

WEVA BOD Meeting – AGENDA

Monday, Nov 13, 2017

T.F. Browns - in Batavia, NY – 6PM



Excused Absences: Frank Cwiklinski (proxy Art Chavers)

Unexcused Absence: Dan Johnson

Guests: Art Chavers (proxy for Frank Cwiklinski), Don Gleason – Daemen Men's Volleyball Coach

Call to order: 6:14pm

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

- Website has been updated
 - New Officials Rep; Frank (replacing John Newland)
 - Curt Micelli will be assistant rep position
 - John Newland will continue to do assigning with assistant Jim Vanderhoof
 - Score Keeping Chair – Art Chavers with assistant Tom Lomax
 - Assistant Officials East – Mike Russell
 - Dan Johnson – currently reassessing his position with the Board as Adult Rep.

Last Meetings Minutes – Approved via e-mail on July 25th (L. Schlegel)

Points of Info

- Welcome Mike to his first official meeting
- Welcome Art as proxy for Frank at Frank's "first official meeting"
- Welcome Don as our guest
- Conflict of interest forms filled out by WEVA board
- Congrats to all the WEVA juniors and coaches who participated in NYCHSAA and NYSPHSAA play offs.

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- VolleyFX Youth League has continued to grow – this has put our youth membership up compared to last year
 - Youth increase is leading to more cuts at younger ages at the club level
- We had an in-region club not be able to field an 18s this year
 - This is an impact from the earlier ending club season.
- Overall numbers are good – seeing the increase at the younger age groups and we know we are losing some at our 18s level.

Tournament Report (J. Hughes via S. Seabridge)

- Reviewed Scott's report for the beginning of the year – overall updates and number of sanctioned events at this point in the year were shown.
- Noted that Xtreme has cancelled their events for this year

National Meeting review

- USAV National Meeting in Denver, CO. sent via e-mail on Oct. 30th (J. Hughes)
 - A rostered adult will need to be R2 for all Qualifying Events this year
 - For this year, in our region this would mean WEVA Bid and Boys Can Am will need roster adult as R2.
 - Ask Boys coaches to get certified at the Can AM
 - Ask Girls coaches to get certified by WEVA Bid Qualifier
 - Education Department has decided that;
 - CAP 1 will have expiration but you can continue on to CAP 2 with having an expired CAP 1.
 - USAV Logo on Uniforms
 - This is allowed with new sponsorship with Adidas.
 - We can only do this on the uniform itself – cannot use the logo on any other information.
 - Does not need to be on an Adidas jersey either – can be on any brand
 - At this time, only 12 clubs have committed to putting the logo on their jerseys for the 2018-19 season
 - Low numbers are based on the long process that USAV has in place right now for clubs to request approval to use the logo.
 - New international league – "Volleyball Nations League"
 - They are removing Grand Prix and one other league to do this.
 - We (USA) are a core country (8 total) for both Men and Women

- There are 4 teams that are considered “challengers” to make a total of 12 teams on both the men’s and women’s side for the league each year.
- Safesport meeting in Denver, CO. (M. Trznadel)
 - Mike reviewed topics discussed at the meeting he attended.
 - Meeting also went over “how to conduct an investigation”
 - This information will help us with any future “Due Process” that we see in our region.
 - One suggestion would be to have one person investigate the situation and then report the findings to the Due Process Committee to make a “determination” on the findings

Action Item: Mike Tryznadel to begin to work towards finding an investigator for our region to use for future Due Processes.

- Mike is also our Safesport rep for our region and our website is updated with the latest Safesport information.

Officials Report (F. Cwiklinski)

- Officials Clinic Dates
 - At Niagara Frontier Sports - Wed. Nov 29 at 6pm and Sun. Dec 3 at 8am - WEST
 - At Rochester – Dates have not been determined yet – TBA – EAST
 - Provisional 1-day rate was approved a while ago but will be \$155 this year.

Adult Report (D. Johnson)

- USAV Open Nationals attendance in 2018

Action Item: D. Johnson will follow up with Board via email on this item.

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- USAV Beach HP delegate and info from national meeting
- USAV HP would like us to be running a HP tryout
 - Problem is our weather and outdoor options on the timetable that USAV would like.
- Beach Tour – need to look at choosing a date for this year that would work better for the juniors
 - This past summer had lower numbers based on the weather and the conditions of the beach this year.
 - Ideally the date is in June
 - This past year, we lost money by hosting the beach tour date that we had, so we need to re-figure out the best way to do this.

Financial Report (B. Page)

- Budget report (sent via email)
 - Reviewed report as presented
 - Junior Membership is up
 - Store is down compared to previous year but that was due to a large run of the store last year at the beginning of the year.
 - All on target for the upcoming year
 - Discussed a miscellaneous charge that is actually a reimbursement from USAV for the beach event held here in summer 2017.

