

## **WEVA BOD Meeting**

Date: Monday, July 15, 2024  
Location: T.F. Brown's, Batavia, NY  
Time: 6:05 p.m.



### Proxy:

- None

### Called to order:

- Present: Frank Cwiklinski, Cindy D'Errico, Rocco Lucci, Roger Majeski, Brittany Murdie, Meryll Pentz, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel
- Excused: Bill Page, Ryan Repich
- Unexcused: None
- Guest: Denee Hickson, John Newland, Kate Braun, Nick Penberthy, Robert Albert

### Points of Interest

- None

### Meeting Minutes from May 2024 Meeting – Sent via email May 21, 2024

#### **Motion:** Approve March 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

### President's Report (Lucci)

- Post USAV Meeting report
  - Regional Commissioner's meeting minutes will be sent out
  - Insurance is going down \$2 per member which will be a windfall for the region
- USAV Nationals & AAU Nationals
  - See Junior report
- U17 Boys WEVA All-Star team
  - Team leaves tomorrow (7/16) for the event
- Acknowledge Scott Seabridge retirement from Board and 33 years of service

### Registrar's Report (Page)

- Membership (as of 6/30/2024)
  - 4,828 total members
    - 785 total adult memberships
    - 3,106 total full junior memberships
    - 361 league/summer memberships
    - 576 tryout memberships
  - Versus budgeted:
    - Overall memberships: 591 higher
    - Adult memberships: 112 higher
    - Full Junior memberships: 536 higher
    - League/summer memberships: 28 lower
    - Tryout memberships: 29 lower

### Financial Report (Page)

- September 2023 to June 2024
  - Income = \$337,753 (\$32,381 more than budgeted).
    - Registrations = \$187,571 (\$25,303 more than budgeted).
    - Tournament Income = \$124,515 (\$18,415 more than budgeted).

- Other Income (less tournaments) = \$25,667 (\$11,337 less than budgeted).
    - Expenses = \$243,061 (\$33,476 less than budgeted).
    - Net = \$94,693 (\$65,858 more than budgeted).
- Investments (as of 7/11/2024)
  - \$407,772
    - Up 0.2% (\$660 from 5/11/2024)
    - Up 7.6% (\$18,177 from 7/22/2023)
    - Up 47% from original investment (\$175,000)

**Motion:** Approve 2024 July Financial report – 1<sup>st</sup> Majeski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cwiklinski

**Vote: Approved:** 7-0-0

- Budget meeting for 2024-2025 season is being scheduled for some time in August 2024
- Teams that went to National Championships will be reimbursed after the event
- Any tchotchkes with a WEVA logo that were used at National Championships will be reimbursed

#### Tournament Report (Pentz)

- Funds from the Tournament Coordinator account, \$2620, were transferred to the WEVA main account

#### Website Update (Page)

- None

#### Officials Report (Cwiklinski)

- Discussion regarding official's pay with a focus on the additional hours at the event outside of the matches
  - Proposal: After 10 hours at an event, Provisional and Regional officials will earn an additional \$20/hour and Junior National and National officials will earn an additional \$22/hour.

**Motion:** Approve proposal that after 10 hours at an event, Provisional and Regional officials will earn an additional \$20/hour and Junior National and National officials will earn an additional \$22/hour - Out of Committee.

**Vote: Approved:** 8-0-0

- Mike to update the official's voucher

#### Beach Report (Majeski)

- Junior Beach Qualifier had a good turnout. No Girls 18s and only one team of Girls 12s.
- May want to consider running the Qualifier without Hot Shots/NOVA next year in the Buffalo area

#### Junior Business (D'Errico)

- WEVA Events – Interest next season for Amanda Krakowiak from Storm Volleyball Club out of Fredonia to host an event there. Proposed dates for 2024-2025 events (sites reserved noted):
  - Hot Shots Boys - Jan 19th - SUNY Brockport
  - VFX - Hocus Pocus - Jan 25th and 26th - only 26th available at SUNY Brockport
  - WEVA - Rally I - Feb 2nd - SUNY Brockport
  - Festival – Feb 8th - No site reserved yet
  - Festival – Feb 9th - SUNY Brockport
  - VFX - Winter Challenge - 2/22, 2/23, 3/1, 3/2 - 2/23 and 3/2 SUNY Brockport
  - Hot Shots Boys - 3/8, 3/9 - 3/9 SUNY Brockport
  - VFX - 3/29, 3/30 - SUNY Brockport
  - Challenge 12's and 13's - March 15- NFVB host - The Rock
  - Challenge 14's - March - March 16 - VFX Host

