

WEVA Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, November 24th, 2015

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

Excused Absences: J. Crangle, W. Page

Guests – Frank Cwiklinski



Called to order: 6:14pm

Last Meetings Minutes –Approved via e-mail on October 26th.

Action Item – L. Schlegel confirm minutes posted with Maureen

Board Positions (R. Lucci)

- Welcome appointed Adult Representative, Dan Johnson
- Meeting attendance notification procedures

Points of Info

- Various WEVA members on State Championship Teams
 - Boys
 - McQuaid
 - Brighton
 - Girls
 - Eden
 - 13th Time
 - Portville
 - 4th Time
- Pinnacle had their soft opening on Nov 14-15

Registrars Report (J. Hughes) – emailed on 11/20/2015

- New club info
 - 1280 members – Region is in a great spot with these numbers.
 - New tryout registration is slightly skewing numbers when comparing to other years.
 - Membership is up, but cash will seem “down” based on tryout registration costing \$15 vs. the full membership costing \$62.
 - This will adjust itself as players upgrade their membership to the full membership for the year.
 - A few new small clubs in the area
 - A few clubs are increasing their size
 - Undecided list in the WEVA system is very large this year since we encourage members to register as undecided during the tryout process.
 - Players can login and assign themselves or clubs can contact John Hughes with players that need to be assigned to their club.
- Idea / discussion to have Club Directors provide a list of players to John that did not make their teams.
 - This would be a way to help clubs that are looking for players to find players that did not make another team.

Action Item – C. D’Errico send email to Club Director’s to make rosters by a date so that the undecided list can be an actual representation of players that are looking for a club to play this year.

Financial Report (J. Hughes) – emailed on 11/20/2015

- On track for the year financially

- Report has been reviewed by John to make sure all items are assigned to the right line items in the budget
- Only budget item to note is the numbers skewing with the tryout membership that is noted above.
- American Bids in 13's – 18's age divisions this year for girls
 - Need to discuss if WEVA is paying entry fee for all of these bids as well.
 - Additional six bids for the region – 13-18

Motion To Approve Region Paying For Additional Entry Fee For American Bids To Junior National Championships: 1st R.Lucci, 2nd F. Chase - Motion Approved (8/0/0) - Unanimous

Motion To Approve Report – 1st F. Chase, 2nd C. D'errico – Motion Approved (8/0/0) - Unanimous

Tournament Report (via S. Seabridge, presented by J. Hughes)

- Solid list of tournaments set for the year
- John approved one tournament exception this year
 - Finger Lakes Wildcat and Buffalo
 - Teams can enter the Buffalo tournament on that weekend once the Finger Lakes Wildcat event is full.
 - This allows Finger Lakes event to fill up first because of the exception made to allow Buffalo to run an event on that same weekend which would go against the “rules” set.

Website Report (via S. Seabridge, presented by J. Hughes)

- Review list of items that are being done on the website
 - 36 updates have been made since 10/1
 - Improvements are being made
 - Working towards making things more automated
 - Working with webpoint to allow more information to be downloaded. Our website will need some updates first for this to happen
 - Official Update Pages
 - All have been updated
 - More access for John Hughes is being worked on
 - Adding Canadian teams to the drop down boxes for result entering

Education Committee (R. Lucci)

- Looking to find someone interested to head it up – R. Lucci is interested in heading this and has NFVB people interested in joining this committee.
 - R. Lucci is interested in chairing it

Officials Report (J. Newland)

- Region can nominate / sign off on Officials attempt to move up to a National Official
 - Three sign offs are required and now the Region's can be one of those three signatures for this.
- Safesport – all officials needed to have it completed last year, so this year just new officials will need to have it completed to be able to officiate.
- Clinic procedure notification to Club Directors
 - Emailed out by Cindy D'Errico
- Notifications to region officials
 - Holding a national clinic for officials in Rochester.
 - First time we have held a clinic.
 - Friday, January 15, 2016
 - \$25 for a coach to attend
 - \$25 for non-National officials, National officials have already paid for it in their dues.
- Official control is a point of emphasis.
 - This is especially for the R1's about maintaining control of a match.
 - Help keep coaches and possibly players in check for matches
 - This message will be given to all officials prior to the start of the year

