

WEVA BOD Meeting Agenda / Minutes

Date: Sunday, September 13, 2015

Location: TF Browns

Time: 6:00 PM



Present: J. Hughes, R. Lucci, C. D'Errico, T. Schneider, R. Majeski, W. Page, L. Schlegel, F. Chase

Excused: J. Newland

Unexcused: J. Crangle

Called To Order: 6:10pm

Points of Information:

- Annual Meeting – Big thank you to Cindy for all of her work and taking on a majority of the presentation for that meeting
 - Great attendance at the meeting and very important for our region that we continue to have great attendance.
- Budget Meeting – Big thank you to J. Hughes, W. Page and the Budget Committee for their work to hold a productive meeting and to provide us a great budget for this year.
- WEVA BOD members receive jackets as thanks for the work everyone puts into the season to make it great. Small token of appreciation for the members.
- Beach Nationals – results announced at last meeting and small recap at this meeting.
 - R. Majeski has submitted a write up of the results and National rankings to be put on the WEVA website.
- Rulebooks for the 2015-16 season will be printed as of 9/18, but can be downloaded at any time.
 - Major Rule Changes For 2015-16:
 - Libero can now be captain
 - USAV has same net rule as NCAA
- WEVA website has been updated with list of Officials for the year
- July Meeting Minutes Approved and will be posted to WEVA site

Registrars Report (J. Hughes):

- Membership for 2014-15 was up compared to the previous year (3304 compared to 3174).
- \$15 Tryout Membership is activated:
 - Current members from the previous year have a membership that lasts until 10/31, so tryout membership is not an option for them until 11/1
 - Tryout Membership would be open in September for any player that did not have a membership the previous year.

Financial Report (W. Page):

- Final Budget from last year was presented.
- Regional Store and Registrations have led us to have a profit for the past year
 - Closed the year with an increased profit then we had predicted
- August Budget Meeting:
 - Cost of Credit Card Usage – Committee discussed passing on this cost to the families, but decided to not make that move for this year
 - The region will continue to cover these extra costs that come along with allowing parents to use credit cards to pay for registrations
 - Slight decrease in the credit card rate for this coming year as well
 - IMPACT Certified Trainer
 - Money has been budgeted to put towards training another person in our region to take these responsibilities.
 - Pinnacle
 - Will use a reverse checkbook with Pinnacle costs for this year with tournaments and courts.
 - Items have been moved out of our Profit / Loss statement that are not apart of our day-to-day operations as an organization. These are all items that do not need to be included in our overall budget for the year.
- Credit Card Payments For Clubs:
 - Looking to see if clubs can use credit cards to pay for coach memberships vs. clubs needing to send in a check for this cost

Action Item: J. Hughes to continue to look into this to see if there is a way to do this.

**Motion To Approve Financial Report: 1st C. D'Errico, 2nd F. Chase, – Approved (7/0/0)
Unanimous**

Tournament Report (from S. Seabridge): - J. Hughes Presented

- All traditional two-day events have been sanctioned
 - Exceptions: Can Am and WEVA Events
- Numerous 1-day requests with only 1 conflict that will be sanctioned on 9/15

Website Update (S. Seabridge): - J. Hughes Presented

- Looking into pulling data from webpoint to help our website reports
- Looking into options for rebuilding the website in a different format
 - Possibly would be easier to maintain and to update
- Official list has been updated on the site for certifications
- Juniors – all players that were P for their certifications were cleared out, all players with a Y would still be there / hold their certifications

PLV Report (C. D'Errico):

- No items discussed

Officials Report (F. Chase):

- Assigning Fee for Winter Challenge and Can Am is now in WEVA Budget
 - Benefit to the clubs for running the events
- Potential increase in the per match / per set rate for Officials
 - Last year mileage max was raised.
 - We have officials questioning why they are doing it / why it is worth it and doing this could help alleviate this problem
 - Qualifiers / Other Regions have higher pay rates than our region.
 - This would be a discussion to potentially do for the 2016-17 season.
 - We will use this season to gather more research on if this would attract more officials, if we can pay them more by changing how we assign, and how are other areas / tournaments paying.
 - We can also consider changing our pay structure from per set to per day.
 - In this structure, official ranking would determine the pay per day that they earn (National vs. Regional vs. Provisional) for the officials.
 - No officials that are known are looking to improve their ranking for this year
 - Out of pocket costs and what it takes to become a Junior National Official, plus requirements to keep it are very daunting and a lot of for most of officials to find the time / resources for.
 - Conversation around officials helping to manage matches while they are working.
 - Will make this topic of emphasis at the Officials Clinic before the season begins.
 - We can also send a reminder about these points of emphasis for the season to our adult members

Action Item: F. Chase will run the Officials clinic and include this.

