

WEVA Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16, 2009

Time: 6:45 PM

Present: R. Majeski, J. Hughes, S. Seabridge, C. D'Errico, J. Newland, L. Schoenl, B. Chanthavisouk (guest)

Excused: T. Weislo

Unexcused:

Late: R. Lucci (arrived 6:50PM), F. Chase (arrived 7:03 PM)

Welcome & Thank You (S. Seabridge)

- Thanks to all attending tonight.
- Bou here as guest as part of administration staff.
- Agenda Review
- Kyle Salisbury will not be attending. Cindy to report on his behalf.
- Motion: Approve previous meeting minutes as presented...1st C. D'Errico/2nd J. Newland /Passed (5-0-0).

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- Projected 2314 members last year, the actual is 2321.
- 568 members so far this year, and counting.
- 5 new 1-team clubs
- A few clubs will be 1-2 teams less than previous year.
- Budgeted for "flat" budget.

Financial Report (J. Hughes)

- Profit for the year \$7,403.60
- Dionne needs to transfer money from Scott's account to the WEVA account.
- WEVA savings: \$17,695.73
- WEVA checking: \$8,462.16
- M&T Free checking (Scott): \$10,017.24
- CD#2333: \$12,704.90
- CD#3505: \$12,713.15
- CD#3513: \$11,713,67
- Money left over from Gary Adler CD has been rolled into one of the other CD's. WEVA will now be paying Gary Adler scholarships out of savings account.
- Motion: Approve budget report as presented...1st S. Seabridge/2nd F. Chase/Passed (7-0-0).

Tryout Report (L. Schoenl)

- See attached spreadsheet

Practice Report (L. Schoenl)

- See attached spreadsheet

Tournament Report (S. Seabridge)

- Sanctioned Boys Tournaments
 - 12s: 9
 - 13's: 0
 - 14's: 6

- 15's: 1
- 16's: 5
- 17's: 1
- 18's: 6
- Sanctioned Girls Tournaments
 - 12s: 10
 - 13's: 3
 - 14's: 10
 - 15's: 4
 - 16's: 14
 - 17's: 5
 - 18's: 10

Officials Report (J. Newland)

- Meeting on 9/20. Made changes. Lowered fee to max mileage from \$50 down to \$40 to encourage people to ride together.
- Expect officials to show up ½ hour before start time to alleviate problems of people being late and not having enough officials to start tournament.
- Fees have stayed the same for this year.
- 30 people attended officials clinic 11/15 at Nazareth College.
- Each official must attend a clinic before being able to officiate a match.
- Each official must keep score for at least one match this year.
- Please communicate with J. Newland and F. Chase if you have any special requests for tournaments.
- 2 request for Jr. National (Linda Chase and Art Chavers) and 1 request for National Official (Rene Paser-Paul).
- J. Hughes has officially retired from officiating.
- If clubs would like officials to have a meeting to explain any of the rule changes, please communicate to J. Newland.
- Shift for officials this year: less interaction with coaches, cannot ask for subs, more focus on players, more focus on the match.
- Need to have communication with F. Chase, officials committee, and clubs to be able to offer train the trainer sessions.
- Change to score sheets: At the end of each match, coaches are required to sign the score sheets to verify the results.

Website Update (S. Seabridge)

- Trying to get tournament sanctioning functionality to work, and almost finished.
- Next steps: Rob to send all tournament directors a password for them to get into the site and confirm all details for their tournaments. After this happens, all tournaments will go into pending status. Once paid, then tournaments will go into scheduled status.
- Bou has been updating information to the website.
- Will eventually tournament reporting to the website. In the meantime, Bou will update the site with final stats from tournaments.
- Some weekends are still open. See Scott for details if interested.

Education Report (C. D'Errico for K. Salisbury)

- Kyle requested (3rd email) USA for instructors for CAP clinic.

- IMPACT clinics are in process of being set up and just waiting for site availability.
- Neither Kyle nor Lonnie want to spend money on the library, they want to re-allocate money back into budget to spend on coaches for clinics, etc.

Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

- Questions sent to John for Jr's:
 - Premier starting 12's team. Wanted to register some 13's to practice only with the 12's. Has been approved.
 - Premier starting boys club and wanted to get a player or two from Pace. If they wanted that flexibility, they would need to register under Pace.
 - Mercy VBC run by CJ Denk has 17 kids (3 of which are 16). Request for waiver denied to have them play as 15's. Must play as 16 levels.
- Code of Conduct: feedback given to J. Hughes by C. D'Errico
 - No changes made by USA.
 - Regarding drinking: USA vs. WEVA – room for interpretation in professional capacity.
 - R. Werkmeister meeting in December with committee as to some items that don't have clear definition.
 - Junior members should not be signing the code of conduct.
- Tournament seeding and team ranking:
 - Move some tournament rankings up and down (re-arrange)
 - Questions about the format of the Jr. Qualifier. Some don't want to go with 4 teams. Perhaps they will go to 6 teams over 2 days. So, teams 1 and 2 will have a bye and 3-6 play off, then 1 and 2 will play on Sunday.
 - Question about limiting the amount of teams from specific clubs. (i.e. 4 teams shouldn't be from same club).
 - C. D'Errico to get more information from the committee to find out exactly how it will be run. Also, what age groups will play on what dates, etc.
- WEVA Championships are May 15-16.
- NETS power league happening again this year.
 - 24 NETS teams that will participate in one event (Hocus Pocus) at Armory.
 - Others will be non-NETS at other Rochester events.
 - 2nd event will be April 17-18 in Stony Brook (Long Island)
 - 3rd event will be May 8-9 in Albany
- Proposals from last meeting:
 - Proposal A has been approved, but the club must state intent of which tournament they will be attending.
 - Proposal B has been approved
 - Proposal C: has not come to agreement yet
- June 16-23: AAU National Championships in Orlando
- June 28 – July 3: Davis Festival in Pheonix
- Boys Region Championship dates: Tent. March 28 – Rochester's turn to host (would like to be at Armory).
- Motion to approve Proposal A as written...1st S. Seabridge/2nd R. Lucci (7-0-0).
 - **Proposal A:** To allow WEVA to fund the entry fee of the winner of the WEVA bid Tournament at any given age level to participate in one board approved season ending championship tournament to include but not to be limited to the USA Junior National Chamionships, JVA Chmpionships

and the AAU Championships. **NOTE:** Teams must submit season ending tournament intentions prior to either the bid Tournament or the USA deadline for the WEVA region.

- Motion to approve Proposal B as written...1st S. Seabridge/2nd R. Lucci...passed (7-0-0).
 - **Proposal B:** To allow WEVA to fund the entry fee for a team that wins a bid at a USA National Qualifier to attend the USA Junior National Championships. **NOTE:** Acceptance of this entry fee will exclude that team from participation in WEVA Bid Qualifier.

New Business

- Incident at Hot Shots (shooting): Nothing to do with Hot Shots. Two friends who are security guards, both own registered hand guns that they use in their line work. Accident that the gun was discharged, all parties are OK, injuries were not life-threatening. People should consider Hot Shots as safe as any mall, movie theater or restaurant.
- College club league: R. Repich may start men's college club league, as there has been a large demand to escape from the current EIVA league. NERSA would prefer their clubs to go through USA. Would have to come up with membership rate, etc.
 - J. Hughes to get the NERSA document.
 - B. Chanthavisouk to get the EIVA document, college clubs/contacts
- Elections for this year
 - President, Treasurer, Boys' Rep, and Girls' Rep
 - F. Chase to put together responsibility of duties and setting up timeline for election process, voting, results, etc.
- At US National Meeting, it was brought up that official's would sign a waiver that officials understand they are not eligible for Workman's Compensation benefits.
 - Motion: Beginning with current season, all USA certified referees would sign a waiver stating that as independent contractors, they are not eligible for Workman's Compensation benefits...1st F. Chase/2nd C. D'Errico...passed (7-0-0).

Next Meeting: January 11th at 6:30 PM at GCC.

Motion to adjourn meeting: 1st R. Lucci/2nd S. Seabridge/Passed (7-0-0).
9:18 PM.

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