- This message has been shared with Club Directors and Tournament Directors and all clubs are asked to share this information with their coaches and parent groups.
- Officials are in very good shape (better than last year) to start this year.
- Officials will use arbiter this year for scheduling.
 - Board members can receive access to this if any would be interested in having the information.
- Payment For Officials
 - Checked with neighboring regions on how their officials are paid
 - Looking to change to a “day pay” for officials
 - The “day pay” is separated by:
 - National / Regional / Provisional
 - Day 1 / Day 2
 - Looking to do this as a two-yr phase in to allow Tournament Directors to plan accordingly.
 - This plan can help with bringing officials from out of town:
 - A typical question from out of town officials will be “what will we make”
 - By doing this we can answer this question and most likely help bring in these officials for our event / have commitment from them earlier.
 - Ideally this is mutually beneficial to the officials and the tournament directors.
 - Discussion about how assigning will be done:
 - Our region will still need to go based on availability and proximity for assigning officials, and will do the best we can to have all events staffed with quality officials (keeping this in mind for 12s / 14s divisions).

Motion To Approve Payment Changes As Presented For A One-Season Proposal, 1st J. Newland, 2nd T. Schneider – Motion Approved (8-0-0) - Unanimous

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- No new items to report.

Adult Report (D. Johnson)

- Two Tournaments run so far
 - 30 teams in the building in each
- Six teams – 3 Men’s teams and 3 Women’s teams that are planning to go to Nationals in May
 - Two more are interested, but it is too late in the year to add them to the six teams that came together for this year.
- Teams are all working together this year to run events and raise money for Nationals
- Upcoming event, December 6 – Teams from Buffalo, Rochester, Erie and Owego
 - Tournaments are growing which is great
- Discussion regarding adult teams being USAV registered for the entire season
 - Idea to provide incentive to the players to be willing to do the membership.
 - First tournament of the year, WEVA will cover the facility fee and all adults pay the membership fee for the first event vs. a tournament registration fee like they have to for all other events.
- A lot of players are in the area and a lot of interested right now so the opportunity does exist.

Junior Business (C. D’Errico)

- C. D’Errico went over notes attached with meeting minutes.
- Boys Nationals will be in Columbus in 2017
- Giant Club for boys is no longer running.

Action Item Review (R. Lucci)

- Club use of credit cards to pay for coach memberships (J. Hughes)
 - Region will decide not to do this for this year.
- F. Chase will include points of emphasis in Officials Clinics.

- Confirmed that this was sent out.
- C. D'Errico will send an email (from Cindy and Fred) to all adult membership to communicate points of emphasis for the year (player code of conduct, adult code of conduct, in-match behavior).
 - Confirmed that this was sent out.

New Business

- Status of Positions on the Board for President, Treasurer, Boys Rep, Girls Rep (F. Chase)
 - September 30, 2016 would be end of term for above elections
 - 2017 would be all others.
 - Discussion to move to three election periods instead of two which we currently have.
 - 9 total board spots- so would look to move elections to 3/ 3/ 4 each year for elections.
 - Recommendation to keep four positions up for election this year and then the remaining six would be three at a time.
 - For 2017 – Secretary, Vice President and Officials
 - For 2018 – Adult, Junior Coordinator and Beach

Motion To Approve The Change In Election Periods, 1st L Schlegel, 2nd J. Newland – Motion Approved (8-0-0) - Unanimous

- Revisited feedback we already discussed about encouraging members in the region to vote.
 - Note was made about giving M. Turner and S. Seabridge time to make any changes in an online voting that we want to do via the website.
- PVL is still undecided for this upcoming year
 - Survey regarding PVL went out and some decisions have been made:
 - Two divisions this year
 - Open Division can have foreign players
 - AA Division cannot.
 - No match requirements for the AA Division
 - Orlando, Fla this year is the location
 - Will decide by year-end if WEVA will participate in PVL and if C. D'Errico will be the main contact from WEVA on this.
 - We would most likely need another person in the region to help with this
 - Players that have played with WEVA appreciate the efforts our region has put forth and have enjoyed playing for us / would be interested in doing it again based on how we have treated them.
- Pinnacle / Courts From WEVA
 - WEVA Board previously approved lending up to \$23,000 to Pinnacle towards their purchase of two sport court floors, which would be repaid through a reverse checkbook, as we have done with other loans in the past.
 - Cal has said he has a quote for four courts and all necessary items needed totaling 40K
 - The board will decide when all facts are known.

Action Item: C. D'Errico to ask Cal for this quote.

Motion To Adjourn Meeting: 1st R. Majeski, 2nd J. Newland, 9:24pm - Motion Approved (8/0/0) Unanimous

Next Meeting – Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6pm

Junior Board Year End Meeting Report – November 24, 2015

1) WEVA events – All sanctioned WEVA events have been entered into AES. Registrations to date listed below.

