

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, March 9, 2020
Location: TF Browns in Batavia, NY
Time: 6:10 p.m.



Called to order:

- Present: Frank Cwicklinski, Cindy D'Errico, John Hughes, Roger Majeski, Rocco Lucci, Bill Page, Ryan Repich, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel, Dave Tytler
- Unexcused: John Crangle

Points of Interest

- 18U USA Bid earned by Paradigm at the Mizuno Boston Volleyball Festival
- NFVB 18 Navy finished 3rd at Northeast Qualifier

Meeting Minutes from November 2019 Meeting – Sent via email December 1, 2019

Motion to approve November 2019 Meeting Minutes - 1st B. Page, 2nd M. Trznadel - Approved - 10-0-0

BOD Positions

- Appointment of Dave Tytler as Junior Girls Rep
 - John Crangle has resigned and would have been unopposed in the 2020 election
 - Dave will continue on
- One potential candidate for Junior Boys Rep has been identified
 - No other positions have potential candidates

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- Report emailed out March 5, 2020
 - Adults are up 29 members
 - Juniors are up 188 members
 - Boys up 68 members
 - Girls up 120 members

Finance/Budget Report (B. Page)

- Finance Report
 - Emailed out March 8, 2020
 - Discussion on whether we should take advantage of the down market to rebalance our portfolio
- Budget Report
 - Emailed out March 5, 2020
 - Junior registration is up ~ \$13,000 from last year at this time
 - Region Store is up ~ \$13,000 from last year at this time

Motion to accept Budget report - 1st C. D'Errico, 2nd F. Cwicklinski - Approved - 10-0-0

Tournament Report (S. Seabridge)

- Tournament report sent via email on 3/9/2020
- 49 - Total Sanctions
 - 3 - Cancelled Event
 - 10 - WEVA Events
 - 4 - WEVA Sponsored Events (Challenge Events)
 - 32 - Club Events
- Possible sanction bonds = \$3,850
- Possible sanction fees = \$3,060

- Boys playing opportunities
 - 18s – 9 events
 - 17s – 3 events
 - 16s – 9 events
 - 15s – 2 events
 - 14s – 8 events
 - 13s – 1 event
 - 12s – 7 events
- Girls playing opportunities
 - 18s – 12 events
 - 17s – 8 events
 - 16s – 14 events
 - 15s – 10 events
 - 14s – 13 events
 - 13s – 8 event
 - 12s – 10 events
- As of 3/9/2020, 27 of 49 events are complete
 - 3 of 49 = cancelled
 - 36 of 49 = events pending
 - 17 of 36 = should have started submitting paperwork
 - 2 of 49 = paperwork complete
 - 8 of 32 = partial paperwork
 - 2 of 8 = Finance
 - 2 of 8 = Rosters
 - 1 of 8 = Event
 - 1 of 8 = Results/Event
 - 2 of 8 = Rosters/Event/Finance
- Starting with events on 3/21-22, rosters will be reviewed for certified referees and scorers
- Additional Discussion:
 - Discussion on simplifying results reporting (overall record vs. pool play + playoffs)
 - Can we potentially import results from AES?
 - Other discussion regarding AES
 - To use AES for registration, the cost is \$2.50/team
 - To use AES for running a tournament, the cost is \$5.00/team/day

Website Report (S. Seabridge)

- Website report sent via email on 3/9/2020
 - Current site
 - Complete – add page for AVCA-RAPP information
 - In Process - add outdoor event sanctioning
 - To Be Done - add photo page
 - Future site
 - Updating the base code for the web site
 - This is for the current site and the future site
 - **Target completion August 31, 2020**
 - Update the site visuals to simplify structure and allow a mobile web site
 - **Target completion January 1, 2021**
 - Plan to date:
 1. Initial meeting with Web Master - COMPLETE
 2. Reviewed all Region sites and noted the ones that were good to be used as possible references - COMPLETE
 3. Review current site map and look for simplifications – IN PROCESS
 4. Engage BOD and Commissioner on high-level requirements – IN PROCESS (need input by March 28, 2020 add Action Item)

5. Work high-level requirements to detailed requirements

Officials Report (F. Cwiklinski)

