

WEVA Meeting Minutes

Date: November 21, 2010

Time: 6:14 PM

Present: R. Majeski, J. Hughes, S. Seabridge, T. Weislo, L. Schoenl, F. Chase, C. D'Errico, J. McKinney, R. Lucci, D. Tytler (guest), M. Robinson (guest)

Unexcused: CJ Denk, J. Newland

Welcome & Thank You (S. Seabridge)

- CJ and J. Newland will not be attending.
- Welcome to guests, D. Tytler and M. Robinson
- Welcome to R. Lucci as new president and J. McKinney as new Treasurer
- If time at the end of the meeting, would like to discuss the status of Empire State Games.
- Motion: Approve previous meeting minutes as presented...1st F. Chase/2nd T. Weislo/ Passed (8-0-0).

Recruiting and Marketing of Players (D. Tytler, M. Robinson)

- After several years of trying to establish a recruiting policy, nothing has ever been settled.
- Significantly more teams/clubs in our region and because of this, the policy should be revisited.
- A new WEVA girls proposed guidelines has been submitted by M. Robinson.
- Recommended that this policy should be driven and policed by the clubs, and the WEVA BOD should only be here to enforce the rules.
- Will be re-visited by Cindy and discussed at next meeting.

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- 788 paid members
- Over 1000 unpaid, but expect to be paid soon
- Last year – finished 2361
- Expecting this year to be flat due to economy, etc.
- John talked to some of the clubs, and they may be down by some teams this year
- There are seven new clubs this year. Some are only one-team clubs.

Financial Report 2009 - 2010 (J. Hughes)

- Some items on the ending budget are in the wrong category, but will be moved.
- Will add \$2000 back into budget as there was no CAP clinic this year.
- Purchased QuickBooks 2010
- Dionne to sit with John to make a decision as to whether or not she wants to continue with the position. Or, it could go to the accounting firm.
- If Dionne does not want to do it, then there may be an option to have J. McKinney do it as he is now the Treasurer.
- WEVA Savings: \$41,327.74
- WEVA Checking: \$18,025.89
- M&T Checking (Scott): \$4,126.24
- CD#2333: \$24,470.98
- CD#3505: \$12,744.98
- CD#1690: \$6,003.78
- Budget will be wrapped up within the next month to 1.5 months.
- Motion: Approve budget report as presented...1st F. Chase /2nd C. D'Errico/Passed (8-0-0).

Financial Report 2010 - 2011 (J. Hughes)

- Other Income:
 - Sold 2 sports courts for \$14,600 from Revolution VBC in PA. Money already deposited.

- Motion: Approve budget report as presented...1st S. Seabridge/2nd F. Chase/Passed (8-0-0).

Review Action Items (S. Seabridge)

- CJ item – Contact college clubs regarding playing USA - CLOSED by S. Seabridge.
- Proposal for WEVA Coaching Clinic instead of CAP: OPEN – John working with Nazareth College and Division III Men’s Championship on a Coaching and Player’s clinic. 4/15 is 12U clinic and coaches clinic and 4/16 will be the coaches clinic.
- Develop Jr. Travel Policy – CLOSED 11/21/10 - Cindy sent out to committee. Some revisions that were written by Rocco and sent previously to the BOD via email. Rocco to create waiver form
 - Motion: To accept the 5 points with related compliance verbiage as enforced WEVA Club Travel Policy...1st R. Lucci/2nd S. Seabridge (passed 8-0-0).
 - Motion: to recognize the submission of recommended “Team and Individual Travel Guidelines” as an addendum to any “Starting a New Club” documentation as well as posting separate document on website under Juniors > Related Links...1st R. Lucci/2nd C. D’Errico
 - Remove – “as well as posting separate document on website under Juniors > Related Links...(passed 8-0-0).
- Add pool play recommendations to website – OPEN – Scott still work in process.
- Add forms page on website – CLOSED – added on appropriate area
- Propose WEVA fines policy – OPEN – Scott and John have created some fines, but still need to add a few more.
- Develop proposal on how to move forward region High Performance Teams – OPEN – T. Weislo has over 29 pages of research and needs to narrow it down to present to BOD.
- Finalized Girls Bid Event – CLOSED – Date set for 4/30 – 5/1
- Update BOD on web on 10/31/10 – CLOSED – website was updated on 11/2/10.

