

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, July 15, 2019
Location: GCC in Batavia, NY
Time: 6:10 PM



Proxy:

- Mike Jans for John Crangle (note ... Mike did not make meeting)

Called to order:

- Present: Frank Cwicklinski, Cindy D'Errico, Dan Johnson, John Hughes, Roger Majeski, Rocco Lucci, Bill Page, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel
- Unexcused: John Crangle
- Guest: Dave Tytler

Meeting Minutes from May Meeting – Sent via email May 21, 2019

Motion to approve January Meeting Minutes: Email vote, Approved – 9-0-0

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- Steady increase in distinct individual members
 - 2018-2019 = 3439
 - 2017-2018 = 3270
 - 2016-2017 = 3150
- Smaller clubs are getting bigger
- John has not been approached by any new potential clubs
- Elmira is going to stay in our Region
 - Should be an IREVA club but Commissioners came to agreement
- Rave will not be having a club next season

Financial Report (B. Page)

- Finance report compares current vs. 2017-2018 year end
 - Still have 2 months of expense to account for
 - Estimate we will have a profit of ~\$20K
 - Junior income is up from last year
 - Saved \$\$ using SUNY Brockport
 - Close to paying off this agreement
- May be adding a WEVA 13s Challenge, which will need to be added to report
- Assistant Registrar position will be added to assist with Registrations and the day-to-day doings
 - John & Bill will work on a job description
- Rocco to start a subcommittee to look into a succession plan for John
 - Initial participants will include Bill and Scott
- Budget committee meeting was held before Board of Director's meeting
 - Bill will send out a budget
 - Email votes within 1 week

Motion to accept current budget - 1st R. Lucci, 2nd C. D'Errico- Approved -9-0-0

- ***Need updates to AES and Seeding Meeting budget lines***

Tournament Report (S. Seabridge) sent via email July 15, 2019

Discussions regarding the report

- Provisional referee and scorekeeper status has gone away
- Finance report for WEVA Girls Bid 18s seems off
 - John to review the budget report

- Dan asked whether there is a cap on entry fees charged for tournaments
 - We currently do not have a cap but they are monitored via the tournament sanction requests
- Approval for all non-tradition 2-day and 1-day events will be September 13, 2019

Website Update (from S. Seabridge) sent via email July 15, 2019

Officials Report (F. Cwiklinski)

- Sally and Pete passed at Junior Nationals
 - Thanks to John Hughes and John Newland for their preparation
- Looking to find candidates for Junior National level
 - It is a 2 year process
- Clinics to be held after High School season and before Thanksgiving
- Want to increase the training on scorekeepers and 2nd referees for Juniors
- To be run similar to Impact training

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- A few events have been cancelled or moved due to Charlotte beach conditions (high water)
- Boys:
 - Participation is affected by indoor practice
 - Nationals are July 4th weekend
- Girls:
 - Octane's beach program is doing really well.
 - VFX has 3 courts outside of Pinnacle
 - 2 sessions with tournaments and Challenge courts
- Junior Beach Bid tournament
 - Smallest participation ever
 - National Championship location being in California may have affected participation
 - Entry fee has increased
- Critical to find a date that Junior coaches can support

Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

To be discussed during Junior Meeting

Old Business

- WEVA is sponsoring the WNY Volleyball golf outing
- Hotels for Nationals were okay this year in location and quality

New Business

- Dan Johnson is resigning from the BOD
 - Has talked to a few people to gauge their interest in replacing him
- Open Nationals
 - 10 adult teams from Western NY went to Nationals
 - Open level of competition has decreased
 - The high end teams are trickling down to lower levels
 - People miss the PVL

Next BOD Meeting

- November 4, 2019
- Location: TBD

Motion to Adjourn - 1st R. Majeski, 2nd B. Page - Approved - 9-0-0

Junior Meeting

Attendees: Don Gleason (Boys HP / NFVB), Cory Schwab (NCVC), Dave Tytler(LAVA), Cal Wickens (Pace Bootlegger), & Mike Wills (NCVC)

1) Girls final team rankings will be posted to the WEVA website. Happy Volley, East Coast Championships and USA National results included in the information as well.

2) Discussed with event committee that has numerous club representatives that serve on it. Feedback was to continue the 14, 15 and 16 and under Challenge events for 2019-2020 season. Format utilized in past seems to be received well. Proposed adding a thirteen and under challenge event for the upcoming season.

3) USA National Results compiled and will be posted to the WEVA website – latest news. WEVA supported gift purchases up to \$100.00 per team if WEVA logo was on the gift. WEVA website updated for the Championship History for both Boy's and Girl's.

