

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, January 9, 2023
Location: TF Brown's, Batavia, NY
Time: 6:10 PM



Proxy:

- Kevin Gill for Frank Cwiklinski; Meryll Pentz for Brittany Murdie

Called to order:

- Present: Cindy D'Errico, Rocco Lucci, Roger Majeski, Bill Page, Meryll Pentz, Ryan Repich, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel
- Excused: Frank Cwiklinski, Brittany Murdie
- Unexcused: none
- Guest: Kevin Gill

Points of Interest

- none

Donation to Ugandan Water Project – Sent via email November 8, 2022

Motion: WEVA to donate \$100 to the Ugandan Water Project - 1st D'Errico, 2nd Cwiklinski
Email vote: *Approved:* 7-0-3

Meeting Minutes from November 2022 Meeting – Sent via email November 22, 2022

Motion: Approve November 2022 Meeting Minutes
Email vote: *Approved:* 8-0-2

Registrar's Report (Page)

- Membership
 - 4,035 total members
 - 471 total adult memberships
 - 2322 total full junior memberships
 - 387 league/summer memberships
 - 855 tryout memberships
 - All totals are 391 lower than budgeted

Financial Report (Page)

- September-December 2022
 - Income = \$134,143 (\$121,915 less than budgeted year)
 - Registrations = \$132,865 (\$17,689 less than budgeted year)
 - Other Income = \$1,278 (\$104,226 less than budgeted year)
 - Expenses = \$64,683 (\$183,112 less than budgeted year)
 - On-line Region Store = \$20,778 (\$11,778 more than budgeted year)
 - Larger than typical purchase from NFVB
 - Net = \$69,460 (\$61,197 more than budgeted year)
 - Results expected based upon first third of season (4 months)
- Investments (as of 1/6/2023)
 - \$231,373
 - Up 1.3% (\$2,873 from 7/8/2022)
 - Down 8.7% (\$22,099 from 1/8/2022)

Motion: Approve 2022-2023 Financial report – 1st D'Errico, 2nd Majeski
Vote: *Approved:* 10-0-0

Tournament Report (Pentz)

- 32 total events
 - 3 events cancelled
 - Boys' opportunities = 31
 - Girls' opportunities = 62

Website Update (Page, Lucci)

- Post-tournament reporting form creating to replace the old reports (event, finance)
- Results will be done using AES reporting; if event does not use AES, request is for pictures of pool play and playoff brackets to be sent

Officials Report (Cwiklinski/Gill)

- 65 officials registered in SportsEngine (last season had 48 total)
 - 57 eligible
 - 5 need SafeSport completion
 - 3 need SafeSport and Background Check completion
- Waiving first-year WEVA portion of registration fee and the increase fees and mileage reimbursement assisted in getting new officials and keeping veteran officials
- Occurrence of a distracted R1 & R2 during a match at the Pace Bootlegger event (1/7-8)

Beach Report (Majeski)

- A beach club will be starting up this season
- Junior beach tournaments at Hot Shots, in December, were full
- Still need to determine when the beach qualifier will be

Junior Business (D'Errico)

