

WEVA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, May 12, 2014

Time: 6:00 PM at Fortuna's Batavia Downs



Present: M. Pentz, R. Majeski, T. Schnieder, F. Chase, R. Lucci, C. D'Errico, W. Page

Excused: J. Crangle, J. Hughes, J. Newland

Called to Order: 6:12 p.m.

Last Meetings Minutes

- 1st draft sent on May 4th – review changes.
- **Motion: Approve March 2014 Minutes, 1st F. Chase / 2nd R. Majeski / Passed (7/0/0)**

Points of Information (BOD)

- Kudos to those who organized and officiated at the Girls WEVA Bid Event – officials, site directors, tournament directors.
- Congrats to the Girls Bid winners at each age level
 - 12's – VFX Wish, 13's – Octane VBC, 14's – VFX Conjure, 15's – NFVB 15-1, 16's – NFVB 16-1's, 17's – NFVB 17-1's, 18's – VFX Magic.
- Boys Regional Championships – congrats to winners at each age level, the officials appreciated Cindy's scheduling, courts & formatting much better.
 - 12's – PACE, 14's – PACE, 15's – Victor, 16's – Eden VBC, 17's – PACE, 18's – PACE.
- All teams are accepting bids to Nationals.

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- 2,532 Junior + 617 Adults = 3,149 total membership.

Financial Report (B. Page)

- Savings to Investment update
 - Set up as of May 6, 2014.
 - 2 of 10 installments have been made.
 - Total investment will be \$150,000.
- Expected to spend more this fiscal year, did spend more, and intended to spend a lot more. Any more Junior/Youth development planned?

Tournament Report (J. Hughes via S. Seabridge)

- 48 Events sanctioned (2 additional since March meeting)
 - 17 Boys events & 34 Girls events.
 - 42 events complete, 3 cancelled, & 3 events yet to be held.
- After March 15, 2014, tried to enforce all rules to avoid fines.
- Clarification from S. Seabridge about insufficient refs/scorekeepers section, YES/YES occurrences are violations?
 - Answer: There can be a YES/YES situation when it is the same person who is a certified Referee & Scorekeeper.
 - For 2 of the 3, there were other Provisional scorekeepers. For 1 of the 3, there were other Provisional referees.

Officials Report (F. Chase)

- Proposal for Fee Structure
 - Current Structure: \$11/set or \$25 for match play (2/3), finals are \$27 as R1 or R2. Daily minimum for first day of 2-day event is \$135, and second day minimum is \$110. Mileage is \$.40/mile up to \$50 max. Head Official also gets \$5/court each day. No differential for Provisional, Regional, Jr National, or National rated refs.
 - Proposed Structure: Raise daily minimum for the first day of 2-day event to \$150, and daily minimum for second day of 2-day event to \$130. Head Official fee to be raised to \$5 per court with a minimum of \$25; if more than 5 courts, then he/she will earn the minimum of \$25 plus \$5 additional per court.
 - Discussion: Most officials are making the \$150 minimum anyway on tournaments already. Will continue discussion about “Senior Site Chief Referees” – must be there to START & END the tournament & must be OFF 1st match to get tournament underway.
- **Motion: Accept New Fee Structure for Officials, effective 2014-15 season, 1st B. Page / 2nd M. Pentz / Passed (7/0/0)**

Website (J. Hughes)

- Completed Items
 - Google Analytics Page – how many hits, what links people are clicking, about 8 pages on WEVA site get the “most hits”, where people are clicking from (i.e. country of origin, mobile vs. desktop device). Will be interesting to compare year-to-year.
 - PVL Team Page – clinic flyers, player bio’s.
- In-Process Items
 - Tournament Results Submission (97%) – final testing.
 - Team Maintenance Page (80%).
- New items
 - Photo Gallery page to replace social media page.
 - Ability for select board members to add NEWS items to web page – like a “contribute” opportunity without going through Maureen.