GIRLS (both American and National bids awarded this year for 13's and up). If number of teams in division is 64 that represents the American Division, teams of 48 represents the National Division and teams of 36 represents USA Division.

Girls 18's in Dallas, Texas and Girls 11's-17's in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Age Division	Team Name	Record	Place
12's	VFX Wish	5-5	35 out of 48 – lost in finals of Flight 3A
12's	NFVB 12 Navy	3-7	43 out of 48 – lost in finals of Flight 4B
13's	VFX Mystic	0-9	45 out of 48 – lost in semis of Flight 5A
13's	NFVB 13 Navy	1-8	53 out of 64 – lost in semis of Flight 4B
14's	VFX Conjure	4-6	35 out of 48 – lost in finals of Flight 2B
14's	NFVB 14 Navy	3-6	33 out of 36 – won Flight 4
14's	Octane Panthers	0-8	35 out of 36 – lost in semis of Flight 4
14's	VFX Spell	1-9	45 out of 48 – lost in finals of Flight 6
15's	NFVB 15 Navy	3-6	37 out of 48 – lost in semis of Flight 2B
15's	Paradigm Ruckus	2-8	58 out of 64 – lost in finals of Flight 5
16's	NFVB 16 Navy	3-6	45 out of 48 – lost semis of Flight 3B
16's	VFX Mantra	1-8	53 out of 64 – lost in semis of Flight 4B
17's	Paradigm Revolt	3-6	37 out of 48 – lost in semis of Flight 2A
17's	VFX Rapture	2-7	53 out of 64 – lost in semis of Flight 4A
18's	VFX Magic	1-7	46 out of 48 – lost in semis of Flight 4

Boys in Dallas, Texas

Age Division	Team Name	Record	Place
14 Open	Pace 14-1	3-6	13 out of 36 – lost in quarters of Silver
14 Open	NFVB 14 Gold	0-9	35 out of 36 – lost in quarters of Flight 3
14 Open	LVC 14 Black	1-9	33 out of 36 – lost in semis of Flight 3
14 Club	Pace 14 Blue	4-7	21 out of 49 – lost in quarters of Bronze
15 Open	NFVB 15 Gold	3-6	19 out of 36 – lost in semis of Bronze
15 Open	Hot Shot Juniors	8-3	9 out of 36 – won Silver
16 Open	NFVB 16 Gold	5-6	25 out of 42 – lost in finals of Flight 1
16 Open	Pace 16 Black	1-8	41 out of 42 – lost in quarters of Flight 3
16 USA	LVC 16 Black	5-5	17 out of 32 - lost in quarters of Bronze
17 Open	Pace 17-1	4-5	19 out of 42 – lost in semis of Bronze
18 Open	Pace 18-1	5-4	21 out of 42 – lost in quarters of Bronze
18 USA	NFVB 18 Gold	4-6	20 out of 32 – lost in semis of Flight 1
18 USA	LVC 18 Black	5-4	5 out of 32 – lost in quarters of Gold

Congratulations to all teams that participated at Nationals and represented WEVA with pride and passion.

WEVA, clubs and families are all proud of your season culminating with the opportunity to represent the region at the highest level of competition! To seniors, good luck in your future endeavors. To all underclassmen, continue to work hard and see you next season as you pursue your dreams and goals!

4) USA housing lottery was awarded to NFVB and the region. The housing was a challenge in Indianapolis with some teams being a half an hour out. The 2020 Hotel Lottery Information will be posted soon to the USA website under events/girl's indoor.

5) Girl's BID Qualifier – April 25th/April 26th – 12, 13, 14 on Saturday and 15, 16, 17 on Sunday at Niagara Frontier Sports. 18's tentatively set for March 15th at Niagara Frontier Sports (may be set to different date)

based on 18's qualifier schedule). USA needs to know the 18's teams qualified for Nationals by end of March. The 18's BID Qualifier will only be awarded a National level BID. There is no American BID to Nationals for 18's or 12's. Determination of availability for an American BID for our region in 2019-2020 season will occur shortly based on membership numbers compared to other regions.

6) Education Committee: Allocated funds for personnel who offered to go thru required clinics to become IMPACT instructor certified to better service the geographical areas of the region. IMPACT Instructor certification completed for Mark Robinson – East. IMPACT training in process for the following individuals: Rob Arciolla – Southern Tier, Steve Pike – West. Rob to complete the Impact instructor training. Next steps are planned for 2019-2020 season. Region continued a coach's scholarship fund for 2018-2019 season. Applications needed to be submitted for review and approval of funds. One individual applied and was granted funds to attend a Gold Medal Squared Coaching Clinic. Player and coaches clinic was hosted at BNCC this year. Clinic was well received by all that attended.

