

WEVA Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 10, 2014

Time: 6:00 PM at T.F. Browns

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

Excused: J. Crangle



Called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Last Meetings Minutes – 1st draft sent on Jan 14, 2014

Motion: Approve Minutes, 1st M. Pentz / 2nd F. Chase / Approved / (8/0/0)

Points of Information (BOD)

- Recruit page on WEVA web site – looks good.
- B. Page ran WEVA Festival on Sat & Sun at 6-court facility – Thank you.
- Mark Thomey set up site at Edison HS, Mark was site coordinator at East HS.
- Thank you John Hughes for being site coordinator at Edison HS.
- East Coast in general is experiencing issues with junior work teams – but we are NOT in our region. Kudos!

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- 3,090 total memberships. Never hit 3,000 WEVA registrations before! Not even close. Great News!
- We'll likely pick up a couple more adult memberships (adult players, chaperones, etc.).

Financial Report (B. Page)

- **Motion: Approve Budget, 1st C. D'Errico / 2nd R. Majeski / Approved / (8/0/0).**
- Savings to Investment update; John will sign off and approve ASAP.

Tournament Report (J. Hughes via S. Seabridge)

- 46 sanctioned events. 16 Boys events & 33 girls events.
- 26 events yet to be held, 19 events complete, and 1 cancelled.
- 12 of 19 completed events have submitted rosters. Potential fines, but NOT all will result in fines, handled case by case.

Officials Report (J. Newland)

- A small officials committee may be formed to discuss fees; among other things. (Ex: one-day fee for a national vs. provisional official, compare to other regions, how it will fit into club budgets). Officials need to examine a few issues to make sure our region is aligned with other regions.
- Suggestion to add a tournament director(s) and/or club treasurer to participate on this committee.

Website (J. Hughes)

- Completed items: Eligible Juniors & Seniors page
- Closed items: Social Media Integration (cancelled).
- In-process items: Team Maintenance Page (90%) & Tournaments Results Submission (95%).
- New Items: Analytics about "hits" on WEVA pages – Maureen will work on.
- On-line Tournament Results Submission (C. D'Errico).

- WEVA Website was down for an entire day last week. We must be vigilant & communicate if we notice issues.

Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

- See Addendum A – *Junior Board Meeting Report – March 2014*

Old Business

- PVL Update
 - Matthew Glover named Head Coach, Lindsey Schlegel named Assistant Coach.
 - Roster of 15 players – finalized.
 - PVL players & administration supporting PVL are seeking support – Cover letter & Sponsorship form distributed.
 - ROX (uniform) contract signed – WEVA & MSA logo will appear on the jerseys.
 - 2014 WEVA Player Clinic – PVL players will give back to the Region by hosting a juniors training clinic. July 14 at BNCC & July 15 at Rochester Armory.
- Governance Committee Report (F. Chase) –
 - Solicit candidates through March 31st.
 - Voting to open on April 1. Voting to close on May 5.
 - Seeking nominations for positions of Vice President, Secretary, Junior Coordinator, Officials Representative, & Adult Representative.
 - Three-year term begins in 2014.

Action Item Review – Cover any items not previously discussed

- J. Newland – convene officials committee to discuss costs (conversion to Arbiter, one-day pay rates, overall pay scale, etc.)
- F. Chase – due process review/modifications

New Business

- R. Lucci is developing a parent web page for NFVB about how to conduct themselves at tournaments, educating parents about expected behavior, rules of the game, how to communicate with coaches & players, etc. Researching information / resources to share with parents; educational opportunity.

Motion: Adjourn Meeting, 1st M. Pentz / J. Newland / Approved / (8/0/0)

Next Meeting – May 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at Fortuna's Restaurant, Batavia, NY

