

## WEVA BOD Meeting Agenda

Date: July 15, 2013

Location: Genesee Community College Room T-119 in Batavia, NY

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 PM (Annual Juniors meeting to follow 7:00 – 9:00 PM)



Present: CJ Denk, R. Majeski, R. Lucci, W. Page, J. Newland, J. Hughes, C. D'Errico, F. Chase, M. Pentz, S. Seabridge, T. Schneider

Excused: T. Weislo

Called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Points of Information (R. Lucci)

- Congrats to teams representing WEVA at BJNC in Reno and GJNC in Dallas

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- 500 member increase over last year. Why? New clubs.
- 575 adult memberships + 2,352 junior memberships = 2,927 total, as of 7/14/2013

Financial Report 2012 - 2013 (W. Page)

- Increase in membership & three successful rally events = overall increase in profit
- **Motion: Accept final 2012-2013 final budget report as presented: 1<sup>st</sup> C. D'Errico / 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Newland / Passed (10/0/0).**
- Update on Budget Committee meeting on Sun July 14th (B. Page)
  - Preview of 2013-2014 budget plan: Optimistic WEVA rally events will do well, anticipating increase in staffing costs, projected \$13 K profit for next year.
  - Will be eliminating IMPACT fees for upcoming season; WEVA will pick up this cost and host coaches' clinics free to WEVA members.
  - WEVA fee to increase from \$60 → \$62. The increased cost does not go to the region, rather towards insurance for USA Volleyball.
  - **Motion: Accept 2013-2014 budget numbers as presented: 1<sup>st</sup> S. Seabridge / 2<sup>nd</sup> R. Majeski / Passed (10/0/0)**

Election Results (F. Chase)

- Rocco Lucci re-elected as President, CJ Denk re-elected as Girl's Representative, William Page elected as Treasurer, & Tom Schneider elected as Boy's Representative
- Election process review – Can it be improved? Does the process and/or notification of voters impede ability to vote? (R. Lucci, M. Pentz, F. Chase, C. D'Errico)
  - Of approx. 600 eligible voting members, only 43 voted in this year's election.
  - Mass email to voters encouraging them to vote. The process is a bit cumbersome since you need USA ID number. Fred is chairing committee to seek input/suggestions for improvement.
- Next year's election will vote to fill the following positions: Vice President, Adult Representative, Jr. Coordinator, & Secretary.

Action Item Review (S. Seabridge)

- Create Rules Comparison Chart (for USA/Canada) – closed – not worth the effort to consolidate a 40-page USA document by Steve Mink. This document already exists & can be used as a reference.
- Get Region championship results for archive on WEVA website – open – WEVA has data back to 2006. Rocco & Cindy will work with Mike Harnden & Jim Mercer to fill in the holes.
- Update fines document with uniform violation policy – closed – completed 8/1/13.

- New action item: Change By-laws to reflect R. Majeski's title/responsibility on WEVA Board to "Adult & Beach Representative".

#### Tournament Report (S. Seabridge)

- 43 total sanctioned events last season
- WEVA collected a total of \$2,580 in sanction fees
- WEVA collected a total of \$440 in sanction bonds
- Total = \$3,020 \* any refund checks should have been sent / received in August.

#### Website Update (S. Seabridge)

- Tournament Director's Event Report, New "Forms" Page, Tournament Director Financial Report, and Modified FAQ page, WEVA Admin Maintenance Page, & edits to Tournament Reports – complete.
- Tournament results submission will no longer be a manual process; an electronic form will be created for tournament directors to enter event results online. S. Seabridge, C. D'Errico, & G.Hill will manage. Similar "automation" is planned for Rankings (use submitted tournament results and apply a formula to calculate rankings).
- Club Maintenance & Team Maintenance Pages – complete end-of-July.
- CJ will be manning the WEVA Twitter & Facebook feeds; starting August 1.
- Suggestion that all 17 & 18 yr. old WEVA athletes be on a roster; list of eligible student-athletes for recruitment purposes; to include grad year & club played for.

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

- (Motion to Table for presentation at Juniors Meeting to follow)

#### Education Report (R. Lucci, C. D'Errico)

- Junior Education Committee – to be restructured. Lindsey Schlegel will be CHAIR; and looking for volunteers to assist in coaching education this upcoming season. Candi Werkmeister will also be involved to target youths. M. Britt & J. Mercer have also volunteered.
- Proposal for L. Schlegel to attend clinic – travel to Anaheim to shadow National team workouts. Will give back to the region by offering presentations & best practice of what she learned.

#### Officials Report (J. Newland/F. Chase)

- Good representation and boys & girls national tournaments. J. McKinney worked half of tournament and rated officials during other half.