7) BNCC hosted the Spring Collegiate Tournament attended by local colleges. The event offered an opportunity for junior club players to watch colleges that had alumni playing in it and colleges that they had an interest in attending.

8) Meritorious Awards – Recipients this year are the following: Lorraine Brazener, David D'Errico, MJ Hoffmann and Lindsey Schlegel. Write-ups to be posted to website. Thank you for your service to the region and junior clubs.

9) 12 and under Serving guideline – The guideline was not changed for 2019. WEVA, tournament directors and officials did not hear anything this year on coaches not following the guidelines. BID Qualifier requires all serving is from the end-line since it is a qualifier event for Nationals.

10) All registered adults affiliated with a junior club were required to be Safe Sport certified for USA Volleyball. Any coaches that were registered in the prior year that did not complete their IMPACT or Safe Sport certification were NOT allowed to coach until the certification was completed. Individuals could not be added to roster unless IMPACT and Safe Sport were completed. Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the BOD will serve as the Safe Sport Representative for the region

11) Clarification on tryout fee of \$15.00 for all age groups. This is for new members at any point in time that they register. Prior members can register after their membership expires as a tryout member, if they desire to do so. This tryout membership is good for 90 days. For all tryout memberships, if the player makes a team the membership will be upgradeable to the full membership fee before being placed on a teams' roster. Intent is targeted for new members to give them an opportunity to check out their interest in club volleyball at a low cost.

12) AES will be utilized again for team registration in the 2019-2020 season for ALL WEVA run events, WEVA Festival (2/8-9 moved to this weekend due to break week), Rally I (2/2), Rally II (4/5), Rally III (4/19- moved later next season due to spring break), Boy's Regionals (3/29), Girl's BID Qualifier (4/25-26) and 18's Qualifier tentatively 3/15. The 14's Challenge (3/14) event will be hosted by NFVB at Niagara Frontier Sports, the 15's Challenge (3/15) event will be hosted by Eastside Ice VBC at Tri-County Sports Complex, the 16's (3/15) event will be hosted by VolleyFX at Pinnacle Sports Complex and the new 13's Challenge (3/14) event host and site is TBD. Awards for the Challenge events have to be consistent in the future. All entry fees for WEVA hosted events will be mailed to Cindy D'Errico, 7032 Swamp Road, Byron, New York 14422. Deadlines will be set earlier than in the past due to late notification of dropouts etc. DO NOT SEND ANY ENTRY FEES or emails to John Hughes in the WEVA office in regards to tournaments. All communication in regards to the events will be with Cindy D'Errico, Junior Coordinator/Tournament Coordinator.

13) WEVA region Travel Policy is posted to the WEVA website. USA requirement that all clubs have a travel policy. All new 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. New clubs for 2019-2020 season need to comply.

14) Work team – from USA meetings: Regions have had less issues if they require a rostered adult to be part of the work team. They found if engaged in the event there were less issues. Will encourage coaches or a registered adult to be part of the work team but will not make it mandatory. 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.

15) Overall a good job in assuring that teams meet certification requirements for second referee and scorekeeper by deadline dates. Some invalid rosters still submitted. NFVB and WEVA site coordinators did a great job after the deadline to have teams get certified day of the event. Officials will continue to strip certifications from players that do not do a good job performing their assigned duties during matches. Coaches

are responsible for assuring that the work team does a quality job. All coaches should be knowledgeable in scorekeeping (encouraged to be certified as well).

16) WEVA will continue to allow submission of AES rosters to WEVA events. The roster should show that the members have been verified to be USA members. Typically, boys submit these rosters versus submitting a WebPoint roster.

17) National Qualifier events for 2020 - still not available. Will send out link to club directors when available.

18) 2020 Nationals Sites:

- The USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 11's thru 17's returns to Dallas.
- The USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC) returns to Reno.
- The USA Volleyball Open National Championships returns to Minneapolis.
- The USA Volleyball Annual Meetings will also take place in TBD the week leading up to the Open Championships OR at Nationals in June.
- The USA Volleyball Girl's Junior National Championships for 18's returns to Reno.
- HP Championships – Location and dates TBD.
- NCVF - Collegiate Club – Location and dates TBD.

