

## WEVA Meeting Minutes

Date: May 10, 2010

Time: 6:47 PM

Present: R. Majeski, J. Hughes, S. Seabridge, J. Newland, L. Schoenl, T. Weislo, R.

Lucci, F. Chase, C. D'Errico

Guests: C.J. Denk, J. McKinney

### Welcome & Thank You (S. Seabridge)

- Thanks to all attending tonight.
- C.J. Denk and J. McKinney have won the election and will be considered on the BOD Oct 1, 2010.
- Agenda review.
- Previous meeting minutes corrections:
  - Jr. Business section. Event was Saturday and Sunday.
  - Election: L. Wilson had withdrawn and shouldn't have been mentioned
  - Freeman Fesler spelled incorrect
  - Officials report. Any tournaments over 10 tournaments – recommended having a non-working head referee.
  - New business: Scott to do WEVA Weather Policy, not WEVA Travel Policy. Rocco to do the travel policy.
- Motion: Approve previous meeting minutes as presented... 1<sup>st</sup> F. Chase/2<sup>nd</sup> R. Lucci/ Passed (8-0-0).

### Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- Overall it was a great year as previously anticipated.
- Total 2336 members to date
  - 1843 Jr.
  - 493 Adult
- Increase of 42 from last year

### Financial Report (J. Hughes)

- WEVA savings: \$94,528.87
- WEVA checking: \$12,400.39
- M&T Free checking (Scott): \$4,826.24
- CD#2333: \$12,716.32
- CD#3505: \$12,729.10
- CD#3513: \$11,728.26
- Motion: Approve budget report as presented... 1<sup>st</sup> C. D'Errico /2<sup>nd</sup> S. Seabridge/Passed (8-0-0).

### 2010 Election Results (F. Chase)

- Solicited people to run for four open positions
- Online votes
- All but one position ran contested
- 97 people voted: 15% to 20% of membership voted
- Rocco Lucci - President
- Jeff McKinney - Treasurer
- C.J. Denk - Junior Girls Rep
- Tom Weislo – Junior Boys Rep (unopposed)

- Positions become official on October 1, 2010

#### Review Action Items (S. Seabridge)

- Travel Policy
  - A Travel Policy was submitted by R. Lucci. This document will serve as informational only until it is presented to the junior guidelines committee for feedback.
- Weather Policy
  - A Weather Policy was submitted to the BOD by S. Seabridge.
- Update on WEVA Coaches Clinic Proposal
  - K. Salisbury has been speaking to local coaches and CADRE's and is having a difficult time finding people available for clinics.
  - Discussion on dates that would work for having clinics.
  - J. Hughes will speak to K. Salisbury to see what the status is and to see if others from BOD could help to progress.
- Contact college clubs regarding playing USA
  - C.J. Denk will now assist in getting more info from IREVA to apply to WEVA.
- Get updated demographic info up on website.
  - Will do later and will be 2 year demographic info.
- Website for NETS from R. Werkmeister
  - No website
- Financial Report due date change
  - Has been changed to 6/30/10

#### Status of Sport Court – Armory (J. Hughes)

- Our relationship with Main St. Armory is over.
- WEVA needs to make a decision regarding our portion of the sports court.
- Discussion on whether or not we should sell right away or wait, but there are costs involved with potential storage fees.
- Will discuss more at the next meeting as there may be potential buyers for the courts.

#### Tournament Report (S. Seabridge)

- 40 Sanctioned Tournaments
  - 38 Junior
  - 2 Adult
  - 2 Cancelled
- Sanction Fees collected: \$1,460
- Sanction Bonds collected: \$0 (Scott still making decision on Sanction Bonds)

#### Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

- Event Committee:
  - 1) Dave Hosenfeld replaced Mark Robinson on the Event Committee due to time commitments at work. Gary Hill replaced Nate Matthews/Rob Werkmeister as the WEVA tournament results submission/ranking coordinator.
  - 2) WEVA BID – April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> - Requested a liaison from each club to make sure all tournaments were reported before final rankings were used (For the most part this worked – some left to last minute). Reformatted a couple times based on ranking error and team dropping out from original list. The two day event worked out well with younger age groups on Saturday

12,13,14,15 and older on Sunday 16, 17, 18. Based on new maximum of 8 team format versus percentage of teams registered in age group - two sixteen teams and 4 eighteen teams (Cobra would of qualified but did not enter 2 events in WEVA) were not accepted into event. Event ran smoothly. Two paid site coordinators were used (12's at St. Mary's of Lancaster and BNCC on Sat morning/early afternoon). Rocco covered rest of Saturday and Cindy did Sunday. The following teams won the event and accepted the bid to USA Nationals in Reno.

