

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, November 6, 2023
Location: T.F. Brown's, Batavia, NY
Time: 6:10 PM



Proxy:

- None

Called to order:

- Present: Cindy D'Errico, Rocco Lucci, Roger Majeski, Brittany Murdie, Bill Page, Meryll Pentz, Ryan Repich, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel
- Excused: Frank Cwiklinski
- Unexcused: none
- Guest: none

Points of Interest

- None

Meeting Minutes from July 2023 Meeting – Sent via email July 31, 2023

Motion: Approve July 2023 Meeting Minutes

Email vote: **Approved:** 10-0-0

President's Report (Lucci)

- National Meeting in Colorado (10/7-8/2023)
 - USAV Harassment Zero Tolerance policy
 - Boys and Girls National Championships schedules
 - Potential new registration system
 - New and abridged versions of the rule book
 - Swapping junior national championship bids with other regions
 - Coach education and USAV Academy (bronze level is free)
 - Gender issues/questions in qualifiers
- ROAS submitted
- Conflict of Interest forms
- John Speraw clinic
 - Boys' players clinic (12/1-2/2023)
 - Coach's clinic (12/2-3/2023)

Registrar's Report (Page)

- Membership
 - Memberships are going well and are typical compared to last season
 - 6 to 10 new clubs in the region this season (58 clubs within the region)
 - 2,844 total members
 - 273 total adult memberships
 - 1,151 total full junior memberships
 - 350 league/summer memberships
 - 1,070 tryout memberships
 - Versus budgeted:
 - Overall memberships: 1,393 lower
 - Adult memberships: 400 lower
 - Full Junior memberships: 1,419 lower
 - League/summer memberships: 39 lower

- Tryout memberships: 465 higher

Financial Report (Page)

- September 2022 to August 2023
 - Income = \$318,869 (\$62,811 more than budgeted)
 - Registrations = \$176,540 (\$25,986 more than budgeted)
 - Tournament Income = \$106,449 (\$25,449 more than budgeted)
 - Other Income (less tournaments) = \$35,879 (\$11,375 more than budgeted)
 - Expenses = \$267,731 (\$19,936 more than budgeted)
 - Net = \$51,138 (\$42,874 more than budgeted)
- September 2023 to October 2023
 - Income = \$77,710 (\$227,662 less than budgeted)
 - Registrations = \$76,467 (\$85,801 less than budgeted)
 - Tournament Income = \$0 (\$106,100 less than budgeted)
 - Other Income (less tournaments) = \$1,243 (\$35,761 less than budgeted)
 - Expenses = \$44,170 (\$232,367 less than budgeted)
 - Net = \$33,541 (\$4,705 more than budgeted)
- Investments (as of 11/6/2023)
 - \$230,819
 - Down 3.6% (\$8,776 from 7/22/2023)
 - Down 10.6% (\$27,269 from 11/5/2021)
 - Up 32% from original investment (\$175,000)

Motion: Approve 2023 November Financial report – 1st D’Errico, 2nd Seabridge

Vote: Approved: 9-0-0

Tournament Report (Pentz)

- Hosted a tournament planning meeting in August 2023
- 34 tournaments sanctioned to date
 - 1 event in Corning; the remainder are in Buffalo or Rochester areas
- Laura Schoenl has stepped down as Sanction Coordinator (insurance certificates for tournaments, try-outs, and practices)
 - Meryll has taken up those duties

Website Update (Pentz)

- “Region Services” added to navigation bar, with more robust and transparent info for SafeSport and coaching education
- Job Board accepting submissions to promote club and college coaching opportunities
- October Newsletter sent out on October 18th highlighting John Speraw clinics at Roberts Wesleyan University, USAV membership availability, and Jobs Board on WEVA web site
- Plan on adding newsletters to web site

Officials Report (Lucci)

- Ten new officials have joined WEVA
- Belief is they were attracted by the policy for the region to cover a new officials membership cost
- Working on preseason training dates for officials

Beach Report (Majeski)

- No report

Junior Business (D’Errico)

- 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 event when paid (do not cash checks until after event). Roberts Wesleyan University purchased equipment for their facility; WEVA initiated a reverse checkbook \$7397.51 (8702.95 minus 15% discount for USA regions with Senoh). USA 2023-24 age group definitions are posted to the WEVA website. Registration for the upcoming season is set up using these guidelines.

