

WEVA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, November 18th, 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Fortuna's at Batavia Downs and Casino



Present: J. Hughes, R. Lucci, B. Page, R. Majeski, J. Newland, M. Pentz, C. D'Errico, T. Schnieder

Excused: F. Chase

Unexcused: CJ Denk

Last Meetings Minutes –Approved via e-mail

Points of Information (R. Lucci)

- Recognize state champions (WEVA players) – Eden & Pittsford Sutherland girls, Victor & Fairport boys

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- Registration feedback from club directors – praise! Takes work out of hands of club directors, less to worry about (handling \$), very supportive
- Clubs are growing (Lava, Java, Niagara County VBC, Lockport VBC)
- 9/1/2013 → 11/17/2013 membership counts: 251 Adults + 1,775 Juniors = 2,026 total

Financial Report (B. Page)

- Online Credit Card Payment Update – Budget alteration
 - Reconciliation of credit cards is improving; investigating interest charges, debit vs. credit cards
 - **Motion: Accept budget as presented: 1st C. D'Errico / 2nd R. Majeski / Passed (6/0/0)**

Action Item (AI) Review (Seabridge)

- Update on close-out tournaments with one age group
- Only club admins and/or tournament directors can request sanctions

Tournament Report (J. Hughes)

- Tournament, Tryout and Practice Sanction update
 - 39 sanctioned events (WEVA PVL pending) (16 boys events + 28 girls events)
 - Are teams holding try-outs without sanctioning? J. Hughes will look into it ... some clubs do not hold try-outs
 - Challenge to secure 6-court facility and HOLD it, rather than giving away dates
Are we providing enough opportunities for play?

Officials Report (J. Newland)

- Clinics – 3 scheduled dates for USA clinics: December 5, 7, 9 in Rochester area
- Dates for Buffalo clinics? (Rocco will find out)
- Frank Cwiklinski new scorekeeping chair
- Curt Miceli asst. referee chair
- Juniors: serve receive – can still take 1st ball with hands
- New USA score sheet & new libero tracking sheet (libero/replacement libero)
- Yellow card warning now applies to the whole team
- Center line violation is the same as NCAA women's – can cross center line without interference

Website (J. Hughes)

- In Process items: Tournament Results Submission, Social Media Integration (FB removed from website until a new plan is in place), Team Maintenance Page
- Updates: WEVA Fees & Fines Policy updated on website

Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

- FAQ's completed for certification process for WEVA – to be distributed to club directors and posted to website – will be requesting email confirmation to Cindy & John that they have read & understood the document and agree to abide by the requirements
- January 5, 2014 meeting in Batavia for all interested club directors, high school coaches (based on petition to not have club tryouts/practices until after high school season is over) to discuss and review the "Spirit of WEVA" and propose any modifications they feel are warranted
- Date for girl's USA National's was changed for the 13's and 18's – flipped dates so that no conflicts exist for graduation dates in New York & California. Credits to J. Hughes & IREVA & GEVA for noticing and addressing!
- Sent email to all club directors requesting a contact point for their *Safe Sport coordinator, certification coordinator, and for girls tournament results coordinator*. Some clubs the club director may serve in all three roles – requested information from them so communication in regards to those items can be sent to them directly as well. Safe Sport certification is encouraged to be completed by 01/31/2014
- Email from JAVA VBC asking for WEVA to support JAVA-hosted tournaments in Jamestown/Southern Tier
 - C. D'Errico sent an email to all club directors asking "to seriously consider supporting our WEVA clubs that are located in the outlying geographical areas. WEVA requires all teams to participate in two WEVA sanctioned junior events to "qualify" for the Girls BID Qualifier or the Boys Regionals."

Old Business

- WEVA Regional Tournament Results Archive – will continue to work on this
- PVL Update (C. D'Errico for CJ Denk) – ROX sponsorship uniform package deadline approaching. Conversations about fielding two teams; one from WEVA, one from IREVA. C. D'Errico prepared a tentative budget for PVL, need to take some direction quickly
- I Dig Doug (M. Pentz) – Thank you to WEVA for donation (1) Spaulding, Karch Kiraly outdoor net system, 3 Super Touch and 3 Pro Touch balls for the Basket Raffle. Thank you to WEVA members for donations. Event is at Hot Shots on 11/23/13. Doug will be on site 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

New Business

- Safe Sport (J. Hughes)
 - Handbook on WEVA website written by U.S. Olympic committee. Each club is required to have a Safe Sport rep (whether 1-team club or 20-team club). Must take USOC test, pass (3) tests, and earn certification form. Form to be copied & forwarded to J. Hughes. Ninety min. of "presentations" broken into sections, followed by tests. John will keep record of those who take the test & club affiliation
 - Seeking Safe Sport coordinator for the region; and each club will need to designate a rep to sit for the test and disseminate information to the entire club

- Still a working document ... it may get filtered down to the individual coaches in future years. (Not required for coaches or officials at this time.) There is no charge to take the Safe Sport class / assessment
- **Motion: Rocco will call CJ Denk informing him that his position is challenged due to excessive absences/lack of timely communication with board members, 1st R. Lucci / 2nd M. Pentz / Passed (6/0/1)**

Motion: Adjourn Meeting: 1st B. Page / 2nd R. Majeski / Passed (6/0/0) 8:59 p.m.

Next BOD Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at T. F. Brown's Restaurant

Respectfully Submitted,
Meryll Pentz
Secretary, Western Empire Volleyball Association