- a. 12's – VFX Wish
  - b. 13's – NFVB 13-1
  - c. 14's - VFX Conjure
  - d. 15's – NFVB 15-1
  - e. 16's – VFX Mantra
  - f. 17's – NFVB 17-1
  - g. 18's – VFX Magic
- 3) Ranking system needs to be reviewed. Manual process used this year versus a spreadsheet that does the calculations automatically once entered. Results not verified against the official tournament results. Need to do a better job ensuring that all events are submitted - missing one event can affect the rankings. Need to also consider review of rosters used at events – if different than roster for BID qualifier then possibly consider discounting that event from tournament results for that team. There was a bigger discrepancy in the rankings this year into the event versus the end results. Some teams were potentially ranked higher than they should have been – committee needs to review contributing factors and make adjustments where needed. Some input received – qualifier events are not as strong as before so maybe should be adjusted accordingly, some events should be higher/lower based on strength of teams entered, lower age groups playing up in stronger tournaments (NETS events vs. regular tournaments) and local lower level tournament point system should be reviewed – teams can play in a lot of local tournaments win them and get a lot of points compared to teams traveling and doing OK at stronger events.
- 4) Regional Championships/WEVA Festival – Facilities for the event - Penfield High School/Monroe on Saturday and Penfield High School and Baytrail Middle School for Sunday – May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> .
- a. 18's/17's – 8 teams
  - b. 16's/15's – 13 teams (7-16's and 6-15's – looking at option to have them together and pull 15's out later for playoffs)
  - c. 14's – 7 teams
  - d. 13's – 7 teams
  - e. 12's – 8 teams

As a result, the 14's will be at Monroe (2 courts), 12's/13's are at Penfield HS (4 courts) on SATURDAY.

18's (2 courts) will be at Penfield HS, 16/15 will be 3 courts at Penfield HS and 1 court at Baytrail Middle School

- 5) Alternate location for these events yearly - Bid Qualifier for 2011 – Rochester Hocus Pocus for 2011 at BNCC
- 6) Determine Boys Regional Dates/Locations earlier

- Junior Guidelines Committee:

- 1) New Junior Club guidelines document posted to web that John found. Gathering information from committee members – some said that they sent to Rob originally.
- Outstanding items/Questions:
    - 1) Impact Certification expiring – any update from USA on this?
    - 2) Coaches suspended due to IMPACT not being met – how many – any update on them completing certification
    - 3) Templates on our website for tournament director's – deviation from that send to event committee/tournament coordinator for approval – is this still the direction?
    - 4) Sanction Bond did not increase from \$50.00 to \$100.00 this past season as was mentioned at a board meeting – was this for next year?
    - 5) Certification of scorekeepers and second refs from clubs – at the BID qualifier event I believe there is suppose to be a \$25.00 fine for not using them – did not communicate this to participants this year – are we doing this in the future?
    - 6) No junior club teams submitted any different year ending event before BID qualifier (USA National event was assumed for all teams)
    - 7) Review junior proposal that passed – winning at a National Qualifier event – pay entry fee – the proposal presented was not just for Open – so if club or open bid is awarded the entry fee will be paid for by WEVA
  - EMPIRE update: Buffalo to host
    - 1) Tryout dates posted to Empire website
      - a. Scholastic Girls – 6/2 and 6/9 – 5:30-7:30 - 200 Ridge Road, Rochester
      - b. Scholastic Boys – 5/16 3-6 at Nazareth College, Rochester
      - c. Open Women – 6/2 and 6/9 – 7:30-9:30 – 200 Ridge Road, Rochester
      - d. Open Men – 5/16 – 5-7 at Nazareth College, Rochester
      - e. Master's Women – 6/1, 6/8 7:30-9 and 6/9, 6/16 7-9 – only need to attend one – 200 Ridge Road, Rochester
      - f. Master's Men – Not posted to website yet – no registrations will be accepted until dates sent to Peg/Albany
    - 2) Coaches – Rob Werkmeister– Girls Scholastic, Andy Villa for Women's Open, Cal Wickens – Men's Open, Kyle Salisbury – Boy's Scholastic
    - 3) Scholastic and Open at University Buffalo July 21<sup>st</sup> through July 25<sup>th</sup>
    - 4) Master's at BNCC on Saturday July 24<sup>th</sup>

#### Officials Report (J. Newland)

- Officials will take a look at how they can help to save money for
- 55 active officials
- 1 Jr. National candidate – Linda Chase
- High School board – gained OTP (Officials Training Program) clinic. Hosted by Jeff McKinney at Greece Athena and Steve Thorp will be the clinician. The date is 8/14/10.
- Fred to be in attendance at WEVA Festival on Saturday and John Newland on Sunday.
- FYI EIVA pays \$32-\$35/match.

- Fred Chase will be attending USAV National Referee Committee and referee chair and Scorekeeper Commission.

#### Gary Adler Scholarship (J. Hughes)

- Information has been on the front page of WEVA website for six months.
- 3 girls candidates
  - 1- Extreme
  - 1- Volley FX
  - 1- Niagara Frontier
- No boys candidates
- Four BOD members (R. Majeski, S. Seabridge, T. Weislo, F. Chase) to review applications and provide their ranking to J. Hughes within one week.

#### New Business (S. Seabridge)

- How do we get tournament directors to submit tournament reports on time?
  - This is important for rankings.
  - Discussion: Online submission of results easier than current method – (did teams get 8 games), scores for gold finals
  - Discussion: Increase Sanction Bonds – Size of tournament can determine bond amount. Would be a deterrent for some clubs. Keep at \$50 for now.
- Lonnie Wilson will not be able to help WEVA in the same capacity. Suggestion of John Head to now take on this role that Lonnie
- No representation at Jr. meeting at Nationals. John will attend break-out session if there is one. Fred will be there and can attend, if nobody volunteers to attend from junior community.

#### Action Items before next meeting:

- Scott to put up pool play recommendations to website.

Next Meeting: July 12: 6:00 – 7:30 PM BOD meeting. 7:30 – 9:00 PM Jr. Meeting at GCC. Goals to be set for next year.

Motion to adjourn meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> C. D'Errico/2<sup>nd</sup> S. Seabridge /Passed (8-0-0).  
9:45 PM.

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