

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, March 7, 2022
Location: TF Brown's Batavia, NY
Time: 6:47 PM



Proxy:

- None

Called to order:

- Present: Frank Cwiklinski, Cindy D'Errico, John Hughes, Rocco Lucci, Roger Majeski, Bill Page, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel
- Excused: Dave Tytler, Ryan Repich
- Unexcused: None
- Guest: Meryll Pentz

Points of Interest

- None

Meeting Minutes from January 2022 Meeting – Sent via email January 24, 2022

Motion: Approve January 2022 Meeting Minutes

Email vote: Approved: 8-0-2

Financial Report (Page) sent via email March 7, 2022

- Income
 - \$218,412.72
 - +\$19,586.72 compared to budgeted number (\$198,826.00)
- Expenses
 - \$116,015.30
 - -\$138,407.70 compared to budgeted number (\$254,423.00)
- Investments
 - \$247,354
 - Up 0.75% from last year (2021)
 - Up 8.33% from 2020

Motion: Approve March 2022 Financial Report – 1st Seabridge, 2nd Majeski

Vote: Approved: 7-0-0

Registrars Report (Hughes) sent via email November 5, 2021

- Membership
 - 4124 total members
 - 634 total adult memberships
 - 2782 total full junior memberships
 - 299 league memberships
 - 409 tryout memberships
 - All totals are greater than budgeted
- Clubs
 - 42 active Junior clubs
 - 34 Girls clubs
 - 5 Boys clubs
 - 3 Boys/Girls clubs

Tournament Report (Seabridge) sent via email November 7, 2021

- 46 total events
 - 9 WEVA events
 - 4 WEVA-sponsored events

- 33 Club events
- Boys' opportunities = 34
- Girls' opportunities = 64
- 23 of 46 events complete
 - 2 events have had all paperwork submitted
 - 11 events have partial paperwork submitted
 - 9 events have no paperwork submitted

Website Update (Lucci)

- Documentation for existing website was delivered to the BOD
- Working with SportsEngine development on what can be done on the proposed new site based upon the current site

Officials Report (Cwiklinski)

- 58 officials
- Weekend of March 27 is going to be short on officials
- Finding that most of the smaller clubs are not training their players to score
 - Need to contact clubs on the scorekeeper training available
- Concerns regarding the abbreviated scoresheet
 - USA is gathering regions abbreviated scoresheets and will decide on a standard

Beach Report (Majeski)

- Junior beach region qualifier is June 18-19, 2022
- Octane is interested in hosting an event
- USA has yet to post the junior beach championships

Junior Business (D'Errico)

- WEVA events – All sanctioned WEVA hosted events have been updated for site usage in AES and on the WEVA website. Registrations/Hosts/Facilities using to date are listed below. When noted COMPLETE, tournament report, event results entered on WEVA website and financial reports pending. Pending payment to Fisher for site coordinating at Festival, paying after Boys Regionals at SUNY Brockport.
 - WEVA Rally I (2/6): 12's (East HS), 16's (SUNY Brockport) - 21 teams
 - COMPLETE - \$721 from merchandise
 - WEVA Festival (2/12): 12's (East), 13's (Tri-County), 14's (Armory), 15's (Pinnacle) – 73 teams
 - COMPLETE
 - WEVA Festival (2/13): 16's (Tri-County), 17's (East), 18's (Pinnacle) – 52 teams
 - COMPLETE - \$1539 from merchandise
 - WEVA 13's Challenge (3/12): Eastside Ice hosting (Tri-County)
 - WEVA 15's Challenge (3/13): Eastside Ice hosting (Tri-County)
 - WEVA 16's Challenge (3/13): VFX hosting (Pinnacle)
 - WEVA 14's Challenge (3/19): NFVB hosting (Niagara Frontier Sports)
 - WEVA 18's BID Qualifier (3/20): Pinnacle (2 courts – 10 teams, in conjunction with VFX March Madness)
 - WEVA Boy's Championships (3/27): 12's, 13's, 14's, 15's, 16's, 17's, 18's (51 teams) –SUNY Brockport (8 courts-12's/14's/18's) and Niagara Frontier Sports (15's/16's/17/s) – Pace attending USA Nationals
 - WEVA Rally II (4/3): 13's, 14's, 17's (44 teams) - SUNY Brockport – 8 courts (14's/15's), East – 3 courts (17's) - wait listed Hot Shots 13's/14's (registered when opened up for his 17 team only)
 - CLOSED
 - WEVA Rally III (4/24): 15's, 18's (24 teams) – Pinnacle
 - CLOSED
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier (4/30): 12's (5), 13's (9), 14's (10) – accepting 8 per division - Pinnacle
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier (5/1): 15's (9), 16's (10), 17's (8) – accepting 8 per division - Pinnacle