Outdoor/Adult Report (R. Majeski)

- Beach High Performance Camp in late April – 25 juniors players attended.
- Two players invited to National Beach training team try-outs – total of 20 invited nationwide, 10 will make the team (per age group).
- Coming up – outdoor beach clinic will be hosted at Woodlawn Beach (Blasdell, NY) run by Stein Metzger, on May 31, 2014, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 1st outdoor tournament in Buffalo in several years, Memorial Day weekend.
- Lots of opportunity to play; Woodlawn in Buffalo, Charlotte in Rochester, Sharkey’s & Bridge Street in Syracuse.

Junior Business (C. D’Errico)

- See Addendum A

Old Business

- PVL Update
 - Final roster submitted - 15 players.
 - Practice facilities set for Thursday 5/22 & Friday 5/23 in Arizona. Women’s PVL Championships May 24-27 in Phoenix, AZ.

- 2014 WEVA Player Clinic dates set: July 14 at BNCC & July 15th at Main Street Armory. Coaching clinic will be run in conjunction with the players.
- Flyer has been sent to all Club directors, posted to rochestervball.com, and emailed to all Section V high school coaches & AD's. Info also circulated at WEVA Rally III & BID Qualifier.
- Clinic will run from 8 am – 8 pm and include dinner for \$60.
- **Motion: Pay WEVA Clinic fee for the purpose of enhancing coaches' development in our region; for the first 45 coaches to register from Buffalo & the first 45 coaches to register from Rochester. Must be current WEVA member & must register by June 30th, 1st B. Page / 2nd R. Majeski / Passed (7/0/0)**
- Governance Committee Report / Election notice (F. Chase)
 - Email confirmation of results must be sent to entire membership (Message sent 5/15 by J. Hughes).
 - Must edit verbiage in the by-laws in regards to uncontested elections; to include "unanimous acclimation" language.
 - Must do a better job in soliciting participation on the Board of Directors – seek involvement, members willing to volunteer, consider Member At-Large position.

Action Item Review

New Business

- WEVA Player and Coaches Clinic
 - Coach training budget (see motion for WEVA Clinic Fee payment for coaches).
- **Motion: Allow Club Directors on team benches, (without being listed as a roster member on the official roster), 1st C. D'Errico / 2nd T. Schneider / Passed (7/0/0).**
- The Club Director's name is printed on the top of the roster, so they ought to be allowed on the bench to total no more than five staff on the bench (no motion required).
- Annual Meeting Proposed Date: July 21, 2014 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting – Annual Meeting – July 21, 2014 (at GCC, TBD)

Motion: Adjourn Meeting, 1st B. Page / 2nd R. Majeski / Passed (7/0/0) 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Meryll Pentz
 Secretary, Western Empire Volleyball Association

Addendum A - Junior Board Meeting Report – May 12, 2014

1) Tournament update

- 3/23 – WEVA Boys Regionals – 12 thru 18's – Armory, East and Monroe facilities used – 4-12's, 1-13 (playing in 14's), 10 – 14's, 6-15's, 9-16's, 6-17's, 6-18's – 12's and 14's at East, 15's at Monroe and 16, 17, 18's at the Armory – Cindy, Dave and John were site coordinators with a Pace coach assisting at Monroe. Merchandise did not go well for this event – under \$200 profit.
- 4/6 – WEVA Rally II – 13, 15, 17 – had 28 teams – Dave D'Errico was site coordinator. 8-13's, 10-15's and 10-17's – with tie breakers the seventeens' ran a little later than scheduled.
- 4/27 – WEVA Rally III – 14, 15 – 12 teams in each age division 14's and 15's. (Full !! Must get calendar set NOW for Armory for next year: Girls BID Qualifier planned for May 2 – 3, 2015. Boys Regionals planned for March 22, 2015 at BNCC.)