Main Street Armory/Sportscourts update (J. Hughes)

- In finalization on selling remaining sport courts.
- FYI: Scott Donaldson is filling in holes in the floor, sanding it down, putting poly on it, and putting in 6 courts worth of net systems. We are not at this

Tryout/Practice Report (L. Schoenl)

- Online tryout and practice request is now up and running.
- Laurie to work with Maureen for any updates.
- System seems to be working smoothly.
- All tryout and practice requests should only be coming in via online submission.

Tournament Report (S. Seabridge)

- 27 events sanctioned thus far
 - 3 boys
 - 24 girls
- There were a few conflicts, but Scott has given the clubs more time to make any adjustments. There was no response so; they will have to create new submissions at this point.
- Will need to create policy for tournaments being held on the same weekend by different clubs. Scott to present something at the next BOD meeting.

Website Update (S. Seabridge)

- Several updates have been made to the website.
- Still a few updates needed and making a few tweaks to the website.
- Other recommendations also coming in that are being considered.

Junior Business (C. D'Errico & T. Weislo)

- Girls' Tournament Ranking/Team Rating (D'Errico)
 - See attached WEVA Junior Rankings 2010 document that was discussed at the meeting.
- High Performance Update (Weislo)
 - As mentioned above, T. Weislo has several pages of research on High Performance. Will narrow it down with recommendation to BOD. Overall, feels it's positive.

Officials Report (J. Newland/F. Chase)

- Four people for this season at this point have indicated interest in going to National Level upgrade (Mike Jansma, Art Chavers, Kurt Micelli, Renee Paser-Paull).
- 3 of 4 officiated at Preview to the Final Four
- 10 officials volunteered at Preview to the Final Four to do lines, score, etc.
- Started and held first referee and scorekeeping clinic this pass weekend. There were 32 people present.
- Four more dates announced 12/13 – 12/14 in Rochester at Penfield HS, 12/6 at Hilbert College and 12/11 at BNCC.

New Business

- We need a review the position of Executive Director one time per season. The last review was in January 2010.
- Hot Shots started a house league. Ages ranging 11-15, practicing one time per week. Will be used as a feeder program. Looking at having 3-12 week sessions. Sessions are currently on Thursday evenings.
- Fred Chase to be attending the AVCA convention to attend National Meeting/Clinic.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 10th at 6PM at TF Browns.

Motion to adjourn meeting: 1st R. Lucci/2nd F. Chase/Passed (8-0-0).
8:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Western Empire Volleyball Association
Laura Schoenl, WEVA Secretary

WEVA Junior Girls Ranking/Seeding System

Overview:

Regional rankings for regional tournaments and for reporting to USA Volleyball will be based upon a mathematical system of points. These points will be awarded based upon three key factors:

- Level of the Tournament – Scaled 1-6
- Age Level of the Tournament – Scaled 3.5-.5
- Percentile of Placement the Team Finished
(Rank / Number of Teams)

All tournaments will be verified by the WEVA Rankings Coordinator, and results will be entered for ALL teams not just those who submitted. Only tournaments that record a final ranking, and a declared first place team will count towards the rankings.

Impact on Rankings / Seeding:

Ranking: Overall year-end and monthly rankings will be determined by total points.

Seeding: Seeding for tournaments will be based upon either the AVERAGE or the SUMMATION of total points – this will be determined by the Rankings Committee based upon slight adjustments that make the most sense for the ranking for that tournament. Head to head record may also be used for situations where slight adjustments are under consideration.

For the bid tournament, here is how teams will be allowed to enter: No teams will be allowed to enter after the deadline posted for the event. No teams will be contacted to fill out an age bracket. Only teams that submitted paperwork and payment will be allowed to participate. In addition, players/teams will only be allowed to participate in the tournament if they played in two WEVA sanctioned events prior to the tournament.

