

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, January 13, 2020
Location: TF Browns in Batavia, NY
Time: 6:10 p.m.



Called to order:

- Present: Frank Cwicklinski, Cindy D'Errico, John Hughes, Roger Majeski, Rocco Lucci, Bill Page, Ryan Repich, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel
- Unexcused: John Crangle

Points of Interest

- Daemen vs. UCLA match went well with very good social media representation

Meeting Minutes from November 2019 Meeting – Sent via email December 1, 2019

Motion to approve November 2019 Meeting Minutes: Email vote, Approved – 7-0-2

BOD Positions

- Welcome Ryan Repich; Ryan has been appointed as Region Growth and Development Rep

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- Report emailed out January 8, 2020
 - Numbers are up from last year

Financial Report (B. Page)

- End of year review with the accountants on the previous season budget went well
- Need to apply sales tax on the WEVA store
- Clubs should be not-for-profit so need to give tax exemption number
- Budget Report
- Junior registration is up ~ \$18,000 from last year
- ***Motion to accept Budget report - 1st T. Schneider, 2nd F. Cwicklinski- Approved -10-0-0***
- Investment allocations
- 66% Bonds + 34% Stocks
- Working an equipment deal with Nazareth College and their new fieldhouse

Tournament Report (S. Seabridge)

- Tournament report sent via email on 1/13/2019
- 49 - Total Sanctions
 - 3 - Cancelled Event
 - 10 - WEVA Events
 - 4 - WEVA Sponsored Events (Challenge Events)
 - 32 - Club Events
- Possible sanction bonds = \$3,850
- Possible sanction fees = \$3,060
- Boys playing opportunities
 - 18s – 9 events
 - 17s – 3 events
 - 16s – 9 events
 - 15s – 2 events

- 14s – 8 events
- 13s – 1 event
- 12s – 6 events
- Girls playing opportunities
 - 18s – 12 events
 - 17s – 8 events
 - 16s – 14 events
 - 15s – 10 events
 - 14s – 13 events
 - 13s – 8 event
 - 12s – 9 events
- 7 events have been completed and paperwork is being submitted

Website Report (S. Seabridge)

- Website report sent via email on 11/11/2019
 - Current site
 - Add photo page
 - Add outdoor event sanctioning
 - Future site
 - Updating the base code for the web site
 - This is for the current site and the future site
 - **Target completion August 31, 2020**
 - Update the site visuals to simplify structure and allow a mobile web site
 - **Target completion January 1, 2021**
 - Plan to date:
 1. Initial meeting with Web Master - COMPLETE
 2. Reviewed all Region sites and noted the ones that were good to be used as possible references - COMPLETE
 3. Review current site map and look for simplifications
 4. Engage BOD and Commissioner on high-level requirements – IN PROCESS
 5. Work high-level requirements to detailed requirements

Officials Report (F. Cwiklinski)

- 69 to 84 officials
- 15 are in training with 9 achieving Provisional level
- Art Chavers in training to go for National Official
- Robert Britton is in training to go for Junior National Official

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- Working with NOVA/Hot Shots to determine the best date for the Junior Beach Qualifier
- Request to have a WEVA/NOVA meeting before

Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

- WEVA events – All sanctioned WEVA events have been entered into AES. Registrations to date listed below.
 - WEVA Rally I – 2/2 - 13, 15, 17 – (30 teams)
 - WEVA Festival – 2/8 - 12, 13, 14, 15 – (50 teams)
 - WEVA Festival – 2/9 - 16, 17, 18 - (45 teams)
 - WEVA 13's Challenge – Mar 14 – (6 teams – room for 6 more – ideally 2 more) Hot Shots Juniors Hosting (Hot Shots)
 - WEVA 14's Challenge – Mar 14 – (18 teams – room for 24) - NFVB Hosting (BNCC)
 - WEVA 15's Challenge – Mar 15 – (12 teams – room for 4) - NFVB Hosting (BNCC)

