

WEVA Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, March 13, 2017 at 6:30pm at TF Browns in Batavia, NY



Call the meeting to Order: 6:35pm

Unexcused Absence: J. Newland

Last Meetings Minutes (L. Schlegel) Approval with changes

Motion To Approve Minutes w/ emailed changes: 1st, R. Majeski , 2nd W. Page - Approved (9-0-0) Unanimous

Points of Info

- 18's Qualifier took place over the weekend
 - NFVB Navy earned National Bid
 - VFX Magic earned American Bid
- 14's and 15's Challenges took place over the weekend
- Discussion about bid events to know when we need to play for 3rd place or further if a qualifying team were to earn a bid out of the region. In that situation we would have to trickle a region bid down to the next available team and would need to make sure we are prepared for that to happen.

Registrars Report (J. Hughes) – sent via e-mail on March 8

- We are down about 120 members from this time last year
 - Considering the small clubs that closed this year it is not something we are worried about.
 - Large growth with Lockport Boys and NCVC is helping to make up for those lost members.
 - Adult teams / players and adult chaperones will still continue to register.
- Region store is up tremendously
 - It has exceeded the budget and we have 5 months left on the year.
- WEVA Festival was down a little this year but this could just be a shift with other WEVA events having more teams and the timing of Festival being near the February break.

Financial Report ((J. Hughes and B. Page)

- Budget report – sent via e-mail on March 8
- Finance Summary – sent via e-mail on March 10
- Investments:
 - Stock part is doing great.
 - Checking accounts is up in comparison to this time last year.
 - This is attributed to the success of the region store.

Motion To Approve Budget Report: 1st C. D'Errico. 2nd R. Majeski Motion Approved (9-0-0) – Unanimous

WEVA Document/Policy amendments

- WEVA Handbook Amendments
 - Updated by Cindy – changes include updating the election information and details on where these documents will be housed.
- WEVA Due Process and Appeals document - Ethics and Eligibility - Grievance procedure/process review
 - Our lawyers are reviewing this at this time.

- Once it is sent back we will review via email and approve.

Election Update (F. Chase)

- Vice President, Officials Rep and Secretary are up for re-election this year.
- Fred Chase is not planning on running for re-election for Vice President.
- Cindy has sent this to Scott to post to the website and John to send out to our members that are 18+
- Nominations need to be in by March 31
- Voting will take place mid April – mid May.
 - Process for voting will be online and will be set up by Mo.
 - We can look to set up computers to vote at WEVA events that are run during the voting period.

Action Item: J. Hughes will contact Scott to check with Maureen to make sure the online voting is set up and ready to go.

Officials Report (J. Hughes or F. Chase)

- New Referees are doing a great job and will be able to move up soon.
- We will no longer be using one out of region official based on incident that happened at a recent event.

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- NOVA schedule has not come out yet
- Beach office / Roger will be getting John information to send out to our members about the beach tour in our region this summer

Adult Report (D. Johnson)

- Open Nationals
 - 7 Total Teams from Buffalo attending Nationals in Minneapolis (so far).
 - 4 Women's in A
 - 3 Men's in A
 - 1 Women's 40 and over team
 - Waiting to see if any Rochester teams will go
 - Some of our men were asked to play at the PVL level:
 - PVL will run this year but the support will be different then in previous years from USAV and the future of PVL could be changing.
 - For a pro league to eventually develop there would need to be a large amount of sponsorships and financial support coming from outside sources.
- Monument City Masters
 - Masters tournament in Richmond, Virginia
 - A Men's Buffalo team went to the event.
- Plan to do a showcase five-set USA Sanctioned event this spring.
 - Look to do a Men's court and a Women's court for this.
 - Most likely will be Buffalo teams for the adult courts
 - Look to add in two junior level men's and women's courts
 - Look to do Pace vs. Eden and possible NFVB vs. VFX

Junior Report (C. D'Errico)

- Cindy's presented notes are attached.
- Venue Coordinators for Boys and Girls Regionals

- Need to establish this in the near future.
- Boys are at 4 sites – Sunday, April 2nd, so will need 4 site coordinators.
 - 18s - Lockport
 - 17s - Hamburg
 - 16s – Sweet Home
 - 15s and under are at BNCC
 - We also have Rally II running that day (location TBD)
- Girls are at Pinnacle both Saturday and Sunday.

