

WEVA BOD Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, November 4, 2024
Location: T.F. Brown's, Batavia, NY
Time: 6:00 PM



Call to Order: : Frank Cwiklinski, Cindy D'Errico, Rocco Lucci, Roger Majeski, Brittany Murdie, Bill Page, Meryll Pentz, Tom Schneider, Denee Hickson, Mike Trznadel, Ryan Repich
Meeting Started: 6:11 PM

Meeting Minutes from July 2024 Meeting – Sent via email

Approved via email vote: 10 - 0 - 0 approved on 7/XX/2024

Meeting Minutes from September 2024 - will be shared from Rocco.

President's Report (Lucci)

- Post-USAV Meeting Report, Boston, MA Oct. 12-14

USA hosted, great turnout for an opening event. Great communication to start the year and keep great relations with neighboring regions;

We are the Atlantic Zone- started with new CEO, John Spraw- made connections with all regions- great mindset moving forward. Topics of discussion that are pertinent:

1. Getting regions involved with AVCA convention- getting a bigger presence
2. Serving Alcohol during Junior Events? What is the policy? Can mandate where it is sold, not IF it is sold.
3. Voting for meetings- it's weighted over 40 regions, along with an athlete vote which is heavily weighted. The athletes (not current) aren't doing any of the work, but get the majority of the vote- may get rid of the athlete vote.
4. Transgender Athletes- each state has their own reg's. Suggested response is "All Athletes are cleared to play". Must follow USA rules and provide documentation.
 - Rocco adds a USA transgender policy to the website.
5. AAU vs USA volleyball and running events: large influx of AAU/JVA events- creating stipulations based on 30 day(before and after) non-compete clause of events to keep other organizations out.
6. Boys volleyball: thinking about creating a Boys liaison
7. Region conflicts: other areas of the country, clubs register in other regions than where they reside. Creates an issue with regions.
8. USAV approved a Boys one-event membership to stimulate movement back to USAV sanctioned events: passed that a one tournament USA event can be purchased. If they qualify and win, they must purchase a full membership.
9. USA academy- log into Sports Engine account- voted to let USA go to a new platform so it's easier to navigate
10. Jenny Johnson- create a clinic series in our region. She will come to present : date and time are TBD.

Registrars Report (Page):

1. Registrations are going great. Currently, we have 1400 full Junior members, and 311 Adult memberships: both are above what we had last year.
2. New membership created: Practice player membership. Player who won't make an active team, pays the full USAV fee. Can get an upgrade anytime and travel. Can practice and improve, and then pay the full membership fee.

Financial Report (Page):

1. Year ending around \$50,000. All is inline, accounts have been updated.

Tournament Report (Pentz):

1. Sanctions done thus far: 75 practice sanctions, 26 tryout sanctions, 38 sanctions. More are still coming! Doesn't include Beach tournaments.
2. Fees collected are slim- hoping to collect the rest soon.
3. Up to 37 tournaments!!

Officials Report (Cwiklinski)

- Communication that Rocco received where the pay scale is going. Passed out information on the officials vouchers.
- Officials: 20 people (14 under the age of 30) to be added to the officials organization.
- WEVA paid 1st year official fees and Frank was paying the USAV portion, which should be coming out of the WEVA budget- may be a \$240 cost. Motion to approve to pay for the full adult membership for a 1st year official in the WEVA region. Approved- 10-0-0.

Beach Report (Majeski)

- Beach age definition change: just came to fruition. The Board passed the change, but more information will be coming soon.
- Excelsior Region zoom meeting regarding beach events: thought about Co hosting the National Beach Bid Tournament- decided we would do our own bid tournament in our region. Not enough going to the National event- may collaborate on a bigger event with Syracuse.
- Thought about running grass tournaments too.
- Rocco met with Hot Shots last week. Decided to allow one junior to play in a beach event(entry fee) for free. The younger ages could play 4's, in hopes they may enter a later event in the summer. There may be a total of 30 courts at Charlotte! More information will follow!

Serve & Receive Grant Update (S&R Grant Committee)

- Cycle dates for 2024-25 : Launched on Nov. 3. Deadline is Dec 1, 2024. Funds may be increased, subject to change.

Junior Business Report (D'Errico):

- Tournament Dates for Juniors: <https://www.alliantenergycenter.com/upcoming-events/events-details/829/usa-all-stars-championships-23-jul-2025>
- <https://usavolleyball.org/event/2025-usa-volleyball-open-national-championship-opens/>

Junior Board Meeting Report – November 4th, 2024

1) WEVA Events – sanctioned and posted to AES for registration, Merchandise will be sold at SUNY Brockport, EAST HS will be used if registration of teams warrants it

for the events. Sent email to club directors about events being open for registration and accepted into the event when paid (do not cash checks until after the event).

Roberts Wesleyan University -purchased equipment for their facility -reverse checkbook \$6902.45 balance.

USA 2024-25 age group definitions are posted to the WEVA website. Registration for the upcoming season is set-up using these guidelines.