Action Item: C D'Errico will send an email (from Cindy and Fred) to all adult membership to communicate this emphasis and any others for the year (player code of conduct, adult code of conduct, in-match behavior).

Adult/Beach Report (R. Majeski):

- Last Woodlawn event was cancelled
 - Conflicted with High School tryouts, so will keep this in mind for next year
- Will look to come up with a schedule next summer that keeps most events on Sunday and not Saturday to avoid these potential conflicts.
- Nationally – requested to put a bid in for Beach National Championships but timing is not good because of Flower City 4's during the same weekend.
 - Financially is the biggest roadblock to do this.

- 75 Courts need to be guaranteed, so would need entire Ontario Beach.
- AVP Next – Looking at bringing in events for our players to be able to qualify for the AVP.
 - Two locations per region last year for this, and we are assuming regions will have more events in future years to help develop this.
- Proposal to make a board change and add a member to the board:
 - Idea is to separate Adult Rep and Beach Rep to two separate reps on the board. We would look to add someone new for the Adult Rep, and R. Majeski would continue, as the Beach Rep. Two BOD members would also work together on events.
 - Pros: Each category will get a better / more specific focus
 - Pros of Specifically Adding Adult Rep:
 - Would be an Indoor Adult Rep
 - This could increase membership and possibly some revenue
 - More sanctioned events / adult tournaments / adult teams at nationals could be a result
 - Benefit junior members to be able to continue to provide playing opportunities back home for players once they graduate out of being junior members
 - Possible Candidates were discussed for this role.

Motion To Add an Adult Rep in an interim position to the Board and retain R.Majeski as the Beach Rep: 1st R. Lucci, 2nd R. Majeski, – Approved (7/0/0) Unanimous

Action Item: R. Lucci will contact potential candidates for this position to check interest and then appoint the position.

Junior Business (C. D’Errico): (Report Attached)

- WEVA sanctioned events will be aimed for completion by 9/18 to hold dates.
 - WEVA events will be on AES and tournament entries will be \$275 and \$300
- Communication about all WEVA items will be going out to the coaches / directors:
 - WEVA tournaments
 - Safesport – All Coaches and Chaperones
 - WEVA behavior expectations for the region

Action Item: Cindy will put together emails with these details and send to John Hughes to sent out to all Club Directors

- WEVA is looking into requirements for using SUNY Brockport
 - Insurance requirements: Need to make sure USAV / WEVA events can

- meet these
- Contacts at Brockport High School and Middle School for Boy's Bid event.
- Education Committee
 - L. Schlegel and R. Lucci have been heading this committee, but we need to brainstorm other people in our region that can take over the main responsibility of this committee.
 - Need to brainstorm members that would have interested in taking over the reigns of this committee to continue to run events and provide learning opportunities for coaches.

Action Item: Cindy to send out a note to our BOD to start brainstorming members in our region that can take over this committee.

- CAP Certification
 - WEVA will send out a note asking if any members are interested in pursuing this with financial backing from WEVA.
- Highly Encouraged / Optional WEVA Events – Agreed to do this for 14's and 15's this year.
 - One will be in Rochester and one in Buffalo

New Business:

- Annual Meeting Review
 - Positive feedback given on format
- Election Process
 - Spring 2016: President, Treasurer, Junior Boys Rep, Junior Girls Rep

Next Meeting: November, 16 2015 – TF Browns

Action Item – R. Majeski to check in on location and confirm.

**Motion To Adjourn Meeting, 1st R. Majeski 2nd C. D'Errico, 8:11pm.- Approved (7/0/0)
Unanimous**