#### New Business

- W. Page suggested an online payment for WEVA registrations; WEVA would absorb credit card fees. Should we make this mandatory? Advantages: no question about membership payment as players try-out at different clubs, and we know insurance is covered *prior to* the try-out.
  - **Motion: Credit card payment mandatory for registration for all juniors members (adults to be optional): 1<sup>st</sup> W. Page / 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Seabridge / Passed (10/0/0)**
- USA Volleyball Update (2013 Summer at the beach) (R. Majeski)
  - Juniors beach clinic with Stein Metzger second week of June – approx. 43-45 athletes participated.
  - Juniors Beach Championships – 6-8 teams qualified and are going to Nationals in Milwaukee, WI.
- USAV Open Championships – PVL (CJ Denk)

- Teams were competitive in most matches. Next year's PVL is around the same time, but will be in Phoenix, AZ.
- Must formulate a plan for PVL fundraising: Goals? Needs?

**Motion: Adjourn Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> R. Majeski / 2<sup>nd</sup> CJ Denk / Passed (10/0/0)**

Next BOD Meeting: September 8, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Meryll Pentz  
Secretary, Western Empire Volleyball Association

## WEVA Annual Juniors Meeting Agenda

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Called to order at 8:15 p.m.

### Points of Information (R. Lucci)

- USA Junior National Championship Results (Boys and Girls)
- Increased number of WEVA members; up 500 members!
- WEVA recognizes and wants to push the need for more coach education opportunities to enhance the experience for the players.
- Congrats to WEVA BOD Election winners; Rocco Lucci re-elected as President, CJ Denk re-elected as Girl's Representative, William Page elected as Treasurer, & Tom Schneider elected as Boy's Representative

### Ranking System/Results Submission/BID Qualifier

- Ranking went better this year overall; only used for Girls' results. FAQ posted on website about ranking/results. Submission 100% complete for the year (minus Nationals).
- No bid qualifier date announced as of yet ...

### Fines - Review and comments on fine policy for 2013-2014 season (S. Seabridge)

- New – uniform violation fine \$25
- Fines document will be updated based on recent edits/approvals voted on by WEVA.

### Girls BID Qualifiers/WEVA Festival 2014 – dates, locations and concerns

- Proposal to examine alternate Regional Championship format to include multi-weekend competition in effort to determine National bid winners.

### Boys Regional Championship 2014 – dates, locations and concerns

### Pre-approved 2 day events

- Pace Bootlegger Can-Am Boys 1/18-19
- Niagara Frontier Can-Am Girls 1/18-19
- VolleyFX Hocus Pocus Girls 1/25-26
- Finger Lakes Wildcats Girls February (Valentine's weekend)
- WEVA Festival Girls @ Armory 2/22-23
- VolleyFX Winter Challenge Girls 3/1-2 - no other events run on this weekend
- WEVA Championships Boys 3/23
- WEVA Qualifier Girls April/May
- Niagara Frontier Girls May (first or second weekend)
- **Motion: Drop requirement for Boys Clubs to host or co-sponsor a tournament: 1<sup>st</sup> W. Page / 2<sup>nd</sup> S. Seabridge / Passed (10/0/0)**

### Deadlines for 2 day event/1 day events

- Online submissions for approval for 1 and/or 2 day non-traditional events started 8/1; approvals to be complete by 9/20.

### High Performance Program Update and Concerns

- Girls will not pursue High Performance next year due to lack of interest this year; however, High Performance for boys will be supported for next year. T. Schneider & C. D'Errico are communicating now about coaches, try-outs, & assembling a FAQ document.

### Website update - new functionality/tournament submission/sanctioning tryouts and practices

- FAQ page on Girls Rankings and ability to edit Finance & Event Reports – complete.
- Future Capability: Prospective Student-Athlete page, Co-Sponsorship Form, Tournament Results Submission, and a page listing all sites used for practices, tournaments, and try-outs.
- Capability being considered: Tournament results tied into girls ranking system and improved display of sanctioned tournaments (i.e. individual age level closings: if you have 14's, 16's, & 18's at one facility, you could close one age level, but keep the others open to fill.)

### Scorekeeper/Second Referee Clinic Policies and Review

### Handbook, Code of Conduct and Policy Updates

### Open discussion on direction for WEVA region (following are some points to consider for discussion)

- Best practices to help clubs with organization and operations
- 11 & under player development
- Stay to Play requirements at Qualifiers and National events
- USAV vs. AAU vs. JVA
- Club Tryouts, Dates, deadlines, tryout lists, player transfers, other logistical issues
- Is the Junior season too long? Do we feel pressure to start earlier and/or extend season?
- Importance of supporting the Men's and Women's PVL programs
- Jim Mercer's proposal to create 3 mandatory regional tournaments – to be brought to Junior Committee for feedback.

(Following meeting we can demo and answer questions regarding the processes used in USA Webpoint and AES)

**Motion: Adjourn Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> CJ Denk / 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Newland / Passed (10/0/0)**

Respectfully Submitted,  
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