

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, March 8, 2021
Location: Zoom
Time: 7:30 p.m.



Called to order:

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

Points of Interest (Lucci)

- Thanks to the WEVA Region staff and tournament directors from Eastside Ice, Niagara Frontier and Volley FX for putting together events so quickly once New York was allowed to compete on February 1, 2021.
- Congratulations to the boys' teams that earned bids to USA Nationals from BANE Harrisburg qualifier.

Meeting Minutes from April 2020 Meeting – Sent via email July 24, 2020

Motion to approve April 2020 Meeting Minutes: via e-mail / Approved - 9-0-1

Registrars Report (Hughes)

- WEVA membership overall numbers are down 46% as of 1/31/2021 when compared to all of the 2019-2020 season numbers
 - USA Volleyball (all regions) is down 24% in the same comparison
 - IREVA and GEVA are down 67% and 49%, respectively

Finance/Budget Report (Page)

- Report emailed out March 2, 2021
 - Currently projecting a \$38K loss
 - Could be larger depending on impact from school season
 - Officials Development / Junior Development costs will be down this season
- WEVA Store is down ~ \$6K
- Received the initial PPP loan (which we assume will be forgiven)
 - Applied for the most recent PPP loan
- Savings accounts are still strong
- Investments have been doing well

Motion to accept Budget report - 1st D. Tytler, 2nd R. Lucci; Approved - 8-0-0

Tournament Report (Seabridge)

- Worked closely with Cindy on the schedule to-date
 - Girls Bid and Boys Championships sanctioned today
- Need to get notices out about bonds and fees
- Can-Am is tentatively scheduled for June 5-7 but has yet to be submitted

Officials Report (Cwicklinski)

- Down from 86 officials to 44
- All events have been evenly distributed amongst the officials
- Electronic whistles purchased by the Region given to all officials if they wanted one and have been supplied to the facilities for the 2nd officials
- Will not have enough officials for the proposed Can-Am if the size of the event stays the same
 - Would need to go out-of-Region for officials

Beach Report (Majeski)

- Lake Ontario water levels have been down compared to last 2 years
- NOVA/Hot Shots are planning on running quite a few Junior events
- WEVA/NOVA/Hot Shots will have the same arrangement they did 2 years ago

Junior Report (D'Errico)

- Congratulations are extended to the following boys teams that earned BIDS to USA Nationals from BANE Harrisburg qualifier:
 - 14 Open LVC 2nd
 - 16 Open Pace 3rd
 - 17 Open HSJ 2nd
 - 18 USA LVC 3rd (Tied)
- Membership in the region is down 45.8% as of report dated 1/31/21 from National office. Email from Bill for report run as of March 1st – membership down 36.2% with 110 registered as tryout members this year did not upgrade compared to 187 from last year.
- Additional sanction requests submitted for approval for March and April. Niagara Frontier Sports sanction request for 3/21 (18/14) since HS season starting mid-March for Section VI. Eastside Ice hosting a fourteens event in 4/3 for 14's. Working with tournament directors in finalizing twelves events in March (3/20 or 3/27) and April (4/27). Not enough interest voiced from clubs in regards to participating in events during HS season for the older age groups. Most clubs are pausing during the HS season or wrapped up their season at the end of February.
- Sent email to Pinnacle and the Armory in regards to cancelling all previously reserved dates for events with exception of May 23rd for the Boys Regionals. Armory required a \$500.00 deposit for the event.
- Received email from the Armory in regards to an increase cost for facility rental. It has been ten years since the prior rental cost was agreed to. New hourly rate of \$50.00 with a three court minimum rental for a minimum of two hours. Daily rental cost for six courts increased from \$1500 to \$2000. Per court rental is \$335 per court with no guarantee that other courts will not be rented. Full payment required seven days before the scheduled event.
- Completed the girl's team region rankings from 2021 events attended by clubs. Will request posting to the region website and utilized for seeding and acceptance (if more than four teams are interested in participating) into the bid qualifier event.
- Confirmed with USA that 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 Las Vegas for 11-17 and Columbus for 18's.
- BID Qualifier for girls, submitted sanction request for the 12-16's on May 16th. Sent email in regards to change to allow teams to participate even if they will not accept a BID to USA Nationals. Region will still only accept a maximum of four teams per age group. One court will be assigned for each age group at Niagara Frontier Sports. Pool of four with the last match of pool play becoming the finals if that match has no impact on the top two finishing teams. Otherwise that match will be played and then top two teams will play in a final match with the winning team earning the National bid and the loser earning the American bid for the region. The 18 and under BID will occur on a mutually agreed upon Sunday in March if more than one team is interested in attending 18's Nationals. Currently, Octane has voiced they would want to attend and NFVB is still deciding. Requested decision by March 12th. Need to communicate qualifying teams by April 5th for 18's and 5/31 for 12's-17's. The seventeens age division will be scheduled for the week of May XX. Octane had voiced interest in playing but will not travel to Niagara Frontier Sports during the week to participate.
 - Number of teams committed to accept bids to Nationals per age group noted below:
 - 12's – 0
 - 13's – 2
 - 14's – 3
 - 15's – 3
 - 16's – 4
 - 17's – 4 (one not willing to travel during the week to Niagara Frontier Sports)
 - 18's – 1 (with NFVB still considering) – play 3/21 at pending sanctioning event for 18's, if needed

- Grievance filed to region from event run in February.
- WEVA purchased hand held whistles for officials providing service this season, showing support of the region for their services. Additionally, region purchased and delivered hand held whistles for use by second referees at the 4 venues being used for events this year. THANKS go to Frank for coordinating!!
- USA National's Housing Lottery – this has occurred for VFX thru Tier 1 and the region lottery. Hotels have been reserved for the 12's-17's, the lottery is not applicable for the eighteens division. Thanks go out to VFX (Nicksen Sivongsa) for completing the process and being the focal point for future communication for the region.
- 2021 National Dates:
 - Girls 11-17 Championships – Las Vegas, June 26 –July 5, 2021
 - Girls 18 Championships - Columbus, April 23-25, 2021
 - Boys 12-18 Championships – Kansas City, June 30 – July 7, 2021
 - Adult Open Championships – Louisville, May 28 – June 2, 2021
 - Beach Championships – Huntsville, Alabama, July 21-26, 2021

New Business

- There has been some information suggesting that there would be no Boys High Performance this year
 - John to investigate
- Proposal to have region pay for 1st and 2nd place finishers at Boys Region Championships due to last years' National Championships being cancelled.
 - This is only for the 2020-2021 season

Motion to Pay for Boys Region Championships 2nd place Finishers National Championships Entry fees for the 2020-2021 season only - 1st T. Schneider, 2nd S. Seabridge; Approved - 8-0-0

- Security at Main Street Armory
 - 2 cars were broken into
 - Contract with facility does not put parking security on the host organization
 - First known occurrence in all the years we have used the facility
 - Police were called
- LVC requests that WEVA use a \$100 deposit (2020 event) for the Main Street Armory on an upcoming event and then reimburse LVC
 - Armory will only allow that deposit to be used for a new event and not reimburse directly
 - Hughes to look into
- Elections
 - 2021: Vice President, Secretary, Official's Rep
 - 2022: Junior Coordinator, Growth & Development Coordinator, Beach Representative
 - 2023: President, Treasurer, Junior Boys Rep, Junior Girls Rep

Next BOD Meeting

- Monday, May 3, 2021
 - Location: Zoom
- Monday, July TBD (Annual Meeting)
 - Location: TBD (outdoor venue?)

Motion to Adjourn: 1st Seabridge, 2nd Majeski – Approved: 8-0-0