- WEVA 18's BID Qualifier – Mar 15 – NFVB Hosting (BNCC) – (7 teams – acceptance TBD –up to 8)
- WEVA 16's Challenge – Mar 15 – (24 teams) - VFX Hosting (Pinnacle)
- WEVA Boy's Championships – 3/29 - 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (11 teams) – SUNY Brockport/Armory
- WEVA Rally II – 4/5 - 12, 16, 18 (25 teams)
- WEVA Rally III – 4/19 – 14, 16 (26 teams)
- WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/25 – 12, 13, 14 (22 teams) – 14's has 10 interested
- WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/26 - 15, 16, 17 (25 teams) – 15's has 10 interested
- Lost SUNY Brockport for both days for Festival as of 1/7 – HUGE IMPACT – Steve Pike talking to AD
- Will continue to determine court requirements so website can be updated as well as AES with age group locations. SUNY Brockport, Armory, East HS e-mail contact and cell phone contact. Confirmation forthcoming.
- Currently there are 173 teams for Girl's and 57 for Boy's based on active rosters within WebPoint.
- The coach's scholarship will be offered again this season. The board will approve funding based on budgeted dollars for coaching. Sent email in regards to this offer. AVCA requests received – total paid - \$4900.
- 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 Dallas for 11-17 and Reno for 18's. WEVA is 4th on the waiting list for 12's and 11th on the list for 18's to receive an American Bid. Sent email to club directors.
- REMINDER: USA requirement that a rostered adult must serve as the second referee at all Qualifiers (including our Girls BID Qualifier event). Sent email to club directors.
- Review of Ranking System has been requested of all girls' club directors and then updates completed if any are suggested and approved by the event committee. If modified, it will be re-posted to the website and club directors notified. USAV will not allow any results included for events outside of USAV to be utilized in their new ranking system. Document has the requirements for eligibility to play in the Girl's BID Qualifier event and continued format of no consolation matches – guaranteeing only 6 sets in the event.
- Tournament email sent noting all tournaments on WEVA website and in AES – email noted the WEVA NEW 13's, 14', 15's and 16's Challenge events encouraging ALL WEVA teams within the respective age groups to participate in these events. Rocco sent email to club directors, Gary Hill voiced concern in regards to clubs not supporting sending their teams (in particular the top teams to events) since NFVB is sending all teams. John compiled list of rostered teams within region per age group. This will assist in evaluation of teams not registered for these events that may exist in the region. The 14's in the past has not exceeded 24 teams. The 15's will be limited to 16 teams (hosted alongside 18's Qualifier of 2 courts). The 16's will be limited to 24 teams at Pinnacle hosted by VFX. The 13's has room for 12 teams at Hot Shots but optimally best for 8 teams so bleachers can be set up on middle court for better viewing. See above for openings.
- 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.
- Scorekeeping/second refereeing – communicated the importance of work teams, teaching scoring before tournaments (online training available thru USA) – referees cannot be teaching day of – COACHES need to know how to keep score as well! A coach must be at score table when teams are working (unless serving as the second referee as part of work team).
- 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 2019-2020. 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. Safe Sport certification will be required every year. Players turning 18 during the season will be required to

complete the Safe Sport certification as well. Will send out emails advising all of the players impacted by the ruling to complete prior to their eighteenth birthday (parental consent form will be required to be completed). 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.

- Sent 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.
- USA National's Housing Lottery completed, VFX #17 – notified 12/9 at noon and WEVA was #18 notified 12/10 at noon. Kate from NFVB and Nicksen from VFX completed the hotel room reservations based on the lottery date.
- Parent Code of Conduct – sent to Scott to be posted to the WEVA website.
- 2020 National Dates:
 - Girls 11-17 Championships - Dallas, June 25 –July 4,2020
 - Girls 18 Championships - Reno, May 1-3, 2020
 - Boys 12-18 Championships - Reno, June 27 – July 4, 2020 – successful movement of the eighteens to not conflict with graduation
 - Adult Open Championships – Minneapolis, May 22 – 27, 2020

Old Business

- Eastside Ice requested waiver to allow 18 year old player to play with 17s team. Player would have been cut from 18s team.
- 2020 Election:
- Nomination deadline February 29th
- Elections open March 27th, end on April 27th

Conduct and Grievance Update

- Member was suspended for one year from WEVA and USA Volleyball
- Appeal was made but decision was upheld
- Need to take a course approved by Ethics and Eligibility committee before re-instatement
- SafeSport was notified

New Business

- Should WEVA create a region camera usage policy?
- Decided that WEVA would not create that policy; handle on a case-by-case basis

Next BOD Meeting

- Monday, March 9, 2020
 - Location: TF Browns
- Boys Seeding Meeting: late-March 2020
- Girls Seeding Meeting: mid-April 2020

Motion to Adjourn - 1st R. Majeski, 2nd M. Trznadel - Approved – 10-0-0