

## **WEVA BOD Meeting**

Date: Monday, May 1, 2023

Location: TF Brown's, Batavia, NY

Time: 6:11 PM



### Proxy:

- None

### Called to order:

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

### Points of Interest

- T-shirt vendor at WEVA Bid event donated 15 t-shirts
- Thanks go out to Elizabeth Hoelperl and Lisa Jackson at Nazareth, Heidi Kloosner, Laura Schoenl and Rhiannon White at SUNY Brockport and Bill Page at Victor for being site coordinators for Boys' Region Championships

### Meeting Minutes from March 2023 Meeting – Sent via email March 13, 2023

**Motion:** Approve March 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

### Registrar's Report (Page)

- Membership
  - 4,544 total members
    - 688 total adult memberships
    - 2875 total full junior memberships
    - 389 league/summer memberships
    - 612 tryout memberships
  - Versus budgeted:
    - Overall 118 higher
    - Adults 15 higher
    - Juniors 305 higher
    - League/summer 102 higher
    - Tryout 304 lower

### Financial Report (Page)

- September 2022-March 2023
  - Income = \$221,174 (\$34,884 less than budgeted)
    - Registrations = \$160,309 (\$9,755 more than budgeted)
    - Other Income = \$60,864 (\$44,639 less than budgeted)
  - Expenses = \$146,021 (\$101,774 less than budgeted)
  - Net = \$75,153 (\$66,890 more than budgeted)
- Investments (as of 4/2/2023)
  - \$232,592
    - Down 8.2% (\$20,728 from 7/8/2022)
    - Down 9.8% (\$25,344 from 1/8/2022)
    - Up 33% from original investment (\$175,000)

**Motion:** Approve 2022-2023 Financial report – 1<sup>st</sup> Majeski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Seabridge

Vote: **Approved: 9-0-0**

#### Tournament Report (Pentz)

- No report

#### Website Update (Page, Lucci)

- New web page for camps and clinics has been completed
  - Clubs can submit for free
  - Outside organizations can submit for \$25
- New web page for WEVA All-Star teams (formerly High Performance) has been completed

#### Officials Report (Cwiklinski)

- Officials' vouchers has been redone and communicated
- Scorekeeping at Boys' Region Championships was very poor
  - Need to have a discussion with Club Directors on how this can be improved

#### Beach Report (Majeski)

- NOVA schedule released

#### Junior Business (D'Errico)

- WEVA Events – Payment to East HS (3 days) pending for facility use. COMPLETED all post tournament reports. Some ineligible coaches and players not registered discovered with roster verification. For those situations, an email was sent to commissioner, office manager, registrar and applicable club director after event. One incident report given to office manager to forward to USA Volleyball. Volleyballs lost in ceiling at Tuttle North to be retrieved mid May.
  - Rally I: Feb 5th – 32 teams - merchandise profits \$983.00
  - Festival: Feb 11th – 12,13,14,15 divisions, 55 teams - merchandise profits \$2186.00 at Tri-County, East HS (Sat only) and Pinnacle (Sat/Sun-over time estimated in contract for usage of courts)- one free team to 15's to fill event after drop
  - Festival: Feb 12th – 16,17,18 divisions, 53 teams - merchandise at SUNY Brockport included above
  - Challenge 15's: Mar 11th – Eastside Ice host – Tri-County - Waitlisted 7 teams
  - Challenge 14's: Mar 18th & 13's Mar 19th – NFVB host Niagara Frontier Sports
  - Challenge 16's: Mar 19th – VFX hosting – Pinnacle Athletic Campus
  - Bid Qualifier 18's: Mar 19th - 6 teams – Niagara Frontier Sports
  - Boys Regional Championships: Mar 26th – 12 (6), 14 (14 - 3-13's), 15 (6), 16 (11), 17 (4), 18 (6) SUNY Brockport, East HS, Nazareth -14 courts)
  - Rally II: Apr 15th - 12 (12), 13 (14), 14 (16) – SUNY Brockport and East HS-one free to 12's to get the twelve teams - merchandise profit \$709
  - Rally III: Apr 16th - 15 (20), 17 (12), 18 (12) – SUNY Brockport and EAST HS-one free to 17's to get the twelve teams-merchandise profit \$834
  - Bid Qualifier: Apr 22nd - 12 (4), 13 (7), 14 (8) – all teams accepted - Niagara Frontier Sports
  - Bid Qualifier: Apr 23rd - 15 (8) 16 (8), 17 (8) - accepted teams - one in each age group not accepted - Niagara Frontier Sports
- Girl's BID Qualifier – 2023 - Turned back National and American bids for twelves and American bid for thirteens.
  - 18's - National bid - NFVB Navy, American bid - VFX Magic, Freedom bid - NFVB Red
  - 17's - National bid - VFX Rapture, American bid - NFVB Navy, Freedom bid - Paradigm Revolt
  - 16's - National bid - VFX Mantra, American bid - NFVB Navy, Freedom bid - NFVB Red
  - 15's - National bid - VFX Chant, American bid - NFVB Navy, Freedom bid - NFVB Red

