



WEVA BOD Meeting – AGENDA

Monday, July 10, 2017

Genesee Community College

Conable Tech Building T-119 - in Batavia, NY

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Call the meeting to Order: 6:11pm

BOD Present: Cindy D’Errico, Rocco Lucci, Tom Schneider, Lindsey Schlegel, Roger Majeski, Michael Trznadel, Dan Johnson, William Page

Excused Absence: J. Newland, F. Chase

Unexcused Absence: J. Crangle

Guests: Mark Thomey, Dave Tytler, Scott Seabridge, Jamie Hugelmaier, and Alyssa Staino

Last Meetings Minutes (L. Schlegel) Sent May 10th, Approved at tonight’s meeting

Motion To Approve Budget Report: 1st W. Page, 2nd C. D’Errico-Approved (8-0-0) – Unanimous

Points of Info – Tabled for Junior Meeting

Registrars Report (J. Hughes) – Tabled for Junior Meeting

- Reviewed where items have changed from last year to this year
 - Changes seen in junior numbers due to Jamestown and Finger Lakes clubs shutting down.
 - End the year with 3,566 members

Financial Report (B. Page)

- Budget report
 - Income in junior girls is down this year due to a few clubs closing Fall 2016
 - Income in region store is up and over the projected income for the year
 - Sales on region balls are up this year.
 - 12U ball sales increased a lot
 - These two factors result in a wash in our overall budget for the year.
 - Rally and Festival is off a little in income, but the result is overall less expense for the event so it worked out fairly closely for what we projected.
 - Vanguard:
 - Income from an investment – Discussion on if this should be included in the annual budget?
 - Due to the income from the investment being re-invested, and not being cash in hand, it was decided that it should not be included in our operational budget.
 - High Performance
 - Discussion about adding this back in for the boy’s side of the region.
 - If this were to happen, it would mean WEVA would send boy’s teams to High Performance Championships in summer 2018.
 - We would look at the 16’s / 17’s age group and possible 15’s as well.

Action Item: Continue this discussion in this evening’s Budget Meeting



- Finance Summary
- Budget Committee meeting date
 - Monday, July 10, 2017

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Tournament Report (J. Hughes, S. Seabridge)

- Reviewed information prepared and presented by Scott Seabridge

WEVA Web Report (S. Seabridge)

- Reviewed information prepared and presented by Scott Seabridge
- Region will be moving our host company for the region website to allow more capabilities and a more updated platform.
- This will allow the region to make easier and faster updates through out the year.

Action Item: R. Lucci will solicit WEVA board for more web updates and ideas to provide feedback to S. Seabridge and webmaster M. Turner as we make the web updates this summer.

Action Item: J. Hughes follow up with S. Seabridge on costs and paperwork for new host company for website.

Officials Report (J. Newland, via J. Hughes)

- No new items to report since we are at “year-end” for officials
 - Region officials that worked at USAV Nationals would just have returned this past week from Boy’s Nationals
- This year saw a large amount of new officials that show tremendous promise and we look forward to having as future and long-term officials in the region.
- Discussion regarding an “experimental rule” that the Collegiate HP programs used during play at USAV Girl’s Nationals
 - The rule would be to allow a double hit on first and second contacts.
 - Based on discussion at USAV Board Meeting and USA Annual Meeting for juniors it is not looking like USAV will be moving forward with this type of rule.

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- USAV Beach Tour stop in Rochester – this Sunday
 - WEVA Responsibilities
 - Due to the weather, the beach is in bad conditions currently;
 - There is not a lot of room, but we will run up to 11 stand alone courts for the Junior Qualifier on Sunday on the east end of Charlotte. We have 9 for sure with the ability to put up a 10th and 11th court.
 - Total of 22 teams as of right now, and we anticipate that to go up by the end of the week.
 - This number would equal needing 7 total courts.
 - If the weather conditions on the beach were to change the juniors may move to where the adult’s are scheduled to play and the adult event may need to change.
 - All items from USAV to host the event are in and we are all set in that regard



- We are paying NOVA to do the court and net set up and Roger has two volunteers to do the team check-in.

Action Item: R. Majeski to send information to J. Hughes for him to send out as another reminder to our members to sign up for this event.

Action Item: WEVA Board to help promote the event within our own clubs and then stop by the event to help / promote the event on Sunday.