12/13 and under teams – all interested will be allowed to participate

All other age groups – up to 8 teams will be allowed to participate in each age group.

Tournament Levels:

Tournaments are divided into 6 categories, as noted below. Any tournament can be added into the listing (see rankings spreadsheet for full list), the assigned ranking is completed prior to March 1 by the Junior Sub-Committee.

Level 6:

Any open division national qualifier or tournament with multiple, nationally ranked teams. For Example:

- North East Qualifier – Open Lone Star- Open
- Chicago/SPRI Tourney-Open Big South - Open
- Hoosier MEQ-Open
- USA Nationals - Open

Level 5:

Any club division national tournament.

Level 4:

Any club division national qualifier or tournament in a top ranked region.

For Example:

- North East Qualifier-Club
- Northern Lights Qualifier-Club
- Las Vegas Invitational
- MAPL Championships
- MEQ Club
- Lone Star – Club
- Dayton Cup - Open
- Big South – Club
- JVDA Invite
- Premier Invite
- OVR National Challenges

Level 3:

Higher level in-region and out of region tourneys – key is number of teams, number of clubs and general strength of tourney. For Example

- Dayton's Cup - Club
- PVA / MLK Tourney - Open
- Capitol Hill Classic
- VFX Winter Challenge – 18's
- Happy Volley - Open
- Shamrock Festival
- Central Zone Shoot Out
- NETS Events/MAPL Events/Northcoast Power League
- OVR American Challenges

Level 2:

In-region or out of region tourneys that have a majority of the top regional teams, but not many clubs or strength of schedule. For Example:

- BID Qualifier
- Winter Challenge 17-12's
- Great Nor'Easter (Albany)
- Hocus Pocus (Non Nets Division)
- WEVA Women's Tourneys
- New England Mizuno
- Winterfest
- East Coast Championships
- MLK Tourney – Club
- Happy Volley – Club
- BNCC Can-Am

Level 1:

In region tourneys, generally intended for increased play – but mostly consisting of 1 or 2 clubs, and or not including a majority of the top teams.

- WEVA Festival
- Baystate Tourney
- Xtreme Challenge Tourneys
- BNCC Tourneys
- Southern Tier Invite
- OVR Regional Challenges

Point Determination:

To find out how many points teams will receive, multiply the level by the percentile points. The percentile points are as follows:

Winner		20 points
Runner-up		17 points
Non Winner / Runner-up	1-10%	15 points
	11-20%	12 points
	21-30%	10 points
	31-40%	8 points
	41-50%	5 points
	51-60%	4 points
	61-75%	2 point
	76% & up	0 points

If there are less than 8 teams (so, 7 teams or less) in the tournament, straight percentage points are utilized instead of the “winner” and “runner-up” point values, regardless of finish.

Some FAQs:

If players from other teams play on your team, how do you record the results?

The team that is registered with the tournament would have had to be under a specific WEVA / USA Volleyball number. That number is the key to how / where the results are recorded. If rosters are altered where it results in significantly changing the strength of the original team those results should not be recorded as points earned. Please advise Junior Coordinator, Cindy D'Errico and WEVA rankings Coordinator, Gary Hill when teams are entered into tournaments with altered rosters.

If you play up in an age division, does that get additional points?

Yes, for 2010 each age grouping has a rating, the rating score is associated with the tournament team age. Since all teams have the opportunity to play within their age, younger teams are not hurt by a lower rating – for example the 12s have a .5 rating, while the 18s have a 3.5 rating.

Examples:

At the Finger Lakes Winter Challenge II (Rating of 1 for level of tournament), Premiere 16-2 places tied for 3rd out of 10 teams (to earn 10 points for 21-30% of total field)

16s tournament = 2.5 age level scale factor

$1 * 10 * 2.5 = 25$ points for Premiere 16-2 – EDIT FOR NUMBER OF TEAMS / MAKE TWO EXAMPLES

Last Updated 11/10