- Officials headshots are being acquired

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- Discussion on splitting the Beach Qualifier into 2 days
 - Proposed May 31st for the Boys
 - Proposed June 21st for the Girls
- Woodlawn used to be run by the Town of Hamburg. Now it's run by the State of NY
 - Rocco is working with the Events staff to get beach time
 - Could do split events (Buffalo + Rochester) and exclusive events (Buffalo only or Rochester only)
- Octane is interested in sanctioning some outdoor events this weekend

Region Development Report (R. Repich)

- By-Law change to Section 3.01c) (vi)
 - Growth and Development Coordinator: The nominee must be actively involved with USA Volleyball within the region. They will represent WEVA members at-large at all Regional meetings (and National meetings as necessary). Position will focus on program development including both youth and adult volleyball, and USAV High Performance.
- Project Play and Mary Wilson Foundation opportunities were discussed
- Looking to categorize the overall level of junior tournaments (ex. National/Regional/Local)
- Need to develop a strategy on how to get the 3rd through 6th grade level playing more
- Need to get adults, especially the intermediate level to grow
- Event Committee to discuss the creation of 3 levels to categorize the junior tournament events run in the region.
 - This will help our region in the following ways:
 - Guide teams outside of our region to determine the level of play at unfamiliar events
 - Even the level of play between teams within the region
 - Address player safety against higher skilled competition
 - Address protocol issues during events regarding scorekeeping, event formats and ability to revise USAV rules to allow grass roots player development.
 - Example:
 - Tier 1 (National):
 - Geared toward giving opportunity to play against the highest level of skill in the region.
 - Teams registered to play in events out of the region must have certified roster members to keep official score sheets and second referee
 - Tier 2 (Regional):
 - Geared toward teams not traveling out of the region
 - Official scoresheets not used
 - Tier 3 (Local, House or League):
 - Teams comprised of lesser regional membership fee (\$25)
 - Work teams provide ALL officials
 - Abridged / tally score and flip score to be used (no lineups submitted)
 - Potential for timed games
 - Uniforms recommended but not required
 - Designed to be a scrimmage
 - Create subcommittee to address the requirements (Rocco)

Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

- WEVA events – All sanctioned WEVA events have been entered into AES. Registrations to date listed below.
 - WEVA Rally I *(2/2/2020) – 13s,15s,17s (30 teams) – COMPLETED submission of results/tournament report & financial report
 - WEVA Festival (2/8/2020) – 12s,13s,14s,15s (50 teams) - COMPLETED submission of results/tournament report & financial report
 - WEVA Festival (2/9/2020) – 16s,17s,18s (45 teams) - COMPLETED submission of results/tournament report & financial report
 - WEVA 13's Challenge (3/14/2020 – 8 teams) - Hot Shots Juniors Hosting (Hot Shots)
 - WEVA 14's Challenge (3/14/2020 – 18 teams – room for 24) - NFVB Hosting (BNCC)
 - WEVA 15's Challenge (3/15/2020 – 15 teams – room for 1) - NFVB Hosting (BNCC)
 - WEVA 18's BID Qualifier (3/15/2020 – 7 teams – accepted all teams) - NFVB Hosting (BNCC)
 - WEVA 16's Challenge (3/15/2020 – 21 teams – seeking one additional team) - VFX Hosting (Pinnacle)
 - WEVA Boy's Championships (3/29/2020 – 12s,13s,14s,15s,16s,17s,18s - 48 teams) – SUNY Brockport/Armory
 - WEVA Rally II (4/5/2020 – 12s,16s,18s - 25 teams)
 - WEVA Rally III (4/19/2020 – 14s,16s - 25 teams)
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier (4/25/2020 – 12s,13s,14s - 24 teams) – 14s has 10 interested, room for 1-12s, 2-13s
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier (4/26/2020 – 15s,16s,17s - 25 teams) – 15s has 10 interested, 16s and 17s have 8 teams each
- For triple ball twelve and under events in the future, we are proposing no officials will be utilized. Typically only the early events use it.
- 18's BID Qualifier has seven teams participating. NFVB 18 Navy will not accept a bid if they were to win the event. NFVB earned a BID at NEQ qualifier thru trickle down but declined accepting the bid. All other teams will accept a bid to Nationals if they were to earn it from this event. There is only one BID awarded from USA Volleyball to Nationals for the region for this age group. Paradigm Revolution earned a USA BID from the Boston Festival. As a result, if NFVB 18 Navy and Paradigm Revolution were to make it to the finals a third place match will be required. If Paradigm wins that match, they will earn the National BID and the third place team will receive the USA bid thru trickle down. If Paradigm loses that match, the trickle down will be for the National Bid. Congratulations to the teams for representing WEVA at the qualifiers! Sent rankings and format to committee for approval/feedback.
- Completed the format for the Boy's regional championships. Sent suggestions on movement of teams to avoid same club teams being in same pools while not impacting the overall seeding. Sent to Tom for review/approval.
- Sent email to event committee in regards to meeting for seeding/acceptance into the BID Qualifier events for 1p's thru 17's. Proposed April 8th meeting at 6 PM. Sent email via AES requesting head to head results within age group, submission of results for all out of town tournaments and reminder of requirements for entering the event to teams registered. Communicated that the criteria for seeding/acceptance is head to head results, average points and strength of schedule.
- WEVA will have a National division bid allocated for 11 thru 18 age groups and an American division bid allocated for 13 thru 17 age groups to USA Nationals this year in Dallas for 11-17 and Reno for 18's. WEVA is 4th on the waiting list for 12's and 11th on the list for 18's to receive an American Bid. Action item – follow up with allocated BIDS.
- Review of Ranking System has been requested of all girls' club directors and then updates completed if any are suggested and approved by the event committee. If modified, it will be re-posted to the website and club directors notified. USAV will not allow any results included for events outside of USAV to be utilized in their new ranking system. Document has the requirements for eligibility to play in the Girl's