- OASIS Beach Volleyball (R. Lucci)
 - Beach Volleyball Club in Buffalo
 - Practices / training is sanctioned and will be starting.
 - Equipment will be stored at the beach this year where the group is practicing.

Adult Report (D. Johnson)

- Proposed Adult Tournament Series
 - Two Stops in Buffalo and Two Stops in Rochester – 4 total for the year
 - Pinnacle (Rochester) is very interested in continuing to host.
 - It is a nice location for Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo teams.
 - This will also help to improve the Adult Volleyball in Rochester.
 - There have been a few adult volleyball players in Rochester that have reached out to Dan and Pinnacle about helping to get more adult volleyball in Rochester.
 - Goal is to eventually reach Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo and Erie
 - BNCC (Buffalo) has their dates set for their adult tournaments
 - Rochester has availability and these will be added in to balance dates of BNCC events
 - Pinnacle and Your Sports Depot are options for locations in Rochester.
 - Divisions for events:
 - We would go with A or B
 - We could go AA/ A and BB / B but most of our area's players are not certain of their level so most likely will start with just A and B.
 - We will need to work to educate players on the different levels.
 - Challenge is that the players are not seeing the levels at events or going to Nationals, so by not seeing the levels they are not able to understand them all more.
 - Most of our region is B / BB, so as we can educate our players on this level and what it looks like, we are hopeful that more teams will go to Nationals in that division and have a good experience.
 - Suggestion is to use video on social media pages to show players in our region the levels and help educate them.
- Pay Out Plan For Prizes
 - Ideally we do prizes and incentives at all events and then the 4th and final event has a pay out for the winners.
 - We would establish a qualification for the teams to win the pay out – for example, must play in all the events or 3 of the 4 events.
- Marketing / Spreading the word



- Dan has created a facebook page – about 300 members / likes so far
- This will spread the word about the upcoming events and increase interest in the region.
- Any “giveaway’s” from WEVA that we can put into the sanctioned events to make the events more appealing to the adult members
 - How can we drive our WEVA adults to play in our sanctioned events?
 - Can we give them WEVA t-shirts or anything else to continue to drive the participation?
- WEVA can run one or more of the 4 events above (like WEVA runs the junior events) and this will allow a profit at the event for the region to then provide something back to the adults for their participation.
 - Goal would be to break even on all events and this would allow us to provide prizes to adults.
- More Board Presence and Executive Director Presence at Adult Events would be helpful.
- Adult Teams @ Nationals
 - Team’s did well, and want to return next year, so above events will hopefully continue to grow as participation at National’s increases.

Junior Report (C. D’Errico) – Tabled for Junior Meeting

New Business

- Pinnacle Athletic Campus
 - Per court / per day fee has gone up from \$300 to \$450, plus spectator fee
 - WEVA cannot afford that rate and will look at other locations if that rate will not be able to be negotiated down.
- Discussion: USAV Rule regarding a player helping two different teams to qualify
 - Example is a 17’s player that would play with 17’s and 18’s in qualifying event and help both teams to qualify.
 - USAV office also included in their note to our region regarding this that the region has some discretion.

Action Item: L. Schlegel will check in with Sharon at Pinnacle to see what the VFX tournament rate is and then see if there is a way to negotiate a lower per court / per day fee for all WEVA events and WEVA clubs.

Action Item Review (L. Schlegel)

Action Item: L. Schlegel to send out job descriptions for Cindy’s positions as WEVA Staff and as Junior Coordinator for BOD members to review and have better understanding to be able to make a better determination on her stipends.

Next Meeting – Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6pm Location T.F. Browns –

Action Item: Due to this date conflicting with High School Seasons, R. Lucci will look into other possible dates for this meeting.

Motion To Adjourn Meeting: 1st R. Majeski, 2nd R. Lucci - 9:25pm - Motion Approved (9/0/0) Unanimous



WEVA Annual Meeting – JUNIOR AGENDA

Monday, July 10, 2017

Location: Genesee Community College - Conable Tech Building T-119 - in Batavia, NY

- 6:00 p.m. BOD Annual Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Combined Boys & Girls Junior Meeting and Roundtable

Agenda will include a regular 6pm meeting of the Board of Directors followed by a 7pm meeting geared towards junior growth and development in the region. A recap of the past season, new guidelines and an open discussion about the future of our region will be on the slate.