- 2) 5/3-4 – WEVA Girl's BID QUALIFIER – 12 thru 15 on Sat – 12's at St. Mary's and 13-15 at BNCC, 16-18 on Sun at BNCC. More teams in age groups 14 through 18's than were accepted (accepted 8 in each age division). 14's (13), 15's (12), 16's (17), 17's (12) and 18's (11) were interested. Originally 12's (7) and 13's (6) interested. Octane 17 dropped out and Penfield Tradition Hydra dropped out of 12's. April 22nd event committee meeting was held for seeding of event/decisions on what teams would be accepted. Java club director and two coaches from their club attended the meeting. Cindy was site coordinator at St. Mary's on Saturday. Rocco was site coordinator on Saturday and Sunday at BNCC. (Winners) 12's – VFX Wish, 13's – Octane VBC, 14's – VFX Conjure, 15's – NFVB 15-1, 16's – NFVB 16-1's, 17's – NFVB 17-1's, 18's – VFX Magic. Copy of committee ranking compared to tournament finish. Committee did a great job reviewing all factors in determining the top eight teams that qualified. Had one email of concern about team not being accepted. (Rocco commented that the people who attend the ranking committee meeting are FAIR and the process is very good.)
- 3) Do we add/clarify section to handbook that all teams in 14 through 18 for girls do not need to accept BID if they win? Also, discuss the attempted special boy's tournament (s) set up to get the two tournaments in before participating in the Boy's Regionals and the one court BNCC event set up to get in a second tournament before May 3rd and 4th for a girls team. Think possibly a date that the event needs to be sanctioned by and all events must meet the regular guidelines for the event with a minimum number pf teams entered?
- 4) Safe sport communication requirements for training sent to club directors – ALL clubs met the requirement to where no teams penalized for tournament participation. Clarence boys and Pride girls did not complete but the club directors communicated they are not continuing next year. WEVA will monitor, if they do they cannot register for 2015 until certification complete.
- 5) After the meeting January 5th at the Clarion in Batavia of all interested club directors, high school coaches (based on petition to not have club tryouts/practices until after high school season is over) discussing the "WEVA Code of Conduct" a sub-committee was formed of Mark Robinson (chair), Lindsey Schlegel, Rocco Lucci, Bill Paige, Cindy D'Errico, Cindy Hays, Ed Patt, and Roger Majeski with Ben Guiliano declining due to schedule. Discussion occurred, notes distributed and some suggestions made. A) Education of the recruiting policies within WEVA to the club directors, families and players B) Development of anonymous reporting opportunities for violations of the policies. C) Initial form prior to official registration where

athlete would select what clubs they are trying out for and what clubs they would be interested in getting information from about tryouts. Will need modification to the ethics and eligibility committee make-up for when recruiting violations reported. Sent questions/ramifications of reporting tool, asked for feedback. (Discussion: to enforce only items A & B for this year, and monitor. Postpone item C.)

- 6) Triple Ball for younger age groups should be sanctioned that way next season if tournament directors are considering doing it. Feedback from parents and coaches was positive for the developmental teams, more success achieved by the players with three contacts and was not just a match with most points earned by missed serves or a strong server resulting in aces. (Discussion: to use refs, or not to use refs, refs are not necessary.)
- 7) Girl's rankings posted weekly – club directors requested to review for accuracy.
- 8) Junior Player and Coaches clinic - July 14th at BNCC and July 15th at East Main Street Armory. Circulated to Section V AD's and coaches. Circulated to WEVA club directors. Calling the D&C about PVL and the clinics. Asked Rocco for Buffalo papers that can be contacted. Batavia Daily News is doing an article. Alyssa contacting RNews, D&C as well as WHAM. BNCC donated court time for the one day WEVA clinic being hosted at that facility.

Action Items:

- A) Proposal from Mercer – Gary Hill is planning on trying in the 2015 season for the younger age groups. Before it is implemented the refined proposal will be presented to the event committee and club directors. Will see if the plan can be solidified before the year end junior meeting.
- B) Communication to all tournament directors on the head referee requirement for 10 or more courts still pending (\$150.00 per day plus mileage). Fred doing write-up for handbook or junior tournament guidelines – senior official/head official. Only see the \$5.00 per court assignor fee mentioned - not anything about a non-officiating head official and associated fees.
- C) Will be sending out to club directors as an FYI - airlines savings that Tom put together – USA travel discount information posted to the home page on WEVA. STILL PENDING – will do prior to next season.
- D) Due process review/modifications are required.
- E) Suggestion from club director - would like to see a push for a revision of WEVA officiating (we need to train young volleyball athletes as R1's. Additionally, we need to create competitive equity in WEVA events. I believe a review of the North Carolina Region would give WEVA an idea of what the suggestion entails.

Submitted by: WEVA JUNIOR COORDINATOR – Cindy D'Errico