Rally I – Feb 2 nd - 14 (21), 16 (24) – SUNY Brockport and Armory

Festival – Feb 8 th – 12 (G-4), 8 (B-4), 13 (9), 14 (15) – Armory and Tri-County

Festival – Feb 9 th – 15 (12), 16 (13), 17 (16), 18 (10) – SUNY Brockport, Tri-County

Challenge 12's - Mar 23 nd - NFVB host - The Rock

Challenge 13's - Mar 22 rd - NFVB host - The Rock

Challenge 14's - Mar 15 th – VFX Host - Gates High School

Challenge 15's – Mar 15 th – VFX Host - Armory

Challenge 16's – Mar 16 th – NFVB host - The Rock

Bid Qualifier 18's - Mar 23 rd - The Rock 18 (4)

Boys Regional Championships – Apr 6 th – 12's thru 18's – Roberts Wesleyan, Gates-Chili High School, Armory

Dig Fest I – Apr 12 th - 12 (5), 13 (11), 14 (13) – SUNY Brockport, Roberts Wesleyan

Dig Fest II – Apr 13 th - 15 (19), 17 (11), 18 (9) – SUNY Brockport, Armory

Bid Qualifier – Apr 26 th - 12 (1), 13 (4), 14 (5) – The Rock

Bid Qualifier – Apr 27 th - 15 (6), 16 (5), 17 (4).- The Rock

2) USA housing lottery – Detail information posted for the 2025 season on the USA website under events/Girl's indoor. Region lottery not found on website (date needed for draw date=2024 date was 12/8). Nicksen and Laura from VFX will book rooms once notified where we qualified. NO CLUB allocated, Rocco following up with USA on details.

3) Girl's BID Qualifier – 2025 will be hosted at the Rock. 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 11 and 12's will award a National bid for region and 13's will award a National and American level bid. Will send email to solicit level of interest so region can turn back-in bids not utilizing for reallocation. 11's, 12's most likely for reallocation.

5) AES will be utilized again for team registration and scheduling of events for the 2024-2025 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.

6) 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 the 2024-2025 season need to comply.

7) 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.

8) 2025 Nationals Sites: Approved National Qualifier events posted to USA website.

USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 11's thru 13's – Kansas City, MO – 6/21-6/24

USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 14's thru 17's - Dallas, TX – 6/25-7/3

USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC) – Minneapolis, Minn – 7/3-7/6

USA Volleyball Open National Championships – Denver, CO - 5/23-5/28

USA Volleyball Girls Junior National Championships for 18's – Salt Lake City, Utah – 4/25-27

9) Positions on board that are up for election in 2025 are Junior Coordinator, Growth and Development Coordinator, Beach Rep. If anyone knows of resources

interested in running for one of the positions in 2025, please forward name to Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the BOD.

10) USA Education Services – Need to determine WEVA representative for the zonal training being offered by USA volleyball. 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 train 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.

11) WEVA to provide financial assistance in support of a Girl's and Boy's All Star team from the region to attend the USA All Star Championships (Previously was HP).

WEVA has budgeted \$6,000 per team from the region. Men will field a team in the following age group Boys U17 (Born in 2007 or 2008) and Girls U15 (Born in 2009

or 2010). Daniel Miranda, Buffalo State University volleyball men's head coach, confirming will serve as the men's coach in 2025. Asked Steve Pike if interested in

coaching women's team-awaiting reply. Will be held in Madison, WI from July 23-27.

- Submitted by: WEVA JUNIOR COORDINATOR – Cindy D'Errico

Old Business

- VFX sport courts: Playing out of the Armory this season- maybe play for 2 years there until something is permanent. Wish for WEVA to front the money, approve a loan, and purchase 6 sport courts for now. They will then sell them back when they move to their new facility. A contract has been created and looking into vendors for the best price-sending it to the WEVA lawyer(Jim O'Keefe) for cross checking details.
 - motion to approve as per sound contract: Bill Page, Roger (2nd), 9-0-1 passes
- WEVA Handbook update – action item. Rocco is continuing updates, and it is a work in progress. Bi laws need to be updated, along with the handbook. The Board will continue to look at the handbook and continue to make changes as we see fit.
- WEVA has secured legal counsel retainer Jim O'Keefe.

New Business

- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Requirements for Youth Sports Leagues (Schneider): NYS website, as of October 2004, each youth league shall be required to have 1 staff member certified and 1 AED on site.
- Go Sleeves – partnership, discount: At no cost, advertise on Club websites, the club gets a kickback. Discussion will continue for further options.
- Recruiting / Spirit of WEVA: A committee may need to be formed to discuss the document on rules/issues/procedures happening. What policies need to be revamped/changed? Club directors will be asked to reread the document, and let the Board know what needs to be changed/adjusted.

Volley Station: Scoring Clinic- the new direction of scoring- easy to do, technological friendly- prompts what to do. It is integrated with AES, rosters are already inputted prior-seamless. No wifi needed!! This will replace paper sheets, and can be done using the app on your phone.The next available webinars are:

November 6th: 12:00-12:30 pm

November 8th: 10:00-10:30 am

November 13th: 8:00-8:30 pm

Adjourn Board Meeting: Frank Cwiklinski, Roger Majeski . . 10-0-0 meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.

Next BOD Meeting

- January 6, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Location: T.F. Brown's Restaurant, Batavia, NY