WEVA Rally I (10)
 WEVA Festival – 12, 13, 14, 15 (9)
 WEVA Festival – 16, 17, 18 (10)
 WEVA 14's Challenge – Mar 12 – BNCC (4) – need to transfer to BNCC's event (they will manage the event)
 WEVA 15's Challenge – Mar 13 – Pinnacle (4)
 WEVA 18's BID Qualifier – Mar 13 – BNCC (5)

WEVA DigFest – 12, 13, 14, 15 (6)

WEVA DigFest – 16, 17, 18 (6)

WEVA Boy's Championships – 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (0)

WEVA Rally II (4)

WEVA Rally III (2)

WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – Apr 30th – BNCC – 12, 13, 14 (2)

WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – May 1st – BNCC – 15, 16, 17 (7)

*Cindy is collecting feedback on whether to include an 18's division on May 1st to play for the 18's American bid that was assigned to our region.

Communicated to all club directors that AES will be used and that all payments and communication for WEVA tournaments will be sent to the junior coordinator for 2015-2016 season.

- 2) Communicated expectations to club directors for season – reporting results to WEVA, tournament entry, certification of scorekeepers/second referees/coaches Impact/all registered adults safe sport completion.
- 3) Communicated to club directors the points of emphasis for behavior by our coaches and parents at tournaments, both in and out of region. WEVA's expectation is that this is covered by the directors at their coaches and parent/team meetings. The information was posted to the WEVA website under latest news.
- 4) Communicated minor modifications to the Girl's Ranking System – level of tournaments and clarification of team's acceptance into the BID Qualifier.
- 5) Communicated requirement that all registered chaperones and team reps will be required to be Safe Sport certified for 2015-2016. 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 by April 1st, 2016.
- 6) Information posted to the WEVA website in regards to the new tryout fee of \$15 for all age groups. If they make a team the membership will be upgradeable to the full membership fee. Next year it needs to be communicated more clearly that if you are currently registered this tryout fee only is applicable after that membership expires. New members can register for the upcoming season at any time under this tryout registration fee.
- 7) Research into required paperwork for SUNY Brockport usage of facilities completed by John. Tried booking courts for the Boy's regionals at Brockport area and Special Olympics booked there at that time. They could accommodate the Saturday but that will not work out for the boys. Moved event to Pinnacle and working with Matt Glover and Pinnacle to secure extra courts at Victor school district (trying to book 11 courts). Does the number of boys team this season warrant additional courts?
- 8) Communicate to Event Committee for Girl's that WEVA is to receive an additional bid to Nationals for all age groups for the American division. The 18's American division will be in the Summer Junior Nationals not the spring. Proposing to Event Committee that the second bid to Nationals is awarded to the second place finisher at the BID Qualifier event. Before the BID Qualifier events, WEVA will need to know from teams participating if they will accept either bid. If we earn a BID at a qualifier, depending on where that team finishes the National Bid will be awarded to the highest finisher at the event and a playoff may have to be scheduled for the American Bid. Trickle down so that WEVA sends two teams to Nationals in each age group.
- 9) Formal Boy's Complaint in violation of the Recruiting and Tryout Guidelines – By Lockport VBC in regards to Eden VBC. Turned the complaint over to the Ethics and Eligibility Committee chaired by Fred Chase.
- 10) Communicated the links to the National Qualifier events. Posted to the WEVA website.
 - National Qualifier events for 2016 18 and under Link : <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/indoor/girls/2016-girls-junior-national-qualifiers/girls-18-qualifiers>
 - National Qualifier events for 2016 12 thru 17 and under announced. Link : <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/indoor/girls/2016-girls-junior-national-qualifiers>
- 11) Sent email note out to club directors in regards to seeking assistance with filling the following positions: No responses to date
 - Education Coordinator – an individual to coordinate the educational opportunities within WEVA. Very difficult for Lindsey, with Rocco's assistance, to drive that effort being club directors of the two largest clubs in the region. Budget substantial for coaches and players development – will be more effective if we can find someone dedicated to this effort.
 - Board positions up for re-election in April – Boy's and Girl's Representative, Treasurer – seeking individuals to run for a three year term
 - Interested individual to complete the required certification to support additional staffing of an EAST and WEST Impact Instructor. Attendance at USA CAP I and II are prerequisites. The region will support the financial requirements to complete the certification. Individual will need to have time available to offer clinics in their geographical area.

Submitted by: WEVA JUNIOR COORDINATOR – Cindy D'Errico