- Challenge 15's – March 16 – Eastside Ice host
- Challenge 16's – March 16 – NFVB host - The Rock
- WEVA - Bid Qualifier 18's – March ?? - The Rock
- WEVA - 4/6 - Boys Regional Championships - SUNY Brockport
- WEVA - 4/12, 4/13 - Dig Fett I and II - SUNY Brockport
- WEVA - Bid Qualifier 12-14 – April 26 - The Rock
- WEVA - Bid Qualifier 15-17 – April 27 - The Rock
- Girl's USA Nationals Results: 18's -Baltimore, MD, 13's - Dallas. TX, 14-17's - Las Vegas, NV

Team	Division	W/L	Finish
NCVC 13 Rush Black	American	0-9	63 of 64 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 10
VFX 14 Conjure	National	2-8	45 of 48 teams - Won Flight 7
NFVB 14 Navy	American	1-8	55 of 64 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 8
NCVC 14 Rush Black	Freedom	1-9	46 of 48 teams - Lost in finals of Flight 7
VFX 15 Chant	National	1-9	46 of 48 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 7
NFVB 15 Navy	American	2-7	47 of 64 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 6
Paradigm 15 Ruckus	Freedom	2-8	45 of 48 teams - Won Flight 7
VFX 16 Mantra	National	5-5	33 of 48 teams - Won Flight 4
NFVB 16 Navy	American	4-6	45 of 64 teams - Won Flight 6
Paradigm 16 Rebellion	Freedom	2-7	43 of 48 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 6
NFVB 17 Navy	National	2-7	35 of 48 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 4
VFX 17 Rapture	American	2-7	47 of 64 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 6
NFVB 17 Red	Freedom	1-8	43 of 48 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 6
VFX 18 Magic	National	4-4	27 of 48 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 1A
CADO Serendipity	American	1-7	59 of 64 teams - Lost in finals of Flight 5B

- Girl's AAU Nationals - Orlando. Fla

Team	Division	W/L	Finish
CADO Karma	17 Club	10-1	9 of 153 teams - Lost in pre-quarters of Round 4 Championship division

- BOYS – AAU Nationals - Orlando, Fla

Team	Division	W/L	Finish
Hot Shots 14 National	14 Club	2-9	40 of 53 teams – Lost in semis of Flight 4
Hot Shots 15 National	15 Club	4-6	21 of 59 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 1
Hot Shots 16 National	16 Club	11-2	12 of 103 teams - Won finals of Consolation Div A
Hot Shots 18 National	18 Club	2-8	49 of 74 teams - Lost in quarterfinals of Flight 5
LVC 14 Black	14 Club	9-2	5 of 53 teams - Lost in quarterfinals of Championship division
LVC 15 Black	15 Elite	10-1	3 of 41 teams - Lost in semis of Championship division
LVC 17 Black	17 Club	9-2	5 of 63 teams - Lost in quarterfinals of Championship division

Niagara Frontier 15 Gold 15 Open	0-9	47 of 48 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 7
Niagara Frontier 16 Gold 16 Open	3-7	37 of 64 teams - Lost in quarterfinals of Flight 3
Niagara Frontier 17 Gold 17 Open	1-9	59 of 64 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 7
Niagara Frontier 18 Gold 18 Open	5-4	29 of 64 teams - Lost in quarterfinals of Flight 2
Roch Pacebootleg 12 Blk 12 Open	3-6	9 of 27 teams - Won Flight 1
Roch Pacebootleg 14 Blk 14 Open	4-8	28 of 41 teams - Lost in finals of Flight 2
Roch Pacebootleg 15 Blk 15 Open	2-7	39 of 48 teams - Lost in semis of Flight 5
Roch Pacebootleg 16 Blk 16 Open	5-4	29 of 64 teams - Lost in quarterfinals of Flight 2
Roch Pacebootleg 17 Blk 17 Open	9-2	17 of 64 teams - Won Flight 1
Roch Pacebootleg 18 Premier	8-4	11 of 73 teams - Lost in semis of Consolation division
Vandal 16-1 Premier	4-6	51 of 78 teams - Lost in quarterfinals of Flight 5