19) No election was held in 2019. The three positions (Junior Coordinator, Beach Representative and Growth and Development Coordinator) that were up for election had no one running against them. The three resources in those positions agreed to serve for an additional three year term. Scott Seabridge was appointed as a replacement to Lindsey Schlegel as secretary to the board for the duration of her term. Lindsey is pursuing the completion of her master's degree so her schedule will not allow her to continue serving her term on the board. WEVA thanks her for her dedication to the region over the years. Positions up for election in 2020 are the following: President, Treasurer, Girl's Representative and Boy's Representative. If anyone knows of resources interested in running for one of the positions in 2020 please forward name to Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the BOD.

20) Kate Semplicio from VolleyFX was the 2019 recipient of the Gary Adler Memorial Scholarship. Letter was sent and a shout out of congratulations was posted to latest news on the WEVA website.

21) USA registration will be moving to Sports Engine. As it rolls out all club directors and commissioners will be notified of the process for registration. All certifications should roll over for the members. A help desk will be available for all questions versus asking the commissioner/executive officer of the regions.

HIGHLIGHTS OF USA MEETING – Columbus Ohio

1) Possible future change to annual USA meeting, looking at having in conjunction with the junior national events (rotation between boys and girls events) versus scheduling as is today prior to the Open national event. This would make it easier for club directors and/or coaches to have an opportunity to provide in person input to the items on the junior assembly agenda. Additional research as to logistics and voting consideration for attendees is underway.

2) Under consideration - change in format of Girls Nationals for 2021 or 2022 season – two four day events with a “dark day” in between or a HYBRID with girls 12/13 under events combined with boys Nationals. This will assist with hotel accommodations, car rental and assist in alignment with the growth of volleyball at qualifiers and at the National events. Also, looking at adding a new division (Liberty division) for qualifiers and Nationals. May change how American division functions (may just be BIDS from the region and not qualifiers). Also, looking at larger pools for Boy's championships.

3) Teams can no longer decline an 18 bid from Qualifier event. If a younger age group qualifies at the 18s qualifier, they cannot participate at a younger qualifier event for the remainder of the current season.

4) Modification of boy's waiver rule to align the 12s and 13s with the current fourteen and under rule to allow waived players to play in grade at those age groups.

5) Researching a National USAV ranking and seeding system. Establishing a committee to research and develop the criteria that could be utilized across the regions. Currently, a beach system exists – will review what components, if any, can be used for indoor.

6) FIVB has discussed eliminating the double contact ball handling call. Let the athletes play. No definitive action.

7) Consideration to allow junior players who play as sophomores in HS at the seventeen age division due to birthdate requirements to play as juniors in HS at the seventeen age division for a second year.

8) Not allow players who have not been waived the entire season to switch rosters to attend the Patriot division at Nationals. This will restrict players from seeking a waiver just to play at Nationals. Also, cannot allow transfers between clubs at the Patriot division.

- 9) Under consideration, to allow a step in line at qualifiers and Nationals for the eleven and under division. Believe this would grow the participation at the events. Today no step in allowed.
- 10) New requirement for all regions to have all teams sign a bid acceptance form at the bid tournament. The form will be sent out from USA that is used today at the qualifier events.
- 11) All Boys Bid tournament to add a USA division in 2020. USAV event department will re-allocate any unused USA division bids.
- 12) To eliminate the 3 way tiebreaker at qualifiers and Nationals by defining ties as having the same match and set percentage. When this occurs the teams will follow the normal three-way tie protocol. A two way tie it is always head to head. Will be placed in the championship manual.
- 13) MotorMVB Update – changing name to First Point Volleyball soon. Increase boys' volleyball at HS, collegiately and at the club level. They have implemented a diversity and inclusion initiative to promote the growth of the sports in areas where it has not been.
- 14) AVCA – Reviewed the new legislation for Division I volleyball. Our region will be taking part in a region program thru the AVCA that sends out weekly videos, tips for the game. Was experimental last season with a few regions to be sure they could handle the additional workload to their members. It went over very well so will register for this service thru the AVCA enhancing our regions education to resources servicing our athletes.

