

## **WEVA Meeting Agenda**

Date: Monday, November 14, 2016

Time: 6:00 PM at T.F. Browns in Batavia, NY



Meeting Called To Order: 6:10pm

Excused Absences: William Page and John Crangle

Last Meetings Minutes (L. Schlegel)

**Meeting Minutes Approved At Meeting – 11/14/16 and were sent in to Scott Seabridge**

### Points of Info

- Fred Chase is stepping down as the Referee Chair of the WEVA Region of USA Volleyball. John Newland has been named the new WEVA Referee Chair. A big thank you to Fred Chase for his time and his service. Fred will remain on the board until the end of his term in April 2017.
- Rochester Youth Volleyball League had its year-end tournament on Saturday. Close to 320 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>-grade girls played this year.
- SUNY Brockport made it to the Sweet 16 in the DIII NCAA Tournament.
- First time ever this year, HS volleyball had more girls playing then HS basketball

Registrars Report (J. Hughes) – sent via e-mail

- All positive year to date when compared to last year's year to date at this time.
  - This is a good start for the 2016-17 season.
- We are still waiting for more tryout registrations to upgrade to the full membership.

*Action Item: C. D'Errico will send an email to the club directors to remind their players to do this.*

**Motion To Approve Budget Report 1<sup>st</sup> F. Chase, 2<sup>nd</sup> C. D'Errico Motion Approved (8-0-0) – Unanimous**

Financial Report ((J. Hughes via B. Page)

- Budget report – sent via e-mail
  - Final report from last year was presented and reviewed.
  - We finished a little under the projected number for registrations for the year.
  - Store numbers are showing up based on when clubs are finishing payments for the items they have ordered.
  - Overall we finished up on the year
    - We do have some money left over due to us not spending budgeted money that we have set aside to be used during the year.
- Finance Summary – sent via e-mail
- Review First Two Months of the Budget
  - Background checks were originally missed on this report but have been notified and it will be an account shown on the next report.
- Tryout Membership Upgrades
  - We are waiting for players to complete their membership upgrade.
- Adult Membership
  - These memberships are coming in quicker then they have been in previous years.
- Youth Memberships
  - These numbers have been and are doing well.
- Store

- Doing very well – this is slightly due to payments from last season purchases still coming in.

**Motion To Approve Financial Summary 1<sup>st</sup> C. D’Errico, 2<sup>nd</sup> F. Chase, 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion Approved (8-0-0) – Unanimous**

Tournament Report (J. Hughes via S. Seabridge) – sent via e-mail

- Sanctioned Tournament Instructions sent to Tourney/Club Directors on Nov 7<sup>th</sup>
- Strong showing for events so far this year
  - 35 sanctioned events at this time.
- WEVA 18s
  - Note came to the region about Paradigm 18’s not being able to compete in WEVA 18’s Qualifier due to participating in SoCal Qualifier

Website Report (J. Hughes via S. Seabridge) – sent via e-mail

- Payment has been made for tournament updates and upgrades that have been completed.

WEVA Document/Policy amendments

- By-Laws – BOD position additions and description
  - Confirmed By-Laws on website are updated and most current.
  - Need to add election information to the By-Laws
    - May 2016
      - President, Girls Rep, Boys Rep and Treasurer
        - Beach Rep would go in this cycle and will the next it runs but didn’t based on us splitting the Adult and Beach rep into two separate roles.
    - May 2017
      - Vice President, Secretary, Junior Coordinator and Adult Rep
  - Need to add that all WEVA documents are housed at the WEVA Office and electronically with the Commissioner.

*Action Item: J. Hughes to update this information in the WEVA By – Laws.*

- Tryout, Registration and Recruiting Policy - addition of Registrar’s responsibilities
  - Confirmed the most updated document is on the website.
- WEVA Due Process and Appeals document - Ethics and Eligibility - Grievance procedure/process amendments
  - This document has been sent to our lawyers to be reviewed.
  - Once the edits from the lawyers come in we will review and approve (vote) via email.

*Action Item: J. Hughes to follow up with lawyers on this.*

**Ideally this item is taken care of in the next two weeks (prior to December when the club practices start).**

Officials Report (J. Newland or F. Chase)

- Review assigning procedure for the upcoming year.
- Looking for a Scorer Chair for this year
  - Possibly a Buffalo referee to have more representation out there
- Currently working on dates and times for clinics.
- Will host the National Clinic Again

- Scheduled to run at Penfield the Friday before the Boys Can Am.
- Friday, January 13
  - National Clinic – 6pm -8pm
  - Advancement Clinic – 8pm – 10pm
- We do have new officials this year that will be rated during this year.
- Discussion about how our local HS officials can see the club level and see the process so they are less intimidated to officiate at the club level.
  - Last year we had people start off as working score first or R2 before being a R1. It took dedication and commitment from those officials but did pay off.

#### Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- Junior Beach Schedule just came out for Summer 2017
  - We did put a request in through NOVA to host an event but were not granted it.
    - USAV will continue to turn down the request when it comes from NOVA.
  - We will look to establish a successful HP tryout and tour stop for WEVA
    - We will look to re-request (or request in future years for this) and feel confident the request will get approved.
  - Discussion around what we can do to improve this process and bring a tour stop to this area.
    - Charlotte is the preferred location
    - Equipment would need to be rented or bought to be able to do this.
      - Nets and volleyballs
        - Possible look to rent from NOVA / Hot Shots
        - Banners and others re shipped from USAV
      - USAV can be asked to ship game balls
    - We would work with USAV on a 60/40 split of the profits – with this, we should be able to cover costs for running the event.
    - Cost For Players To Participation:
      - \$35 pre-registration / \$60 within two weeks of the event.
    - Date Discussion
      - First weekend in July after Nationals

*Action Item: R. Majeski talking to all necessary parties to (Charlotte Park and NOVA) in regards to setting up this event.*

*Action Item: J. Hughes to reach out to USAV Office to see if our potential dates would work and if we would be accepted for Summer 2017*

#### Adult Report (D. Johnson)

- Nationals - Minneapolis
  - 4 Women's and 4 Guys teams out of Buffalo / 1 Guys team out of Rochester.
- Looking to get interest in the men and women to be USAV members and play in USAV Sanction events
  - Idea to start with a USAV Sanctioned Men's Event
    - Run a best of 5 match on a Friday night
    - Possibly even have boys 18s teams play against each other.
  - Then ideally this idea promotes interest and we can start to do a tournament series for the teams to participate in.
- Looking to go away from the terms that USAV use for their adult tournaments– “power” or “intermediate”

- Need to go back to A / AA / B / BB terminology since that directly correlates to how Nationals is.
  - Looking to help start leagues and get more playing in Rochester too.
  - WEVA / USAV can do a “league USAV membership” at a discounted price to help promote the growth.
  - We will be looking to sanction an event for this year that is an WEVA Adult Event.
- Junior Report (C. D’Errico) – sent via e-mail
- Cindy’s notes are attached.
  - WEVA Travel Policy
    - All members can review and provide feedback to Cindy.

#### New Business

- Coaches Scholarship Fund
  - Presented and Reviewed this document
- Coaches Clinic Series
  - Document on this will be emailed to the board by Rocco
  - Reviewed and discussed the document
    - This series and the coaches scholarship are in the same budget line at this time.

*Action Item: R. Lucci will email out the document for the coaches clinic series to the board.*

- 12U Serving Standard was discussed.
- Discussed 18U players being able to serve as a coach and what the requirements.
- Participation within the WEVA region of boys on a 12U or 11U Girls team roster (vote)

**Motion To Approve Participation within the WEVA region of boys on a 12U or 11U Girls team roster - 1<sup>st</sup> F. Chase, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Lucci- Motion Approved (8-0-0) – Unanimous**

- Discussion regarding stipend increase in our region for one of our Staff Positions

*Action Item: J. Hughes to pull information needed for the staff discussion – including other region staff stipends and the staff description.*

**Motion To table staff stipend increase - 1<sup>st</sup> T. Schneider, 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Majeski -Motion Approved (8-0-0) – Unanimous**

Action Item Review (L. Schlegel)

Next Meeting – Monday, January 9, 2017 at 6pm at TF Browns

**Motion To Adjourn Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> R. Majeski, 2<sup>n</sup> F. Chase – 10:06pm - Motion Approved (8/0/0) Unanimous**

Junior Board Meeting Report – November 14, 2016

- 1) WEVA events – All sanctioned WEVA events have been entered into AES. Paid invoices associated with the \$2.50 fee per team for WEVA events for last year. Registrations to date listed below.

