include the final standings and the final pool play and bracket results posted to the website.

WEVA Rally I – 14, 16 – (31 teams) - COMPLETED

WEVA Festival – 12, 13, 14, 15 (37 teams) – COMPLETED – team picture posters and merchandise sales was a success

WEVA Festival – 16, 17, 18 (27 teams) – COMPLETED – team picture posters and merchandise sales was a success

WEVA 14's Challenge – Mar 11 – BNCC (24 teams) – Junior Coordinator entered results into WEVA website - NFVB needs to complete the rest of the requirements – turn rosters in, enter event report and financial report

WEVA 18's BID Qualifier – Mar 11 – Pinnacle (5 teams) - COMPLETED

WEVA 15's Challenge – Mar 12 – Pinnacle (17 teams) - COMPLETED

WEVA DigFest – 12, 13, 14, 15 (41 teams) - COMPLETED

WEVA DigFest – 16, 17, 18 (37 teams) - COMPLETED

WEVA Boy's Championships – 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (46 teams) – COMPLETED

WEVA Rally II – 15, 17, 18 (30 teams) – SUNY Brockport - COMPLETED

WEVA Rally III – 12, 13, 14 (23 teams) – Pinnacle 6 courts - COMPLETED

WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – Apr 29th – 12, 13, 14 (20 teams accepted) - COMPLETED

WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – Apr 30th - 15, 16, 17 (24 teams accepted) - COMPLETED

- 2) Congratulations to Boy's Regional champions – Pace 12-1, Pace 13-1, Pace 14-1, Pace 15-1, Pace 16-1, Eden Mizuno 17-1, Pace 18-1. Posted results under latest news.



- 3) VFX Magic earned a USA Bid to Nationals at the Nashville Qualifier. Congratulations to that team! Posted to latest news along with WEVA BID Champion.
- 4) Congratulations to the following Girl's BID Qualifier Champions (National BID) and finalist (American BID) that will represent WEVA and their respective clubs at Girl's Nationals in Minneapolis. Posted to WEVA website under latest news.
 - a. National -12's – VFX Wish, 13's – NFVB 13 Navy, 14's – NFVB 14 Navy, 15's – NFVB 15 Navy, 16's - VFX Mantra, 17's – VFX Rapture
 - b. American – 13's - NFVB 13 Red, 14's – VFX Conjure, 15's – VFX Chant, 16's - NFVB 16 Navy, 17's – Octane Terrors
- 5) Posted the WEVA Junior Girls team's rankings to the website as of submissions of 4/10/17. Sent email reminding clubs to submit results for out of region tournaments. Junior Coordinator posting all WEVA results – clubs not required to do so. Will post an updated ranking after May BNCC tournaments and then after Nationals.
- 6) Event Committee – Jonathan Head added to committee- representative for NCVV Rush VBC. Sent email in regards to Event Committee BID seeding meeting to club directors to validate ranking document posted, submit head to head results across teams interested in participating. Meeting occurred April 17th at 6:30 PM at TF Brown's in Batavia. Tournament results through the weekend before the BID were taken into account.
- 7) Modified Handbook document posted to website.
- 8) Modified Due Process and Appeals document posted to website.
- 9) No election required – only one incumbent for each of the three positions – Lindsey Schlegel Secretary, John Newland Official's Chairperson and Michael Trznadel Vice-President.
- 10) Second reminder to club directors of requirement that all registered adults affiliated with a junior club (chaperones and team reps included) will be required to be Safe Sport certified for 2016-2017. Club directors were sent email in regards to coaches that have not completed the IMPACT and Safe Sport certification. Narrowed down to 2 coaches not meeting requirements. Coaches were notified they could no longer coach until course completed.
- 11) College Coaches Round table – hosted for an hour in conjunction with Collegiate Spring tournament at BNCC – Event had a decent number of spectators throughout the day. College coaching panel was not well attended. Notes were taken and compiled and sent to club directors for distribution to coaches and families within their clubs.
- 12) Tom Schneider, boy's representative to the board, applied for a grant from USA volleyball to support the boys program within the region. USA advised that they are undergoing many changes under the leadership of the new CEO. One of the changes affected the grant program. All grants are closed pending administrative review.
- 13) Followed up with email to the following individuals for development of a plan in meeting the requirements for completing their IMPACT instructor certification.
 - o Rob Arciolla – accepted to support the Southern Tier – CAP I certification completed, USA suggests waiting a year to enroll in CAP II. Planning on attending IREVA CAP II clinic in November timeframe. Attended Art of Coaching clinic thru the WEVA coaches' scholarship fund.
 - o Mark Robinson – accepted to support the EAST – Working to complete requirements for CAP II – attended CAP II and High Performance clinic February 8th to 11th at the Olympic Training Center.



- Patrick Madia – accepted to support the WEST - CAP II class, paperwork completed, test pending. Completing ASAP

Submitted by: WEVA JUNIOR COORDINATOR – Cindy D’Errico

Action Items/Year End Junior Meeting Topics for discussion

1. WEVA BID 18’s Qualifier – two WEVA event requirement – review requirement for 18’s for next season.
2. Revisit 12 and under serving guidelines document
3. BID event – 12’s and 13’s – exempt from 2 events in WEVA and 4 total events?
4. Pinnacle spectator fees for future? Vendor fees for events?
5. Entry Fees for WEVA events keep at \$275.00 – dependent on answer to #4 above
6. BID Qualifier – ineligible player causing forfeit of first match played and communication to not allow player to play for the remaining matches of the event.