- Rally I – Feb 4th – 14 (14), 16 (10) – SUNY Brockport
- Festival – Feb 10th – 12 (10), 13 (11), 14 (12) – Pinnacle Sports Complex (12/13) and Tri-County (14)
- Festival – Feb 11th – 15 (15), 16 (9), 17 (13), 18 (9) – SUNY Brockport, Tri-County and Pinnacle - age groups where TBD
- Challenge 12's and 13's - Mar 16th - NFVB host - Niagara Frontier Sports 12 (13), 13 (14)
- Challenge 14's - Mar 16th – VFX Host - Pinnacle Sports Complex
- Challenge 15's – Mar 17th (22) – Eastside Ice host – Pinnacle Sports Complex
- Challenge 16's – Mar 17th – NFVB host - Niagara Frontier Sports 16 (14)
- Bid Qualifier 18's – Mar 17th – 0 teams - Facility TBD
- Boys Regional Championships – Mar 24th – 12 (5), 14 (10), 15 (5), 16 (7), 17 (4), 18 (4) – SUNY Brockport & Niagara Frontier Sports
- Bid Qualifier – Apr 13th - 12 (4), 13 (4), 14 (6) – Pinnacle Sports Complex
- Bid Qualifier – Apr 14th - 15 (7), 16 (6), 17 (6).- Pinnacle Sports Complex
- Dig Fest I – Apr 20th - 12 (7), 13 (9), 14 (13) – SUNY Brockport, East HS (12's)
- Dig Fest II – Apr 16th - 15 (16), 17 (20), 18 (11) – SUNY Brockport (15's/18's), Gates-Chili (17's)
- WEVA hosting volleyball clinics for players and coaches at Roberts Wesleyan University - John Speraw, UCLA head men's coach and USA National team head coach will be hosting the Volleyball Academy Ages 11-14 on 12/1/23 and Ages 15-18 on 12/2/23 along with coaching clinic 12/1/23-12/2/23. Currently, 25 registered for the younger age group and 55 for older age group with 20 coaches registered. WEVA allotted \$75.00 per coach for registration.
- USA housing lottery – Detail information posted for the 2024 season on the USA website under events/Girl's indoor. Region lottery will be drawn on 12/8. TBD if any club qualified for lottery. Nicksen and Laura from VFX will book rooms once notified where we qualified.
- Girl's BID Qualifier – 2024 will be hosted at Pinnacle Sports Complex. 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 12's - no 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.
- AES will be utilized again for team registration and scheduling of events for the 2023-2024 season for ALL WEVA run events. Awards for 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 regarding tournaments. All communication regarding the events will be with Cindy D'Errico, Junior Coordinator/Tournament Coordinator.
- 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 must be sent to the WEVA office for their records. New clubs for 2023-2024 season need to comply.
- 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.
- 2024 Nationals Sites: Approved National Qualifier events posted to USA website.
 - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 11's thru 13's – Dallas, TX – 6/21-6/24
 - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 14's thru 17's - Las Vegas, NV – 7/3-7/11

- USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC) – Dallas, TX – 6/26-6/29
- USA Volleyball Open National Championships – Columbus, OH – 5/24-5/29
- USA Volleyball Girl's Junior National Championships for 18's – Baltimore, MD – 4/26-28
- Positions on board that are up for election in 2024 are Vice President, Secretary, and Officials Rep. If anyone knows of resources interested in running for one of the positions in 2024, please forward name to Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the BOD.
- 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. 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 for the upcoming season. Expenses associated with USA zonal training of region trainers will be WEVA's responsibility.
- 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, will serve as the men's coach. Kristen Bauer, former head coach at Division 1 Coastal Carolina University for 13 seasons, to check to see if returning to serve as the women's coach. The event will be held in DES MOINES, IA JULY 18-21, 2024.

Old Business

- WEVA Handbook update – action item
- Player Safety Resources webpage on WEVA web to include Lindsay's Law Training, CPR, Red Cross, AED, and concussion protocols

New Business

- Proposals
 - Proposal 1: Micro Grants
 - Moving forward with the micro grant proposal
 - Grant committee: Meryll, Scott, Tom, Cindy, and an Official
 - Proposal 2: Profit Distribution
 - Postponing further discussion until a future date

Next BOD Meeting

- January 8, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- Location: T.F. Brown's, Batavia, NY

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

Vote: Approved: 9-0-0