Respectfully Submitted,

Meryll Pentz

Secretary, Western Empire Volleyball Association

Addendum A - Junior Board Meeting Report – March 10th

- 1) USA Nationals – Niagara Frontier (4 teams) and VFX (2 teams) have submitted entry into the Patriot division of Nationals if they do not qualify at the BID. It is great that additional teams from our region will be participating at Nationals. Communicated to club directors the best of luck as we head into the National qualifiers in obtaining a bid to Nationals from any of the events.
- 2) Tournament update
 - 2/9 – WEVA Rally I – Completed had 12- 14's and 8-18's participating – had two court issues but overall tournament ran as smoothly as can be expected losing 2 courts morning of event.
 - 2/22-23 – WEVA Festival – 9-12's, 8-13's, 12-14's, 16-15's, 22-16's, 10-17's and 12-18's – total of 89 teams over 3 facilities in the two days – a HUGE thank you to Bill Page, Mark Thomey and John Hughes for being site coordinators and to Bill Page and Mark Thomey for setting up Edison for the event. Their help was very much appreciated while Cindy was in France. Successful merchandise sale at event - \$1,283 profit
 - 3/23 – WEVA Boys Regionals – 12 thru 18's – Armory, East and Monroe confirmed as facilities – 4-12's, 1-13 (playing in 14's), 10 – 14's, 6-15's, 9-16's, 6-17's, 6-18's – 12's and 14's at East, 15's at Monroe and 16, 17, 18's at the Armory – Cindy will be site coordinator at the Armory, John will be at East, seeking volunteer to do Monroe HS. Assistance for Monroe set-up will be needed also. Sent email out on merchandise sale. Penfield Tradition has asked if they can do concessions at a venue (thinking East High School would be best) for this event. Discuss requirement about two events participation prior to event – injury situation is in handbook. Later starting teams, conflicts with high school events and/or closed out of tournament situations? (Board discussion about requirement for two events participation prior to event ... "A rule is a rule.")
 - 4/6 – WEVA Rally II – 13, 15, 17 – sent email out confirming teams – seeking 2-4 additional teams for event
 - 4/27 – WEVA Rally III – 14, 15 – 12 teams in each age division – sent email note confirming teams - event CLOSED
 - 5/3-4 – WEVA Girl's BID QUALIFIER – 12 thru 15 on Sat – 12's at St. Mary's and 13-15 at BNCC, 16-18 on Sun at BNCC. More teams in age groups 14 through 18's than what will be accepted (accept 8 in each age division). 14's (13), 15's (12), 16's (17), 17's (11) and 18's (11) are interested. All 12's (7) and 13's (6) will be accepted into the event. Cindy will be site coordinator at St. Mary's on Saturday. Seeking volunteer for site coordinator Saturday and Sunday at BNCC. (Rocco volunteered to be site coordinator.) Email sent to confirm meeting for discussion of accepted teams. Email sent communicating if roster is not at full strength to advise so it is taken into consideration for acceptance as well as to advise if not planning on accepting bid to Nationals for 12's, 13's. All teams in 14 through 18 must accept if they win. Sent email to 10/11's club directors to see if there was any interest in having that division at the BID Qualifier event (asked if we did if they would prefer triple ball or traditional).
- 3) Proposal from Mercer – Gary Hill and Jim still have not met – will coordinate meeting to discuss possible option of trying it for lower age divisions next year. Mixed responses from club directors – some pros and some concerned about mandatory events due to smaller clubs having multiple sport athletes.

- 4) Junior girl's tournament sponsored by PVL women's program at the Armory March 9th. 5- 14's and 10 – 16/17's. Thanks for Mark Thomey, Linda Chase, and John Hughes to donate their officiating time to the PVL event. (15 teams participated.)
- 5) SafeSport communication requirements for training sent to club directors – or person designated by club to be their safe sport coordinator. Requested training to be completed by January 31st. Certificate of completion must be sent to WEVA office for their records along with any travel policies that the clubs design as their own versus using the USA document noted in the safe sport handbook. NOT ALL CLUBS HAVE MET THIS REQUIREMENT. (New mandatory date: March 20, 2014 or else you can't play in any additional USA volleyball tournaments. Original due date was January 31, 2014 !!)
- 6) After the meeting January 5th at the Clarion in Batavia of all interested club directors, high school coaches (based on petition to not have club tryouts/practices until after high school season is over) discussing the "WEVA Code of Conduct" a sub-committee was formed of Mark Robinson (chair), Lindsey Schlegel, Rocco Lucci, Bill Paige, Cindy D'Errico, Cindy Hays, Ed Patt, and Roger Majeski with Ben Guiliano declining due to schedule. Discussion occurred, notes distributed and some suggestions made. A) Education of the recruiting policies within WEVA to the club directors, families and players. B) Development of anonymous reporting opportunities for violations of the policies. C) Initial form prior to official registration where athlete would select what clubs they are trying out for and what clubs they would be interested in getting information from about tryouts. D) No practices/tryouts for players participating in high school post season. Committee to meet another time.
- 7) Triple Ball for younger age groups was used at the Hocus Pocus 12's event by all participating teams. Power pool was traditional, semi-finals for the event was triple ball, finals was traditional based on coaches preference. Feedback from parents and coaches was positive for the developmental teams; more success achieved by the players with three contacts and was not just a mostly missed serving match.
- 8) Communication to all tournament directors on the head referee requirement for 10 or more courts still pending (\$150.00 per day plus mileage). Fred doing write-up for handbook or junior tournament guidelines – senior official/head official. Only see the \$5.00 per court assignor fee mentioned - not anything about a non-officiating head official and associated fees.
- 9) Will be sending out to club directors as an FYI - airlines savings that Tom put together – USA travel discount information posted to the home page on WEVA.
- 10) Posted the girls ranking weekly based on submissions received. Communicated to club directors to review for accuracy and completeness.
- 11) Due process review/modifications are required.
- 12) Suggestion from club director - would like to see a push for a revision of WEVA officiating (we need to train young volleyball athletes as R1's. Additionally, we need to create competitive equity in WEVA events. I believe a review of the North Carolina Region would give WEVA an idea of what the suggestion entails.

Submitted by: WEVA JUNIOR COORDINATOR – Cindy D'Errico