- 14's - National bid - NFVB Navy, American bid - VFX Conjure, Freedom bid - Paradigm Riot
- 13's - National bid - VFX Mystic, NFVB Navy placed second but did not accept bid
- 12's - TCP Academy Navy placed first and VFX Wish placed second - neither team accepted bids
- Boys Regionals - LVC 14's took first place and Pace bootlegger took first in the other seven divisions. Both clubs were awarded prize money to be used for their entry fee into the East Coast Championship event - entry fee of \$995 per team. The total prize money awarded was \$6965. A HUGE thank you to the following parents from multiple boys' clubs that volunteered to provide site coordinator services for the event. Elizabeth Hoelperl, Lisa Jackson at Nazareth, Heidi Kloosner, Laura Schoenl and Rhiannon White at SUNY Brockport and our board member Bill Page at Victor! Because of their efforts, the event ran smoothly! Heidi was instrumental in soliciting the resources to make sure the region had all sites covered!
- 2023 Nationals Sites: Upcoming season – Girls 11-17 Nationals split to two locations/different date timeframes.
  - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 11's thru 13's – Minneapolis, MN – 6/14-6/17
  - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 14's thru 17's – Chicago, IL – 6/28-7/6
  - USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC) – Salt Lake City, Utah – 6/28-7/6
  - USA Volleyball Open National Championships – Dallas, TX – 5/26-5/31
  - USA Volleyball Girl's Junior National Championships for 18's – Columbus, OH – 4/28-4/30
- Positions on board that are up for election in 2023 are President, Treasurer, Boys Junior Representative and Girls Junior Representative. All current board members up for re-election will continue to serve, with the Girls Junior Representative requiring an election based on receiving interest from an additional person.
- USA Education Services – Julie Almond was recommended as a regional representative to the zonal training sessions and offering regional training. Sent email contact information for USA Education Director so she could solicit additional information on the program to decide if she can meet the expectations and commitment level. Sent information to Julie about email contact in education department after she tried multiple times with a different contact. Still no reply from USA. Excelsior and WEVA region has communicated to USA that Excelsior would be willing to be one of the sites hosting a session with WEVA assisting based on best geographical location for neighboring regions. Region representative would 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 for the upcoming season. Expenses associated with USA zonal training of region trainers will be WEVA's responsibility.
- WEVA budgeted 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 (Prior was High Performance). With the change in the structure of the USA All Star event, WEVA believes there would be an interest in sending a team from the

region. Don Gleason has been a resource in planning teams for 2023 based on his prior fielding of a boys team. Dan Miranda, Buffalo State head men's coach, has agreed to serve as head coach for boys along with Ryan McDonough as assistant. Kristen Bauer has agreed to serve as the girls' head coach and are in the process of confirming her assistant. Program offered to seventeen and under athletes (born in 2006 and 2007). Detailed plans have been sent to the board for review of overall costs and what the cost will be for the athletes, soliciting feedback and budget support from region of \$12,000 for the program. Region will be soliciting support for tryouts in the running of courts and will be setting up registration for tryouts in Sports Engine. Invitation to tryout email to be sent 5/2/23 drafted by Cindy, sports engine distribution to athletes eligible to be completed by Bill, registration through Sports Engine to be set up by Rocco.

- WEVA has paid food stipend of \$10 for officials for multiple years. Board re-evaluated and will note as if applicable on new voucher created for next season. Board did not object to still paying officials for region hosted events, discretionary for other organizations hosting events.
- Open Items - board review/discussion
  - Prep for scheduling meeting with tournament host clubs - invite club directors for input and feedback to this effort
  - Bid Qualifier - Review requirement for teams and athletes to play in two events in region prior to BID event
  - Review and set fees for site coordinator - was determined previously based on number of courts, SUNY Brockport may include set-up the day before and assistance with tear-down - prior payments: 3 courts \$150, 4/6 courts \$180 -most of what occurs - had 2 courts this year and 1 court for boys regionals-8 courts at Brockport 2 different gyms so treated like 3 courts and 5 courts and additional \$ if made extra trip for set-up assistance. Same time commitment regardless of number of courts but workload obviously different.
  - Review AES payment to Jon Simplicio, if chartered with "running" the WEVA event day of. Two years have paid him \$150 per event.
  - All Star program fundraising/sponsors
  - Bid Qualifier events - next year Rochester - not Pinnacle - SUNY Brockport OK - if we rent Tuttle North and good court in Tuttle South - not sure they will rent the one gym for one court 12-14 would be OK with twelves Tuttle South but not older age groups. CPD to inquire
- Action Item: Merge multiple documents (such as Spirit of WEVA, By-laws, Travel Policy, Handbook to name a few - action item for Cindy).

### Old Business

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

### New Business

- Frank & Rocco to attend National Meeting in Dallas in May
- Elections
  - There will be an election for Girls Junior Rep
  - No interest in President, Treasurer, and Boys Junior Rep. Incumbents have agreed to continue.
- Subcommittee TBF (to be formed) to address social media, or blog, to maintain WEVA news, encourage content contribution
- Set meeting date for tournament scheduling/hosts, club directors, and year-end required board meeting
- Set meeting date for budget meeting
- WEVA banner for beach events

### Next BOD Meeting

- July xx, 2023 / Location: TBD

**Motion:** Adjourn meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> Schneider, 2<sup>nd</sup> D’Errico

**Vote: Approved:** 10-0-0