- 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!
- 2025 Nationals Sites: Approved National Qualifier events posted to USA website.
  - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 11's thru 13's – Kansas City, MO - 6/21 - 6/23
  - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 14's thru 17's - Dallas, TX – 6/25 - 7/3
  - USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC) – Minneapolis, MINN – 7/3 - 7/10
  - USA Volleyball Open National Championships – TBD
  - USA Volleyball Girl's Junior National Championships for 18's – Salt Lake City, Utah - 4/25-4/27
- Positions on board that are up for election in 2025 are Junior Coordinator, Growth and Development Coordinator, Beach Rep.
- WEVA to provide financial assistance in support of a Boy's All Star 17 (Born in 2007 or 2008) and under team from the region to attend the USA All Star Championships (Previously was HP). WEVA has budgeted \$6,000 from the region. Daniel Miranda, Buffalo State University volleyball men's head coach, will serve as the men's coach and Mike Dedee will serve as the assistant coach. The event will be held in Des Moines, IA July 18-21, team arrives the 16th and departs the 22nd.
- USA Volleyball is excited to launch a new initiative called Try Volleyball. Try Volleyball is a grassroots initiative launched in partnership with regions to introduce new families to volleyball and increase engagement at the youth level. Since it was approved as a membership option in 2023, many regions have taken advantage of this grassroots membership option for youth participation and growth. USA is excited to share that in 2024, we will be expanding this initiative into a nationwide event and campaign called Try Volleyball for Free, giving USA Volleyball regions, member clubs and other affiliated organizations the opportunity to host a Try Volleyball clinic in their local communities. This model of sport sampling has successfully driven growth for other sports including hockey, lacrosse, archery, etc. for years and we are excited to kick it off for volleyball September 13-22nd, leading into National Volleyball Day on September 23rd. Here are the details of the week-long, nationwide event, Try Volleyball for Free:
  - Who: Kids that are 8th grade or younger during the 2024-25 school year
  - What: A series of free, locally hosted Try Volleyball clinics across the U.S. to introduce more families to the sport of volleyball and drive awareness and engagement for USA Volleyball and its Regions.

- When: September 13-22nd, 2024 - \*Host sites can choose the date they would like to participate within these dates
- Where: USA Volleyball Regions, clubs, and other approved affiliate organizations (YMCA, Parks & Rec, Schools, etc.)
- NFVB submitted a request to offer a free Try Volleyball event.
- For each clinic, USA Volleyball will provide:
  - Host resources including online clinic registration and membership support, host checklist, marketing toolkit, and evidence-based clinic plans
  - Fun, free giveaway items including balls (Molten First Touch Volleyballs, Mini Balls or GoPlay Balls) as well as Try Volleyball stickers, brochures, and templates for signage
- June 1 – Notification to USA Volleyball Clubs - Host Application Starts - Each host site will be reviewed by USA Volleyball and the region before they can receive approval to host a Try Volleyball clinic
- August 1 - Participant registration starts for approved clinics

#### Serve & Receive Grant Update (Grant Committee)

- Cycle dates for 2024-2025
- S&R Grant follow-ups via Zoom
  - N. Penberthy, K. Braun, & R. Albert gave updates on how they used the grant funds and how the funds impacted their goals

#### Old Business

- WEVA Handbook update: working on a version for the website.
  - Rocco is updating the Handbook for the web site

#### New Business

- Date for Tournament Planning meeting: Monday, July 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. @ R.O.C.K.
- Date for Annual Club Director's meeting: Sunday, August 11, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. @ Charlotte Beach
- VKTRY Insoles – partnership and discount code with a portion of sales coming to WEVA

#### Ethics Subcommittee / 15 Minute Breakout Session (Trznadel, Pentz, Schneider, Page, Lucci)

#### Next BOD Meeting

- August 11, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.
- Location: Charlotte Beach

**Motion:** Adjourn meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Seabridge, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cwiklinski

**Vote: Approved: 8-0-0**