WEVA Rally I – 14, 16 – (7 teams)  
WEVA Festival – 12, 13, 14, 15 (14 teams)  
WEVA Festival – 16, 17, 18 (10 teams)  
WEVA 14's Challenge – Mar 11 – BNCC  
WEVA 18's BID Qualifier – Mar 11 – Pinnacle (1 team)  
WEVA 15's Challenge – Mar 12 – Pinnacle (5 teams)  
WEVA DigFest – 12, 13, 14, 15 (16 teams)  
WEVA DigFest – 16, 17, 18 (6 teams)  
WEVA Boy's Championships – 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (0 teams) – will need additional courts in Buffalo area – used 12 courts in 2016  
WEVA Rally II – 15, 17, 18 (5 teams)  
WEVA Rally III – 12, 13, 14 (2 teams)  
WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – Apr 29<sup>th</sup> – 12, 13, 14 (2 teams)  
WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – Apr 30<sup>th</sup> - 15, 16, 17 (3 teams)

Followed up with all club directors in regards to WEVA events that inquired about playing but not registered yet within AES. Will continue to determine court requirements so website can be updated as well as AES with age group locations for ones requiring additional courts above six courts at Pinnacle. Jon Simplicio submitting gym space request for Saturday dates that the HS is open. John Hughes discussing with Jake about possibility of switching sites within Victor complex – ECEC for the HS since he has space reserved for Victor VBC.

- 2) Sent emails in regards to the WEVA 14's and 15's Challenge events encouraging ALL WEVA teams within the respective age groups to participate in these events. Communicated to club directors to update their rosters with players and to make all listed teams for their club to inactive/active. This will assist in evaluation of teams not registered for these events that may exist in the region.
- 3) Follow-up on communication in regards to expectations of club directors for season – reporting results to WEVA, tournament entry, certification of scorekeepers/second referees/coaches Impact/all registered adults safe sport completion as well as Girl's Ranking System – level of tournaments and clarification of team's acceptance into the BID Qualifier.
- 4) Reminder to club directors of requirement that all registered adults affiliated with a junior club (chaperones and team reps included) will be required to be Safe Sport certified for 2016-2017. Any coaches that were registered last year that did not complete their IMPACT or Safe Sport certification will NOT be allowed to coach until the certification is completed. Some did not complete since their competitive season was over by April's deadline date. They will not be allowed to be added to the roster until completed. Newly registered adults in the region will need to complete before 30 days from last offered Impact clinic or registration date whichever is later. As documented on the WEVA website.
- 5) Following up with John for me to send emails to registered undecided individuals in the region, last year heard from quite a few as to the club they are affiliated with or that they were an official or their daughter/son was still interested in finding a home to play. Will advise status once completed.
- 6) Education Committee – Rocco developed a document on Organization of Coaching Clinics for Hosts within the region and the overall plan for WEVA to support. Education newsletters will be sent again this year by Patrick Madia – targeting December 1<sup>st</sup> for the first publication of the newsletter for the 1016-2017 season
- 7) Reviewed and edited the WEVA Handbook, revised the exemption for the rule of two for participation in regional championships or BID qualifier due to injury and/or specific circumstances. Must file paperwork two weeks before the event to allow ample time for evaluation of request and determine decision of approval or denial of request.
- 8) Added the following to the handbook in regards to boys playing on a girls eleven or twelve and under team The inclusion and participation within the WEVA region of boys on a 12 and under team or an 11 and under team roster is at the discretion and approval of the Commissioner and/or Board of Directors. Decision will be based on but not limited to distance and availability of the nearest boys program to the player's home address. If approved to occur within WEVA, the team may not be allowed to compete in tournaments outside the region with the boys on the roster. The club would be responsible for seeking approval to do so from the regions Commissioner.
- 9) John sent email out in regard to the travel company that USA is aligned with for the 2016-2017 season. Team Travel Source
- 10) WEVA Travel Policy reviewed (from 2010) and edited based on USA travel policy discussed at the USA meetings this past May. Will send out to club directors informing them that they need to develop their own policy and advise families in club or by default this one will be enforced as their travel policy. Will ask all clubs to advise the state of their policy.
- 11) Review twelve and under serving standard for WEVA sanctioned tournaments.
- 12) Bring Your Own Parent clinics – being offered in Binghamton area during the upcoming season. <http://www.bringyourownparent.com> website
- 13) Followed up with email to the following individuals for development of a plan in meeting the requirements for completing their IMPACT instructor certification.
  - o Rob Arciolla – accepted to support the Southern Tier – no CAP certification to date
  - o Mark Robinson – accepted to support the EAST – re-enrolled for CAP I exam completion, reviewing CAP II availability
  - o Brian Heffernan – accepted to support the WEST – CAP I certification expires 05/15/2017

Submitted by: WEVA JUNIOR COORDINATOR – Cindy D'Errico