

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, November 19, 2018
Location: TF Browns in Batavia, NY
Time: 6:00 PM



Called to order:

- Present: Frank Cwicklinski, Cindy D'Errico, John Hughes, Dan Johnson, Roger Majeski, Rocco Lucci, Bill Page, Lindsey Schlegel, Tom Schneider, Mike Trznadel
- Late: John Crangle
- Guest: John Newland

Points of Information:

- Thanks to Don Gleason and his efforts during WEVA's first HP Boys season and Competition
- Thanks to BOD members for supporting and volunteering at Friends of Volleyball golf outing
- Congrats to WEVA junior players and coaches who represented their school teams at the NYSPHSAA and NYSCHSAA Regional and State Championships
- Jeff Fahmer passed for his Junior National Certification

Meeting Minutes from July 2018 Meeting – Emailed November 19th

Motion to approve July 2018 Meeting Minutes: 1st R. Lucci, 2nd D. Johnson, Approved – 8-0-0

- Note: No WEVA BOD meeting held in September
 - Reviewed why we have cancelled this in the past and noted that it is still a very busy time in the region and there is a lot going on (pre-planning by the junior clubs).
 - Discussed the idea of just having an executive meeting to discuss any major topics that might need to be discussed.

Registrars Report (J. Hughes) - sent via email November 14th

- Registration /Numbers - similar to last year for juniors, adults are up at this time at this year.
 - Clubs are being contacted to make sure they are paying for their coaches.
 - Tryout membership for players goes until the end of December - but player can only go to the tryout not practice for a club. Would need to do the upgraded membership to be able to be a full member and be on a roster.
 - Hot Shots Juniors - new boys club.
 - Aaron Austin is Club Director
 - Looking to have 4-5 total teams
 - Reviewed other club changes / additions / etc. for 2018-19
 - Currently 27 Girls clubs and 6 Boys in the region
- SafeSport
 - Congress has required as NGB's to use SafeSport and pay for it
 - Must be completed to be on a roster - coach, team rep, chaperone, adult role, etc.
 - Also should not be at practice if you have no completed SafeSport.
 - Clubs need to be enforcing this on behalf of the region
 - Required to renew every two years as of 9/1/17.
 - Discussed what we can do to make it easier for adults to find the link for the SafeSport.
- IMPACT
 - Waiting to hear back from our region cadre's for IMPACT classes for 2018-19.
Action Item: R. Lucci to contact cadres about this.
 - In the meantime, coaches can take it online through USAV

Financial Report (B. Page)

- Financial Summary emailed November 8th
 - Reviewed Bill's report and comparing last year to this year at this time.
 - Regional store is up at this time in income
 - Overall up compared to last year - very much in-line with where we want to be.

- Investments continue to do well
- USAV changed cost of background checks to \$18.50 from \$18
 - This happened after we approved our budget
- Budget Report emailed November 14th
 - 15's Challenge is no longer a WEVA event, so we need to remove from our budget
 - **Motion to approve the Budget Report (once that line item is removed): 1st by T. Schneider, 2nd by R. Majeski - unanimous - 10-0-0**

Tournament Report (S. Seabridge) sent via email November 18th

- Reviewed report

Website Update (from S. Seabridge) sent via email November 18th

- Ability to distinguish between girls and boys and/or one club hosting both genders in all web lists
 - We need a web solution in place for this for next year.
- This was sent today (11/19) so board will review in the email and send in items to review to board and then we can send to Scott
 - Can include any other thoughts on website at this time.

Region Development (D. Johnson)

- HP Boys Program update sent to J. Hughes (via D. Gleason)
 - 2018 was first year and team placed 12th out of 22 in the top division
 - Congratulations on strong outing
- Inner City Development and Growth
 - Reviewed report sent in by Donnie Gleason
 - Working with inner-city schools, grades 6-8.
 - Have had 20-65 kids show up on any given night
 - Received donated gym time and t-shirts from Community Foundation of WNY and have had other organizations involved with getting this off the ground
 - Friday, 12/7 will be doing an exhibition match at Niagara Frontier Center
 - Will bring in all the groups from the different schools and put them into teams and let them compete against each other
 - Kids have received t-shirts and pop up nets / tie up nets that are easy to put up and will allow the kids to continue to play on their own.
 - Looking to expand this and continue to have it grow
 - 3-4 more schools in April / May
 - Looking for any donations from the region to help this program - nets, knee-pads, volleyballs, etc.
 - New grass roots in Rochester that may offer programs to inner-city players
 - Working with Hot Shots for court space and RTS for buses
 - Also looking at the Ralph Wilson grant that is offered to Rochester sports
 - Working with Hot Shots to offer a summer camp for this group of kids as well

