

WEVA Meeting Minutes

Date: February 12, 2007

Time: 7:22 PM

Present: J. Algier, R. Majeski, L. Schoenl, D. Schoenl, J. Lodes, R. Lucci, J. Ingalls, J. Hughes, F. Chase, C. Wickens, T. Weislo, S. Seabridge, D. Bothner, M. Paull, K. Salisbury (guest), B. Chanthavisouk (guest)

Excused: C. D'Errico, R. Werkmeister

Welcome (F. Chase)

- *Motion: Approve previous meeting minutes as presented ... 1st J. Lodes / 2nd J. Algier / Passed (10-0-1).*
**D. Bothner arrives (7:25 PM)
- Stephen Pierce is requesting to resign from the BOD. Rocco to ask Gail Tylec if she's interested to fill Stephen's current position. He'll also think about other possibilities to fill the position.

Registrar's Report (J. Hughes)

- 1874 current paid members.
- 40+ members over last year
- 1486 junior members
- 388 adult members

Financial Report (D. Bothner)

- Updates since last meeting:
 - December deposits of \$37,000+ from registrations and \$1200+ from region store.
 - January deposits of \$800 from region store, \$480 from IMPACT clinic, and \$21000 from registrations.
- Expenses:
 - Paid \$2640 for background check fees.
 - Paid \$21000 to National Office for registration fees.
 - Paid \$5600 to Molton for region development.
- WEVA Savings Account: \$56,288.95
- WEVA Checking Account: \$14,548.39
- Gary Adler Account: \$1,063.75
- WEVA M&T Free Checking Account (Scott): \$2,297.24 (C. Wickens & K. Salisbury arrive 7:50 PM).
- Status of CD's:
 - Gary Adler CD: \$4,691.13 – next maturity 7/9/07
 - CD # 32333 for \$6,000 – next maturity 9/10/07
 - CD # 33505 for \$6,183.24 – next maturity 7/9/07
 - CD #33513 for \$6,254.84 – next maturity 7/9/07
- Discussion on whether or not to invest more money from our savings account. If we do, we should stagger the CD's so there would always be money available, if needed.
- Discussion on sport courts: Should the region buy sport courts?
 - WEVA should perform due diligence on this subject. Go to all areas of our region to find availability, how much space, cost, etc. (B. Chanthavisouk arrives 8:16 PM).
 - A sub-committee led by J. Lodes, C. Wickens, R. Lucci, J. Hughes, R. Werkmeister, T. Weislo, and D. Kohl to investigate a reasonable business decision as to whether or not to purchase sport courts. J. Lodes to contact the members of the sub-committee for a meeting.
- *Motion: Approve financial report ... 1st L. Schoenl / 2nd D. Schoenl / Passed (13-0-1).*

Tournament Coordinator's Report (S. Seabridge)

- Current tournaments that have been sanctioned:
 - 35 total (3 adult and 32 junior)
 - \$530 in sanction fees

- Question from R. Lucci: There are other regions that only let their tournaments run 4-team pools. Should WEVA incorporate this policy as well? It would be difficult to do this financially because clubs will not make any money. You would have to increase tournament fees from \$175 to \$218.

Official's Report (M. Paull)

- Our region is growing therefore our officials need to grow.
- Online is the way to go (i.e. testing, etc.)
- Working on person to person level with juniors
 - CADRE's: K. Maselli, F. Chase, L. Chase, M. Paull
- Comparison of USA/Canadian rules:
 - M. Paull to get a list of club directors from J. Hughes to send a file of explanation.
- Have not identified any candidates for national referee, but hoping F. Chase will become one.
- Linda Chase is candidate for national scorekeeper.
- Error on scorekeeper test, but was corrected before the official test was released.
- May not complete all goals set for this season, but happy with our growth overall.
- M. Paull has recruited a small group of officials in the Erie, PA area to help out for our tournaments at Pitt Bradford and Fredonia areas and is always looking to get more from other areas.

Junior Report (J. Hughes for C. D'Errico)

- Region Championships girls (cost for all \$175/team):
 - 3/25/07 region qualifier for 13, 17, 18 (32 teams)
 - 5 teams 13U – 1 court
 - 15 teams 17U – 3-4 courts
 - 12 teams 18U – 3 courts
 - 4/1/07 for 12, 14, 15 (45 teams)
 - 11 teams 12U – 2-3 courts
 - 18 teams 14U – 4 courts
 - 16 teams 15U – 4 courts
 - 4/22/07 for 16
 - 28 teams 16U – 4 courts
- WEVA Festival: 5/13/07 (cost \$175/team)
 - 2 courts at GCC
 - 4 courts at Geneseo
 - 4 courts at Webster Thomas
 - Hoping to get 6-8 courts at RIT
- Cindy asked J. Hughes to create a database with all club coaches with their contact information. John created and handed out a list for boys and girls club coaches to the BOD. It's still being updated and should be completed with a week or so.
- Handout regarding the possibility of adding men's volleyball as a varsity sport at UB. Forums regarding this issue will be held as follows:
 - Thursday, February 22, 7-9 PM: United Way of Buffalo and Erie County, 742 Delaware Ave. Buffalo (corner of Summer St. parking available behind building).
 - Tuesday, February 27, 7-9 PM: UB Center for the Arts, North Campus, Amherst (Coventry Rd. entrance, off Millersport Highway, parking in the university lots near building).
- The National Junior meeting has been changed.
- Some teams expressed concerns about getting two tournaments in before regionals. That's why WEVA has allowed teams to add extra tournaments after others have been closed.
- Cindy D'Errico needs to set up a seeding meeting with all junior club reps.

Education and CAP (K. Salisbury)

- 3rd IMPACT clinic on 2/12/07 had 18 people attend
- Another clinic to be held Feb. 25 at Nazareth College.
- Potential date of March 14, 15, or 16 at Nazareth College.
- Plan on CAP I/II in either August or December

New Business

- R. Lucci: Niagara Frontier would like to get funding from WEVA for 6 net systems. Rocco to submit a formal proposal to the WEVA BOD via email within one week. Gary Hill is going to build a facility that will house six courts and Niagara Frontier club will lease the space from him.
- Bouketh Chanthavisouk has offered to assist S. Seabridge with WEVA website. Scott and Bou will discuss.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 9 at 7:00 PM at GCC

Motion to adjourn meeting: 1st T. Weislo / 2nd D. Schoenl / Passed (14-0-0)
10:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Western Empire Volleyball Association
Laura Schoenl, WEVA Secretary