Items to be discussed: *Cindy D'Errico's notes are included in the meeting minutes. Her notes detail all the below topics and discussion points will be listed as "meeting notes"*

- Reviewed USA Junior Meeting Notes from Meeting in Minneapolis, MN – these notes are attached in meeting minutes.
- WEVA membership numbers
- USA National Championship Results (Boys, Girls, Men, Women)
- Tournaments - dates, locations and concerns
 - Regional Championship 2018 – dates, locations and concerns
 - Girls 18U WEVA Bid Event and 18U USA GJNC in Spring – only one bid for 18's and 12's and possible dates were listed and discussed.
 - Boys Regional and Girls Bid events - team and individual player eligibility
 - Pre-approved 2 day events
 - Deadlines for 2 day event/1 day events
 - Ranking System/Results Submission
 - Admission Fees
- USA Rule Changes for 2017-2018 season
- IMPACT Certification for new coaches
- SafeSport Certification for all Directors, Coaches, Officials, Team Reps and Chaperones
- Concussion training for all Directors, Coaches
- Scorekeeper/Second Referee Clinic Policies and Certification Review
- Handbook, Code of Conduct and Recruiting Policy Review
- Club Travel Policy Review
- Recruiting Policy Review
- "Tryout" Membership option and Registration procedure
- Club Tryouts, Dates, deadlines, tryout lists, player transfers, other logistical issues
- Fines - Review and comments on fine policy
- Coach education and development - opportunities via club hosted clinics
- Junior Indoor Player development
- Junior Beach Player development
- Adult competition
- Open discussion on direction for WEVA region (following are some points to consider for discussion)
- Best practices to help clubs with organization and operations



Motion To Approve 18's needing to play in one required in-region event due to the shorten season, 1st C. D'Errico, 2nd W. Page - Approved (8-0-0) – Unanimous

Motion To Approve changing 12s and 13s only needing to play in 2 in-region events to qualify for the bid qualifier (remove the need to play in 4 total events to these age group requirements) 1st C. D'Errico, 2nd D. Johnson -Approved (8-0-0) – Unanimous

Action Item: J. Hughes to reach out to USAV to see if Concussion Training is on it's way in future years. Based on this information we will make a region decision on if / what we will require to our coaches.

To all WEVA members over the age of 18...

After nominee requests for the open board positions in the 2017 WEVA Board of Director election, the Governance Committee which oversees the process, resolved that each position up for election saw only one candidate.

As there were no contests for any position, the Governance Committee and the Board of Directors has announced each person elected by acclamation for the term ending July of 2020.

As the President of the WEVA Board of Directors along with the Governance Committee members, I would like to announce the following 2017 BOD positions:

Vice President – Michael Trznadel (nominee)

Secretary - Lindsey Schlegel (Incumbent)

Officials Representative - John Newland (Incumbent)

Congratulations to the incumbents and new board members.

As always, the WEVA board is interested in new and progressive leadership within our organization. Please contact any one of the board members if you are interested in future board positions or to sit on one of the subcommittees vital to the operation of the Western Empire Region.

Thank You

Rocco Lucci

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WEVA Board President

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Junior Board Year End Meeting Report – July 10th, 2017

1) Girls final team rankings are 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 and 15 and under Challenge events for 2018 season. Format utilized in past seems to be received well.

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 was on the gift.

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 and teams of 48 represents the National Division.

Age Division	Team Name	Record	Place
12's	VFX Wish	1-8	39 out of 48 – lost in semis of Flight 5
13's	NFVB 13 Navy	3-6	43 out of 48 – lost in semis of Flight 6
13's	NFVB 13 Red	2-8	58 out of 64 – lost in finals of Flight 9
14's	NFVB 14 Navy	3-6	39 out of 48 – lost in semis of Flight 5
14's	VFX Conjure	3-7	53 out of 64 – won Flight 8
15's	NFVB 15 Navy	3-7	38 out of 48 – lost in finals of Flight 5
15's	VFX Chant	4-6	53 out of 64 – won Flight 8
16's	VFX Mantra	2-7	39 out of 48 – lost in semis Flight 5
16's	NFVB 16 Navy	2-7	47 out of 64 – lost in semis of Flight 6
17's	VFX Rapture	1-8	43 out of 48 – lost in semis of Flight 6
17's	Octane Terrors	1-8	55 out of 64 – lost in semis of Flight 8
18's	NFVB 18 Navy	4-4	33 out of 48 – won Flight 2A
18's	VFX Magic	2-5	37 out of 48 – lost in semis of Flight 2B (USA Division – earned BID at Nashville Qualifier)