Officials Report (F. Cwiklinski)

- Results of neighboring region study of Official Pay Scales
 - Proposal on new pay rates for officials
 - Reviewed pay rates of neighboring regions; WEVA, IREVA, GEVA, OVR and KEVA.
 - **Motion to approve new rates: 1st R. Lucci, 2nd R. Majeski - unanimous - 10-0-0**
- Officials Clinic update
 - 3 Clinic so far this year; Rochester and Buffalo
 - 52 Officials registered as of right now, and this is way ahead of last year's numbers
 - 18 new Officials registered this year
 - Communicating SafeSport requirement to them

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- NOVA/WEVA partnership proposal update

- WEVA Board Chair and Beach Rep met with NOVA and created a two year proposal for the junior membership fees for NOVA to be covered by WEVA.
- Action Item: R. Lucci will draw up contract for Director and BOD to review and then approve based on the meeting that took place.

Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

- WEVA events – All sanctioned WEVA events have been entered into AES. Registrations to date listed below.
 - WEVA Rally I – 2/3 - 13, 15, 17 – (9 teams)
 - WEVA Festival – 2/9 - 12, 13, 14, 15 – (12 teams)
 - WEVA Festival – 2/11 - 16, 17, 18 - (14 teams)
 - WEVA 14's Challenge – Mar 9 – NFVB Hosting (BNCC)
 - WEVA 15's Challenge – Mar 10 – NFVB Hosting (BNCC)
 - WEVA 18's BID Qualifier – Mar 10 – East HS tentatively (2 teams)
 - WEVA 16's Challenge – Mar 10 – Pinnacle – VFX hosting
 - WEVA Boy's Championships – 4/7 - 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (0 teams) – BNCC - will need additional courts in Buffalo area – used 12 courts in 2018
 - WEVA Rally II – 4/7 - 14, 16 (12 teams)
 - WEVA Rally III – 4/14 - 12, 15, 17 (12 teams)
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/28 – 12, 13, 14 (10 teams)
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/29 - 15, 16, 17 (3 teams)
 - Will continue to determine court requirements so website can be updated as well as AES with age group locations. SUNY Brockport, Pinnacle, East HS e-mail contact and cell phone contact. Confirmation forthcoming.
- The coach's scholarship will be offered again this season. The board will approve funding based on budgeted dollars for coaching. Will send email to club directors.
- 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 Indianapolis. Sending reminder email communication of such to all girls club directors.
- REMINDER: USA requirement that a rostered adult must serve as the second referee at all Qualifiers (including our Girls BID Qualifier event). Sending reminder email to club directors for this requirement.
- Updated Ranking System requested to be posted to website, sent email to all club directors of the forthcoming updated document. USAV will not allow any results included for events outside of USAV to be utilized in their new ranking system. Revised document has the new requirements for eligibility to play in the Girl's BID Qualifier event and format of no consolation matches – guaranteeing only 6 sets in the event. Feedback from Gary Hill – proposal of WEVA challenges a 2 ranking, JVA based on levels for Rock n Rumble open 5, club 4 and Summerfest open 5, premier 4 and club 3.
- Tournament email sent noting all tournaments on WEVA website and in AES – email noted the WEVA 14s, 15s and NEW 16s 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. The 14's and 15's in the past has not exceeded 24 teams. The 16's will be limited to 24 teams if interest exceeds the number that can be accommodated on the 6 courts at Pinnacle. It is a possibility since this is the largest age division with the region.
- Follow-up on communication in regards to expectations of club directors for season – reporting results to WEVA, tournament entry, certification of scorekeepers, second referees, work teams and points of emphasis for Code of Conduct.
- John has sent out requirements to all club directors that all registered adults affiliated with a junior club (coaches, chaperones, board members and parent reps included) will be required to take the NEW Safe Sport certification course for 2018-2019. All prior SafeSport certifications expired. Each adult that is affiliated with junior players in any capacity must complete a background check form and the safe sport certification requirements. In addition, each adult serving in a coach's role must complete the Impact certification. Once all adult requirements have been completed the adult personnel can be added to a Webpoint roster. Webpoint will not allow anyone to be added to a roster until all requirements have been met that are applicable to their assigned role for the team. Starting in 2018-

2019 season, SafeSport certification will be required every two years. There are FREE Impact on Demand offerings available to the region, contact John Hughes for details. Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the board will serve as WEVA's Safe Sport Representative to USA by completing training last year.