BID Qualifier event and continued format of no consolation matches – guaranteeing only 6 sets in the event. Discussions with some club directors on how this process works and the BID qualifier event.

- Behavior incident reported from the VFX Winter Challenge event. John discussed with clubs involved and resolved with no formal grievance filed.
- Rankings were completed thru March 6th. Sent to webmaster for posting to website and to the tournament directors for use for the WEVA Challenge events.
- Proposal to allow tournaments that run thru AES not be required to submit results to the WEVA website. Discussion resulted in it still being a requirement. Junior Coordinator will work with Jon Simplicio to download results to an excel spreadsheet that can be uploaded to the WEVA results database.
- NFVB will be hosting a coach’s round table Friday May 1st with past Olympic setter Janet Cobbs. More information to follow. Janet will have a team participating in the event.
- USA National’s Housing Lottery completed, VFX #17 – notified 12/9 at noon and WEVA was #18 notified 12/10 at noon. Kate from NFVB and Nicksen from VFX completed the hotel room reservations based on the lottery date.
- Junior coordinator will not be attending the USA meeting scheduled for May 17th thru May 19th due to a personal conflict.
- Parent Code of Conduct – posted to the WEVA website.
- 2020 National Dates:
 - Girls 11-17 Championships - Dallas, June 25–July 4, 2020 and Girls 18 Championships - Reno, May 1-3, 2020
 - Boys 12-18 Championships - Reno, June 27–July 4, 2020 – successful movement of the eighteens to not conflict with graduation
 - Adult Open Championships – Minneapolis, May 22–27, 2020

Old Business

- None

New Business

- WEVA Board of Directors approved a policy regarding COVID-19

Next BOD Meeting

- Monday, May 4, 2020
 - Location: TF Browns
- Monday, July 13, 2020 (Annual Meeting)
 - Location: TBD

Motion to Adjourn - 1st T. Schneider, 2nd M. Trznadel - Approved – 10-0-0

Date	Action	Owner	Target Completion	Actual Completion
3/12/2018	Create “Growth and Development Coordinator” position description	D. Johnson R. Lucci	4/6/2018	3/9/2020
3/9/2020	Update By-Laws with “Growth and Development Coordinator” position description	R. Lucci	3/13/2020	
3/9/2020	Update web site with “Growth and Development Coordinator” position description	S. Seabridge	3/11/2020	
3/9/2020	Bring to Event Committee to discuss creation of 3 levels to categorize the junior tournament events run in the region	R. Lucci	4/8/2020	
3/9/2020	Add WEVA COVID-19 response and USA Volleyball link to web site	S. Seabridge	3/11/2020	3/12/2020