BOYS

Age Division	Team Name	Record	Place
12 Club	Pace 12-1	4-4	7 out of 16 – won Bronze
14 Club	Pace 14-2	5-7	29 out of 48 – lost in semis of Flight 2
14 Open	Eden 14-1	4-6	23 out of 36 – lost in finals of Flight 1B
14 Open	Lockport 14 Black	3-6	25 out of 36 – lost in semis of Flight 1B
14 Open	Pace 14-1	4-5	17 out of 36 – lost in semis of Bronze A
15 Open	Eden 15-1	0-9	35 out of 36 – lost in qtrs. of Flight 3
15 Open	Pace 15-1	5-4	5 out of 36 – lost in semis of Gold
16 Club	Eden 16-1	3-6	45 out of 85 – lost in qtrs. of Flight 2A
16 Open	Pace 16-1	8-2	13 out of 36 – won Bronze B
16 Open	Lockport 16 Black	7-5	49 out of 85 - lost in finals of Flight 3B
17 Open	Pace 17-1	7-3	13 out of 36 – won Bronze B
17 Open	Lockport 17 Black	1-9	31 out of 36 – lost in finals of Flight 2B
17 Open	Eden 17-1	5-5	23 out of 36 – lost finals of Flight 1B
18 Open	Pace 18-1	4-5	11 out of 36 – lost in semis of Silver



18 Open Eden 18-1 5-7 33 out of 36 – lost in finals of Bronze

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 lottery worked out well for the region and the teams competing at USA Nationals.

5) Girl's BID Qualifier – April 28th/April 29th – 12, 13, 14 on Saturday and 15, 16, 17 on Sunday in Buffalo area. 18's will occur in March timeframe – date/location TBD. USA needs to know the 18's teams qualified by for Nationals by March 27th. 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. Dates of qualifiers to assist in determining 18's possible date: Qualifier dates for 18's - SCal date TBD for all age groups, Boston 3/2-4, MEQ 3/23-25, NEQ 3/24-26. Local events Winter Challenge 3/4-5, 3/18-19 DigFest – DATE CONSIDERATION 3/10, 3/11, 3/18 or 3/19 dependent on SoCal date set.

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. Region announced a coach's scholarship fund for 2016-2017 season. Applications needed to be submitted for review and approval of funds. One individual applied and was granted funds to attend an Art of Coaching Clinic. No WEVA newsletters were continued for this season. IMPACT Instructor training in process for the following individuals: Rob Arciolla – Southern Tier, Mark Robinson – East, Patrick Madia – West (moved out of region) – will solicit another volunteer for the West. Rob completed CAP I and Mark completed CAP I and II. Next steps are planned for 2017-2018 season.

7) BNCC hosted the Spring Collegiate Tournament attended by seven local colleges. In conjunction with the event a college coach's panel was held with questions that were addressed to the panel. Notes were taken and posted to the WEVA website. 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 – No nominations for awards this year from the region.

9) All registered adults affiliated with a junior club were required to be Safe Sport certified for 2016-2017. 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. Two coaches were removed from rosters and not allowed to continue to coach due to not meeting requirements by deadline. Seeking an individual interested in being the Safe Sport Representative for the region. If interested, please advise John Hughes in the WEVA office for details.

10) 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.

11) AES will be utilized again for the 2017-2018 season for ALL the WEVA events, WEVA Festival (2/10-11- moved to this weekend due to break week), WEVA DigFest (3/17-18), Rally I (2/4), Rally II (4/8), Rally III (4/15), Boy's Regionals (3/25), Girl's BID Qualifier (4/28-29) and 15's Challenge (3/11). The 14's Challenge (3/10) event will again be hosted at BNCC and will be listed as their event not WEVA. In order for NFVB to continue to host event all necessary paperwork must be completed as expected. All entry fees will be mailed to Cindy D'Errico, 7032 Swamp Road, Byron, New York 14422. 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.

12) Travel Policy modified for WEVA region after reviewing the USA travel policy. Document posted to WEVA website. USA requirement that all clubs have a travel policy. Sent email to all club directors 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 had one of their own it was sent to the WEVA office for their records. All clubs are in compliance.

13) Modifications were made to the WEVA handbook and the Due Process & Appeals document. New version posted to WEVA website and communicated to all club directors.

14) Go Play volleyballs available through the region. Blow up looking volleyballs with pictures on it. Region has approximately 400 available for distribution to clubs in region.