- Sending email to all club directors in regards to WEVA highly encouraging all coaches to complete the heads up concussion training (included the link to the training). Included notification to clubs that the Ohio region WILL require proof of completion by all coaches in order to participate in tournaments hosted within their region. USA has this on their horizon but currently it is region by region as far as being mandatory.
- Per USA, CAP I certification will expire but that expiration will not prevent a coach from continuing with additional CAP certification.
- USA will be using the same travel company for the 2018-2019 season. Team Travel Source
- The twelve and under serving standard for WEVA sanctioned tournaments will be sent out by tournament directors for any 12 and under events that are hosted. The directors will meet with the 12 and under coaches prior to the event to review guidelines for the event. No issue last year for this standard.
- USA National's Housing Lottery completed, WEVA was 9th in Tier 3 (Region Tier) and will be notified Dec 6th at 12:00 PM and NFVB was 30th in Tier 2 (Club Tier) and will be notified Dec 19th at 6:00 PM. Both will need to check for email notification.
- 2019 National Dates:
 - Girls Indianapolis, June 27–July 6, 2019
 - Girls 18 Championships, Dallas, April 26-28, 2019
 - Boys Dallas, June 30–July 7, 2019
 - Adult Open, Columbus May 24 – 29, 2019
 - Collegiate Nationals, Denver April 18-20, 2019
- Following up via email to the following individuals for development of a plan in meeting the requirements for completing their IMPACT instructor certification.
 - Rob Arciolla – accepted to support the Southern Tier – completed CAP I and II – Impact instructor certification pending.
 - Mark Robinson – accepted to support the EAST – completed certification, can run Impact clinics this season.
 - Steve Pike – accepted to support the WEST – CAP I certification complete, CAP II article yet to be completed. Will send email to see if still interested in pursuing this certification. No progress from last year.

New Business

- NVA event (USA pro-league) – at Niagara Frontier on Saturday, December 8th
 - Hosting 3 matches that weekend
 - Legion VBC, Chicago Icemen and Team Pineapple (Lloy Ball)
 - All men's - 12pm, 3pm and 6pm
 - Looking to set up boys and girls exhibition matches to go along with this.
 - Legion and Lloy Ball have offered to come in Friday night to offer a players or coaches or both clinic.
 - Looking to have at least Lloy Ball speak for about 45 minutes to coaches
 - Matches will be live streamed - matches are watched all over the world, since some of the investors for the teams over overseas.
 - Attendance will be \$5 at the door
 - Rocco will look to send something out once all confirmed
- Club Tryouts – Start Date is September 1 – Too early, too late?
 - Discussed the reason why the region has 9/1 start date.
 - Can players try out for multiple Clubs?
 - Should players be able to notify clubs of their choice following the player's last tryout?
 - When are they officially a club member?
 - This is in recruiting document; does not speak to any financial obligation of a family to a club (only states that dues can be collected as of 10/1)

- In past precedence, we noted that you officially become a member of a club when \$\$ is paid.
 - Member can still change mind at this time, but club is not required to refund the money if money has been paid.
- Spirit of WEVA document – player financial obligation statement
 - Clubs' have contracts with families / players, region can only hold them to their financial responsibility to a point (Region cannot force it)
 - Best we can offer is for region to make clubs aware of the financial situation and the future financial risk that is taken with a family that is not paying or cannot pay.
- Club Directors should be sharing the WEVA recruiting process with their members at tryouts so parents and families are informed.
- Discussion about Boys Can Am
 - USA:
 - Would like the event to be 3-days
 - Would like the USA division to be offered
 - Region will host National Clinic for Officials night before.

Next BOD Meeting

- Monday, January 14 – 6:00pm
- Subsequent meetings on Monday, March 11th, May 13th, July 15th (Annual meeting)

Motion to Adjourn – 1st J. Crandall, 2nd B. Page - Unanimous - 10-0-0

Meeting end: 8:17 p.m.