- WEVA Events – sanctioned and posted to AES for registration. Merchandise will be sold at SUNY Brockport. Sent email to club directors about events being open for registration and accepted into event when paid (do not cash checks until after event). Completed contract requirements for SUNY Brockport - new rate \$300 per court from 7 AM to 7 PM. Ordered medals for events when had a discounted price during the holiday. Seeking site coordinators for event sites, some volunteers already assigned to some events. Following up with SUNY Brockport and Fisher on using as fund raiser opportunity.
 - Rally I – Feb 5th – 14 (13 - room for 3 more), 16 (16 - FULL) – total 29 teams SUNY Brockport - email sent about pending payments
 - Festival – Feb 11th – 12 (15-FULL), 13 (8 - FULL - WL), 14 (16 - 1WL - FULL), 15 (17 - asked for one team to move to 16's) – total 54 teams - Pinnacle Sports Complex, Tri-County, East - email sent about pending payments, emails to WL teams about Feb 5th as alternative for 13/14 teams
 - Festival – Feb 12th – 16 (20 - hopefully moving 1 from 15's-room for 3 more), 17 (15-room for 1 more), 18 (14-room for 2 more) – SUNY Brockport and Pinnacle - email sent about pending payments
 - Challenge 15's – Mar 11th – Eastside Ice host – Tri-County
 - Challenge 14's Mar 18th & 13's Mar 19th – NFVB host Niagara Frontier Sports
 - Challenge 16's – Mar 18th – VFX hosting – Pinnacle Athletic Campus
 - Bid Qualifier 18's – Mar 19th – 5 teams – Niagara Frontier Sports
 - Boys Regional Championships – Mar 26th – 12 (5), 14 (11), 15 (4), 16 (10), 17 (4), 18 (5) – SUNY Brockport & East HS - requested 2 courts at Nazareth-13 courts needed-response pending - 2 courts short so far
 - Rally II – Apr 15th - 12 (11 room for 1 more), 13 (13-room for 3 more), 14 (11-room for 5 more) – SUNY Brockport and East HS
 - Rally III – Apr 16th - 15 (18 - room for 2 more), 17 (11 - room for 1 more), 18 (11- room for 1 more) – SUNY Brockport and EAST HS
 - Bid Qualifier – Apr 22nd - 12 (2), 13 (1), 14 (0) – Niagara Frontier Sports
 - Bid Qualifier – Apr 23rd - 15 (1), 16 (1), 17 (2) - Niagara Frontier Sports

- Girl's BID Qualifier (2023) will be hosted at Niagara Frontier Sports. USA needs to know the 18's teams that qualified for Nationals by the end of March. The Bid Qualifier events for 18's thru 14's will award a National, American and Freedom level BID. The 12's and 13's will award a National and American level bid. Sent email to solicit level of interest so region can turn back-in bids not utilizing for reallocation. Sent email soliciting feedback if teams not interested in participating in USA Nationals should be considered. Buffalo Volleyball Academy only response. No additional registrations for Qualifier after request sent. Leaving as it has been in the past, accepting teams based on rank within region from registrations (knowledge before event committee meets if teams will accept bid, if earned).
- AES will be utilized again for team registration and scheduling of events for the 2022-2023 season for ALL WEVA run events. Awards for the Challenge events will be consistent. All entry fees for WEVA hosted events will be mailed to Cindy D'Errico, 7032 Swamp Road, Byron, New York 14422. DO NOT SEND ANY ENTRY FEES or emails to the WEVA office in regards to tournaments. All communication in regards to the events will be with Cindy D'Errico, Junior Coordinator/Tournament Coordinator. Sent email in regards to registration and payment information.
- No results from events run in AES will be required. For all other events, the hosting club or WEVA will be entering results in AES for use in regional ranking of teams for the girls BID Qualifier events and USA National Qualifiers and Nationals. Requested assistance in documenting how to enter results into AES for distribution to event directors or region use. Bill Page is working on this process.
- WEVA region Travel Policy is posted to the WEVA website. USA requirement that all clubs have a travel policy. All clubs will have to review WEVA policy and advise if they are adopting the WEVA policy as their club policy or have one of their own. If they have one of their own it has to be sent to the WEVA office for their records. Solicited feedback for all clubs thru Sports Engine. Propose to send email to clubs that did not respond, to say they will default to WEVA's policy, keeping communication via email as the record of acceptance. Board agreed to the proposal, Meryll to follow-up, update response in Sports Engine.
- Work team – USA will continue to require an adult rostered individual to be second referees at USA national qualifier events as well as the region WEVA Girl's BID and Boy's Regionals. Reminded all clubs via kick off season email.
- National Qualifier events for 2023 – refer to USA website for approved qualifiers.
- 2023 Nationals Sites: Upcoming season – Girls 11-17 Nationals split to two locations/different date timeframes
 - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 11's thru 13's – Minneapolis, MN – 6/14-17
 - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 14's thru 17's – Chicago, IL – 6/28-7/6
 - USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC) – Salt Lake City, Utah – 6/28-7/6
 - USA Volleyball Open National Championships – Dallas, TX – 5/26-31
 - USA Volleyball Girl's Junior National Championships for 18's – Columbus, OH – 4/28-30
- Positions on board that are up for election in 2023 are President, Treasurer, Boys Junior Representative and Girls Junior Representative. If anyone knows of resources interested in running for one of the positions in 2023, please forward name to Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the BOD.
- USA 2022-23 age group definitions are posted to the WEVA website. Registration for the upcoming season is set-up using these guidelines.
- USA Education Services – Need to determine WEVA representative for the zonal training being offered by USA volleyball. Julie Almond was recommended, sent email contact information for USA Education Director so she could solicit additional information on the program to decide if she can meet the expectations and commitment level. Followed up with her to see if she touched base with the USA education director. No response at this point in time.
- Individuals would be part of USA's new direction for offering training across the regions. In order to make workshops more convenient and affordable USA will be training instructors in each region who can deliver a wide variety of workshop topics. USA will be providing these Regional Instructors with Instructor Guides (lesson plans) for the topics they wish to deliver. The Regions and Clubs can arrange with their "Regional Instructors" to deliver the workshops where and whenever they want. The Regions and Clubs can charge the coaches attending any fee they wish or make it free. If a Region or Club wishes to have USAV arrange to send in National Faculty to deliver a workshop there will be a fee charged to cover the cost of sending