WEVA TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) BID Qualifier – Do we reinstate the consolation matches at event for the 3rd and 4th place teams from pool for 2020? Continue to limit teams to eight at qualifier – we did not eliminate any interested teams this past year. A couple clubs that have participated in the event in the past did not this year – some reasons were increased fees/fewer matches/scheduling.
- 2) WEVA sanctioned events – Do we leave entry fee the same or increase it? Still utilizing SUNY Brockport for events. Sent email in June with proposed dates for events. Will continue to follow-up. Will be using the Main Street Armory as a back-up facility to SUNY Brockport – parking lot paved, extra parking being made available and redoing court surfaces.
- 3) 2019 – sent notification to clubs/teams that did not meet requirements in February so they had four weeks to complete the certification and avoid fines. Still a lot of time put in reviewing rosters and sending out letters to teams not meeting requirements. WEVA fines for no submission or non-webpoint roster submission or not having a certified scorekeeper or second referee on roster after 3/15 for all WEVA sanctioned events for WEVA teams entered. Some fines were paid, some were appealed but around 80% of letters sent had no action taken by the club. Proposal from last board meeting is to send follow-up letter to clubs that have taken no action to date and advise them that their club will be set to inactive for 2018-2019 season. When issue resolved the club will be set to active again. Proposal to eliminate fines since not enforced.
- 4) Date for WEVA Coaches Clinic with local college coaches in January timeframe in conjunction with one of the WEVA sanctioned events possibly – dates to consider Hocus Pocus Jan 26-27th. How late do they run – possibly Friday night clinic before event starts? Cindy to do additional research and work with tournament directors on best option.
- 5) AES – Do we run WEVA events thru AES, an additional cost is \$10 per team? Benefit is for results to be available in AES versus teams entering them for use for seeding at National Qualifiers/Nationals and schedule available online. Schedules are posted to the WEVA website for each event.
- 6) With the increase in number of events and the size of the events - propose that we increase the pay for the assignor and additional funds for training officials (rating new officials and training them at sanctioned events).
- 7) WEVA Parent Guideline/Expectations document created, this will be sent out for the 2019-2020 season.

TOPICS FROM THE FLOOR

- 1) Are they looking at moving the Boys 18s up like the Girls 18s? There was no discussion at the National meeting. Boys 18s had an issue with starting on the first day. NY teams are affected. Needs to be pushed to the National office.
- 2) Discussion on using easier, modified scoresheets for B & lower events. Majority of WEVA events are B or lower level.
- 3) 10 days before Boys Nationals, 18s needed to complete SafeSport certified. If they are 17 and going to turn 18, they would need parental consent.
- 4) All Boys qualifiers are going to 3-day events. Rochester Can-Am will occur Saturday-Monday. Some of the other qualifiers will change their weekends.
- 5) USA bracket will be added to Open and Club. USA bracket will need bids.

- 6) Rosters will be checked by officials before each match
- 7) Tie breakers for 3-way ties will still use a playoff determination.
- 8) Canadian team participation in Qualifiers and National Championships, Boys are not committed to accepting Bids at the Qualifiers. No different than playing teams that already have Bids at previous qualifiers.
- 9) USA Volleyball will be charging the Qualifier Tournament Directors more over a 3 year plan
- 10) Switch from WebPoint to SportsEngine by USA Volleyball. Regions are highly encouraged by USA Volleyball to switch also. WEVA is moving for 2019-2020 season. September 1 kick-off but WEVA will start September 15. An individuals SportsEngine membership number could go across a variety of sports. Charge to the Regions will remain the same. Join Sports Engine then USA Volleyball/WEVA. All participants need to pay on-line (no more ability to send in a check). Coaches will need to get reimbursed if clubs used to pay for their registration. There will be discounts available. Things like certifications, background checks, etc. will transfer over. WEVAs on-line payment charges will be reduced due to bulk purchasing power. Will SportsEngine allow our web site query read-only?
- 11) Can we get referee and scorekeeping certifications added to AES rosters?
- 12) Are there dates that tryouts can start? WEVA policy (see WEVA Tryout, Registration and Recruiting Policy) states that tryouts cannot start before 9/1. Payments cannot be collected before 10/1. There is a verbal agreement between clubs that there are no practices during high school season. Tryout registration is good for 3 months (12/31) until a candidate accepts an offer.
- 13) HP program had 26 participants and 1 team. There is discussion to add a team next year. Team is playing at National level.
- 14) Inner city clinics were held in the Fall and Spring. There were 4 schools at each session.
- 15) Daemen College will be hosting an in season event with Harvard, Pepperdine, and UCLA.

Additional Discussion Outside of the Board of Directors Meeting

- 1) There was a discussion about adding some money in the proposed budget for 2019-2020 to fund a 2nd High Performance Boys team (younger group).

Motion: Provide the HP program partial support for a second team in the amount of \$4000

- 1st B. Page, 2nd R. Lucci - Approved - 8-0-0