- Sent email requesting support for site coordinators. Pending assignment for May 1st, all others have site coordinators assigned. Site Coordinators for BID events, board agreed it would be nice to show support at event but only necessary if the site coordinator is performing multiple roles at event (coach and/or referee).
- Merchandise sales set for Rally II at SUNY Brockport with Fine Designs. Designs finalized.
- Brockport outstanding available balance: \$6,126.00.
- WEVA girls team rankings posted to the WEVA website as of 2/19/22. New document should be posted mid-March based on results submitted on website and WEVA region held event results within AES.
- Sent multiple emails to club directors in regards to BID Qualifier events. Communicated the WEVA Bids that can be awarded this year per age group based on the new divisions being awarded to the region. Requested head-to-head results across other teams registered within their age groups, out-of-town results to be entered on the WEVA results page on website, confirmation of acceptance of BID to USA Nationals and per by-laws and exception letter to the board if requirements not met for entry into two WEVA events prior to the BID event. Pending responses from clubs. Meeting to be set for event committee in determination of acceptance into events. Currently, based on registrations, two of the seven age groups can accept all teams entered.
- Frank Cwiklinski (officials rep to the board) and John Newland (officials assignor) worked endlessly to have officials assigned for all the region events. Based on their efforts, all events to date have been successfully staffed by officials, coaches, and club players to avoid work teams providing a first referee. Resources that assisted to fill openings did a great job!
- USA held a forum meeting for boys and girls, invitations to attend were sent to all club directors (coaches), commissioners and junior representatives. The meeting provided updates on Sports Engine, National Team Development Program and USA National events and qualifiers and had a question-and-answer session after the presentation.
- Communicated this to all club directors: Jim Mercer, from Sun Setters VBC, replied as interested and Rob Albert, from Lumber City VBC, inquired about commitment level and additional details on training – more information forthcoming from USA Volleyball when rolling out to regions. WEVA is looking for region trainer(s) that will be part of USA's new direction for offering training across the regions. In order to make workshops more convenient and affordable USA will be training 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 and in person workshops in early 2022. Expenses associated with USA zonal training of region trainers will be WEVA's responsibility.
- Board tabled this pending the action item from last meeting. Requirement to dismiss the requirement to post results to WEVA website if AES is utilized for formatting events. WEVA hosted events (by Junior Tournament Coordinator) and NFVB utilizing for their events. VFX has for numerous years. Action item for Rocco and Cindy to develop requirements for club, tournament director and tournament sanction coordinator. Rocco documented for presenting to the board how to access AES for results. Board approved the operational change of not requiring submission of results on the WEVA website, if event is run within AES.
 - **Decision made to allow tournament directors who use AES for scheduling to keep their results in AES and not have to input them into the WEVA website. Tournament directors who do not use AES scheduling still need to input their results into the WEVA website.**
- WEVA protocol document updated and reposted to WEVA website.
- All-Star Championship participation for Boys and Girls. Girls program will be directed and coached by Eli Irizarry Pares, women's head coach Daeman College. Don Gleason will continue directing the boy's

program. Budget \$12,000 for two teams for boys and one team for girls. Decision pending for age group fielded for girls in the first year offering.

- Communicated to club directors about the coach's scholarship funds available. Reimbursements for attendance at AVCA Convention was \$2223. \$4500 allocated in WEVA budget. AVCA membership for region \$699.
- Communicated to club directors. Plans for growth of team participation at USA Nationals for girls with USA adding a new Liberty division that will award bids at the qualifiers. In addition, they added a Freedom Division where the regions will be allocated bids within their regions. The order of divisions will be Open, National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom and Patriot. 12's and 13's will not offer all divisions but 14's thru 18's will. New Liberty and Freedom entry fees will not be covered by WEVA. Reimbursement of entry fees will remain the same as previous years.
- Communicated to club directors that 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 Indianapolis for 11-17 and Phoenix for 18's. With the addition of the Freedom division at Nationals (48 team allocations distributed across the regions), WEVA has been allocated one bid to this division for 14-18's. For 12's, WEVA is second on the reallocation list for an American bid and sixth for 18's.
- 2022 National Dates:
 - Girls 11-17 Championships - Indianapolis, June 23 –July 4,2022
 - Girls 18 Championships – Phoenix, April 22-24, 2022
 - Boys 12-18 Championships – Las Vegas, June 30 – July 7, 2022
 - Adult Open Championships – Orlando, May 27 – June 1, 2022
 - All-Star Championships (formerly USA High Performance) – Tulsa, July 19 - July 23, 2022

Old Business

- Election update (Trznadel)
 - Website updated and mass email sent
 - Junior Coordinator, Growth and Development Coordinator, and Beach Representative are the positions up for election
 - Responses are due by April 2, 2022

New Business

- Changes in Regional Office/Staff operation
 - Office Coordinator/Manager
 - Region Commissioner
 - Region Store
 - Need to determine a location for the merchandise and who will run it
 - Assigning Officials for events (Officials Assignor)
 - Reduction in workload for Junior Program Director
 - Tournament Coordinator
 - Web Master
 - How Sports Engine and/or AES can help

Next BOD Meeting

- May 2, 2022 / Location: TF Brown's Batavia, NY
- July 11, 2022 / Location: GCC

Motion: Adjourn meeting – 1st Majeski, 2nd Schneider

Vote: Approved: 7-0-0