Motion To Approve Budget Report: 1st R. Majeski, 2nd M. Tryznadel -Approved (8-0-0) – Unanimous

- USAV Grant Request (J. Hughes)
 - WEVA has a \$10,000 grant from USAV
 - Purpose of the grant is to grow our boys’ membership and our membership diversity.
 - Results from using this grant need to be tracked and then reported to USAV.
- Co-sponsorship proposal regarding Coaches and Players Clinic to be held December 1st and 2nd (D. Johnson)
 - There will be follow up on this via email.

Action Item: D. Johnson will follow up with Board via email on this item.

- HP Boys Proposal (guest Don Gleason)
 - HP Championships for this Summer – with current Seniors and Juniors – Boys Youth Team
 - Could look to bring this to younger age groups in the future, but Don received feedback that a pilot year would be best with an older group since they are more familiar with the HP program.
 - Proposed Time Line

- Looking to figure out when to hold the tryouts during the club season
 - Would aim to do one tryout in Buffalo and one in Rochester
- Coaching
 - Steve England and Dan Johnson have expressed interest.
 - Minimums would be two coaches and a director of operations
- Team Size
 - Would aim to travel ten players and have two alternates
- Next Steps
 - Determine tryout dates
 - Market program to athletes
 - Determine staffing
- Budget
 - Right now WEVA has \$3,000 set aside for one team and \$6,000 for potentially two teams
 - Don has worked a proposed budget that includes \$\$ coming in from tryout fees with anticipated numbers
 - Don will also look into how other regions off set costs.

Motion To Approve \$6,000 on 1 Boys Youth HP Team For Summer 2018: 1st R. Lucci, 2nd J. Crangle -Approved (8-0-0) – Unanimous

- Inner City Clinic/Team Proposal (guest Don Gleason)
 - Reviewed program details
 - Don will be seeking a grant from Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo
 - This grant would help cover WEVA fees, tournament fees, jerseys and other needs of the program.
 - This would begin this spring, with the goal to have teams formed for the 2018- 2019 club season.
 - As this develops, WEVA would stay in the loop on the progress and then be willing to help with some needs that program might have as it develops for the 2019 club season.
 - Discussed using grant money that WEVA has from USAV

Action Item: Don will follow up with John in the next 10-14 days to see if the program can begin sooner in 2018 and then use the grant money from WEVA this year vs. waiting to using it next year.

Junior Report (C. D'Errico)

- Reviewed Cindy's Report (attached in the meeting minutes)
- Discussed Coaches Scholarship and if we continue to provide it to coaches in our region
 - No reminder has been sent in regards to this opportunity for coaches in region.
 - Buffalo Clinic – discussed if this is outside the budget allowance of the coach's scholarship.
 - Bulk of the clinic is a full day for players
 - Clinic budget is \$14,000 and they have asked for \$5,000 from the region
 - Region has already approved \$2,000 and clinic is seeking another \$3,000.

Action Item: D. Johnson will contact board to formerly request extra \$3,000 for this event.

Action Item: C. D'Errico will email out to communicate with coaches about coaches scholarship, CAP program, Safesport, region rankings and the WEVA Handbook.

- Updated document on requirements for teams in the region to be able to participate in the WEVA Bid
 - Specific updates were made to 18s and 12s based on last year's feedback and decisions made in July.
- Overall WEVA Ranking system was discussed
 - Specifically discussed how JVA events fit into our ranking.

WEVA Document/Policy amendments

- Reviewed Handbook updates / changes
- Tryout, Registration and Recruiting Policy – review and discussion
- Ethics and Eligibility
- Handbook updates – via email on Nov. 8th – review changes and vote
- Ranking System updates
 - JVA tournament inclusion
- 2017-2018 Points of Emphasis – emailed to club directors on Nov 8th

Motion To Approve Handbook: 1st R. Lucci, 2nd W. Page - Approved (8-0-0) – Unanimous

Old Business

- Friends of WNY Volleyball
 - We received a thank you for our donation

New Business

- Concussion training was sent out by Cindy to the Club Directors
 - This email was to encourage club directors to have their coaches take the training through Head's Up and it included a reminder that OVA requires coaches to take it to coach in their region
- Briefly discussed recruiting policy
 - Discussion included specific examples from this Fall to determine if a violation took place and if we need to make any future adjustments to the policy we have in place.