the National Faculty to the site and delivering the workshop. The Regional Instructors will be trained to deliver a variety of topic workshops covering techniques and tactics, strategy, physical training, mental preparation, team administration, team dynamics and relationships. Some regions may wish to have certain instructors focus on specific topics. The Regional Instructors will be provided with detailed topic Instructor Guides and resources (lesson plans) to use to deliver the workshop. USA is working with the USOPC on the development of an On-line mental wellness course. It will be launched at the same time as the rest of the programs, the goal is to launch the overall program and begin delivering online modules for the upcoming season. Expenses associated with USA zonal training of region trainers will be WEVA's responsibility.

- WEVA to provide financial assistance in support of a Girl's All-Star team from the region to attend the USA All Star Championships (Prior was High Performance). With the change in the structure of the USA All-Star event, WEVA believes there would be an interest to send a team from the region. Currently, the region provides support of a boy's teams. Don Gleason would be a resource on how the boys' program is set up from tryouts, coach and player selection, fundraising, cost responsibility of families and travel accommodations etc. Daemen coaches Eli Irizarry and Don Gleason are not available to serve as coaches for the All Star teams. Cindy reaching out to see, if possible, options exist for fielding a girls' team. Asking Tom, as boys' rep, to see if any possible options exist for boys.
- Updated handbook with penalty points given to next scheduled match if work team is not trained to keep score causing a delay in the match. Sent email to all club directors with requirement and expectations for work team as well as required communication to coaches/players/families so not surprised day of event. Updated other material that was outdated in document. Sent modifications added per board members for approval at meeting. Date set for response from board on acceptance or modifications recommended. Action Item: Merge multiple documents (such as Spirit of WEVA, By-laws, Travel Policy, Handbook to name a few.

Old Business

- WEVA Handbook updates
 - Discussed proposed edits sent in advance; will go until the end of the week (1/13) for final feedback
 - Entire document needs a refresh to remove old, dated content
 - Discussed having the Handbook as a page on the website (not a PDF)
 - Discussed combining all of the region policies (due process, travel, etc.) into the Handbook

New Business

- Region Growth
 - Need to brainstorm ideas of how to engage juniors who do not make teams
- WEVA Mission Statement
 - Committee formed to develop: Lucci, D'Errico, Page, Murdie, and Pentz
- Lindsay's Law Training
 - Spirit of getting people trained (CPR, AED, etc.) if someone collapses
 - Tournament directors will be advised to know where their facilities' AEDs are located

Next BOD Meeting

- March 6, 2023 / Location: TF Brown's, Batavia, NY

Motion: Adjourn meeting – 1st Page, 2nd Schneider

Vote: Approved: 10-0-0