15) STEM Volleyball Program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) – available - \$1000 each kit – 20 volleyballs (variety of camp, first touch, regular and go play volleyballs), ribbon to go down the middle of the net and a radar gun in kit with lesson plans included. www.stemsports.com

16) 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.

17) National Qualifier events for 2018 - 18 and under announced. Link : <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/indoor/girls/2018-girls-junior-national-qualifiers/girls-18-qualifiers>

18) National Qualifier events for 2018 - 12 thru 17 and under announced. Link : <http://www.teamusa.org/usa-volleyball/events/indoor/girls/2018-girls-junior-national-qualifiers>

19) 2018 Nationals Sites:

The USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) will head to Detroit for the first time and will be played June 25 to July 4 at Detroit's Cobo Center.

The USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC) returns to Phoenix for the third time and will be played July 2-9 at the Phoenix Convention Center.

The USA Volleyball Open National Championships returns to Dallas with competition May 25-30 at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. The USA Volleyball Annual Meetings will also take place in Dallas the week leading up to the Open.

18's – 4/27-4/29 – TBD

HP Championships – 7/24-7/28 - TBD

NCVF - Collegiate Club – 4/12-4/14 - TBD



TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

20) Boy's Regional Championships will be March 25, 2018. Rochester area will host event – Pinnacle and SUNY Brockport will be utilized if available. Thirteen courts were used in 2017.

21) Overall a good job in assuring that teams meet certification requirements for second referee and scorekeeper by deadline dates. Some invalid rosters still submitted. BNCC 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). Topic for discussion should AES rosters be allowed as official USA volleyball rosters at local WEVA events. They are the rosters required for most out of town events including USA National Qualifiers and USA Nationals. Girls turn in webpoint, quite a few boy's team's turn in AES for the regional championships. Additional research will be completed. If the roster shows VERIFIED USAV member on the AES roster then it will be considered for acceptable submission at WEVA events in addition to webpoint rosters.

22) Requirement of playing in two WEVA events for girl's 18 and under teams – proposal to change to only one event requirement due to the shortened season. Modify requirement for 12 and 13 and under teams to remove the requirement to play in four tournaments prior to the BID (still must play in two WEVA events). This past season Xtreme Inferno, VFX Magic and NFVB 18 Navy played in two events. NFVB 18 Navy filed for an exemption but board declined and advised club that it would be up for review for the 2017-2018 season. BVA 18U and NFVB 18 Red played in four events prior. Only five teams competed in the event. Both proposals passed.

23) 12 and under Serving guideline – proposal to allow step in for serving but after three serves they need to go to endline to serve. Next service rotation they can step in again (further back from where the last successful serve was completed). Proposal to modify for next season. The tournament director can use their discretion for the GOLD division of the tournaments. Still leave the BID event that all serves must be from the endline. This will remain as is and the tournament directors will educate the twelve and under coaches of the intention of the rule and expectations for the athletes for serving.

24) Pinnacle Facility – Discussion of spectator fees charged, vendor fees charged, court rental increase from \$300.00 per day to \$450.00 per day. Consideration using SUNY Brockport as main venue, can house 7 courts at this facility, 3 Tuttle South and 4 in Tuttle North. Sent email to Steve Pike, college coach for SUNY Brockport, in regards to scheduled dates. All but one date available at venue for the dates provided. WEVA will try and use SUNY Brockport, the facility in Gananda and East High School for events in 2017-2018 season, if feasible. WEVA will follow-up on negotiations with Pinnacle so it stays as an option as well for the region. FLCC offered two courts at \$225.00 per day per court – facility located in Canandaigua with plenty of parking as well. Proposing to keep entry fee the same for next season. Entry fees will stay the same for WEVA run events for next season.

25) 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 2017-2018 season. When issue resolved the club will be set to active again. WEVA office informed clubs of their existing fine letters and action to be taken by the board as of 7/11/2017.

26) 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 NFVB Can-Am Jan 6-7 or 20-21 or Hocus Pocus Jan 27-28th. Hocus-Pocus has more courts/more teams. How late do they run – possibly Friday night clinic before event starts? Doing in conjunction with Boy’s Can-Am Jan 13-14th would be difficult due to HP tryouts scheduled for Friday evening. Thoughts on best option? Cindy to do additional research and work with tournament directors on best option.

Submitted by: WEVA JUNIOR COORDINATOR – Cindy D’Errico