Action Item Review (L. Schlegel)

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

Next Meeting – Monday, January 15, 2018 at 6pm - TF Browns

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

Junior Board Meeting Report – November 10, 2017

- 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 – SUNY Brockport - (10 teams)
 - WEVA Festival – 2/10 - 12, 13, 14, 15 – Pinnacle - (12 teams)
 - WEVA Festival – 2/11 - 16, 17, 18 - Pinnacle - (10 teams)
 - WEVA 14's Challenge – Mar 10 – BNCC
 - WEVA 18's BID Qualifier – Mar 11 – BNCC (1 team)
 - WEVA 15's Challenge – Mar 11 – Pinnacle (10 teams)
 - WEVA Boy's Championships – 3/25 - 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (0 teams) – have SUNY Brockport and Pinnacle - will possibly need additional courts in Rochester area – used 13 courts in 2017
 - WEVA Rally II – 4/8 - SUNY Brockport - 12, 14, 16, 18 (13 teams)
 - WEVA Rally III – 4/15 - 13, 15, 17 (6 teams)
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/28 – 12, 13, 14 (2 teams)
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/29 - 15, 16, 17 (8 teams)
 - Will continue to determine court requirements so website can be updated as well as AES with age group locations for ones requiring additional courts above currently seven courts at SUNY Brockport or six courts at Pinnacle for various events noted above.
- 2) Per discussion at board meeting, the coach's scholarship will be offered again this season. The board will approve funding based on budgeted dollars for coaching. Approved the funds for the Buffalo coach's clinic in December clinic to the first 50 coaches paid for registration at \$40.00 each. Will send email to club directors.
- 3) WEVA will not have an American division bid allocated for USA Nationals this year for any age group. WEVA will be the first region on the reallocation list for bids. Historically, USA has bids turned back to them for reallocation. As a result, there is a high probability that one will be awarded for all age groups just NOT guaranteed. Sent email communication of such to all girls club directors.
- 4) USA new requirement that a rostered adult must serve as the second referee at all Qualifiers (including our Girls BID Qualifier event). Sent email to club directors for this requirement.
- 5) Updated Ranking System reviewed at board meeting – will request it to be posted to website, upon completion will send email to all club directors of the updated document. USAV will not allow any results included for events outside of USAV to be utilized in their new ranking system. Revised document has the new requirements for eligibility to play in the Girl's BID Qualifier event.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Follow-up on communication in regards to expectations of club directors for season – reporting results to WEVA, tournament entry, certification of scorekeepers, second referees, work teams and points of emphasis for Code of Conduct.
- 8) Will be sending out reminder to club directors of requirement (as soon as verbiage on website is 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. If the adult takes the IMPACT class on-line no credit will be given for the Safe Sport requirement completion. If an adult attends an IMPACT course offered within the WEVA region, credit will be given for both Safe Sport and Impact. 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.

- 9) Sent email to all club directors in regards to WEVA highly encouraging all coaches to complete the heads up concussion training (included the link to the training). Included notification to clubs that the Ohio region WILL require proof of completion by all coaches in order to participate in tournaments hosted within their region. USA has this on their horizon but currently it is region by region as far as being mandatory.
- 10) Per USA, CAP I certification will expire but that expiration will not prevent a coach from continuing with additional CAP certification.
- 11) Education Committee – Rocco/Dan coordinated a coaches/player clinic the first weekend in December. A coach's clinic on Friday evening and an all-day clinic on Saturday for players (both boys and girls). WEVA covering the registration for the first 50 WEVA coaches that register.
- 12) Reviewed and edited the WEVA Handbook, revised the rule of two for the girls 18 and under teams and the number of events the 12's need to play in to be eligible. Will send email to directors about the new document once approved at board meeting and posted to the website.
- 13) USA will be using the same travel company for the 2017-2018 season. Team Travel Source
- 14) The twelve and under serving standard for WEVA sanctioned tournaments will be sent out by tournament directors for any 12 and under events that are hosted. The directors will meet with the 12 and under coaches prior to the event to review guidelines for the event.
- 15) 2018 National Dates:
 - Girls 18 Championships Anaheim CA, April 27–29, 2018
 - Girls Detroit June 25 – July 4, 2018
 - Boys Phoenix, July 2-9, 2018
 - Adult Open Dallas May 25-29,2018
- 16) 2019 National Dates:
 - Girls Indianapolis, June 27 –July 6,2019
 - Girls 18 Championships TBA
 - Boys Dallas, June 30 – July 7, 2019
 - Adult Open Columbus May 24 – 29, 2019
- 17) Followed up with email to the following individuals for development of a plan in meeting the requirements for completing their IMPACT instructor certification.
 - Rob Arciolla – accepted to support the Southern Tier – enrolled in December CAP II clinic in Virginia
 - Mark Robinson – accepted to support the EAST – completed CAP I and CAP II certification. Sent contact information for USA resource to coordinate completion of the Impact Instructor course.
 - Steve Pike – accepted to support the WEST – CAP I certification complete, CAP II article yet to be completed. Sent contact information for USA resource to coordinate completion of the Impact Instructor course.

Submitted by: WEVA JUNIOR COORDINATOR – Cindy D'Errico