Action Item: R. Lucci - July meeting agenda needs to include discussion about two-event rule for 18s.

Action Item: C. D’Errico - July meeting should review the 12U serving guidelines set forth by the region.

Action Item: R. Lucci –Communicate July meeting date earlier to all club directors to get it on the calendars for better participation.

New Business

- USAV Ranking System
 - USAV is trying to establish a new system by using an outside organization that will build a program specifically for this usage.
 - Would require clubs to send in their results
 - This is in its early phases so nothing is happening just yet.

Action Item Review (L. Schlegel)

Action Item: L. Schlegel to meet with C. D’Errico to go over and establish the junior coordinator job description and the WEVA staff job description that she fulfills. This needs to be completed for July meeting.

**Motion To Adjourn Meeting: 1st F. Chase, 2ⁿ T. Schneider – 9:41pm - Motion Approved (9/0/0)
Unanimous**

Meeting Closed: 8:22pm

Next Meeting – Monday, May 8, 2017 at 6pm at TF Browns

Proposed Annual Meeting – Monday, July 10 – Most likely at GCC

- 6-7:30 – Abbreviated Board Meeting
- 7:30 - 9 – Junior Meeting

- 1) WEVA events – All sanctioned WEVA events have been entered into AES. Registrations to date listed below. When noted as completed, the results and tournament report have been submitted to the WEVA website. Results include the final standings and the final pool play and bracket results posted to the website.

WEVA Rally I – 14, 16 – (31 teams) - COMPLETED

WEVA Festival – 12, 13, 14, 15 (37 teams) – COMPLETED – team picture posters and merchandise sales was a success

WEVA Festival – 16, 17, 18 (27 teams) – COMPLETED – team picture posters and merchandise sales was a success

WEVA 14's Challenge – Mar 11 – BNCC (24 teams) – NFVB needs to complete

WEVA 18's BID Qualifier – Mar 11 – Pinnacle (5 teams) - COMPLETED

WEVA 15's Challenge – Mar 12 – Pinnacle (17 teams) - COMPLETED

WEVA DigFest – 12, 13, 14, 15 (41 teams)

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WEVA Boy's Championships – 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (46 teams) – courts finalized, all teams registered in AES, seeding sent out for review, formatted and sent for approval – ref schedule sent to John Newland

WEVA Rally II – 15, 17, 18 (30 teams) – SUNY Brockport confirmed 3 courts – in need of 5 more courts

WEVA Rally III – 12, 13, 14 (23 teams) – Pinnacle 6 courts, need 1-2 more courts

WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – Apr 29th – 12, 13, 14 (23 teams)

WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – Apr 30th - 15, 16, 17 (28 teams)

- 2) Posted the WEVA Junior Girls team's rankings to the website as of submissions of 3/6/17. Will hopefully post weekly. Sent email reminding clubs to submit results for out of region tournaments. Junior Coordinator posting all WEVA results – clubs not required to do so.
- 3) Modified handbook for addition of election three year rotation and that all official documents are housed in the WEVA office and backed up on a regular basis. Sent email to board for review/approval.
- 4) Requested John to send nomination requests for 2017 board elections to all 18 and over 18 registered members by March 31st. Requested Scott to post to latest news on WEVA website. Requested Scott/Maureen to have voting mechanism ready mid-April. Requested Scott to modify elections part of website to say that three positions are up for election (not as stated currently – four).
- 5) WEVA 18's BID Qualifier – NFVB 18 Navy accepted the National BID, VFX Magic accepted the American BID to USA Spring Nationals. Congratulations to both teams!
- 6) WEVA BID 18's Qualifier – two WEVA event requirement – review requirement for 18's for next season
- 7) Email to event committee on tentative date for seeding meeting on April 17th for the 12's thru the 17's. Awaiting responses on options available to consider. JAVA used to participate – do we replace that club representation to the committee?
- 8) Sent emails in regards to the WEVA 14's and 15's Challenge events encouraging ALL WEVA teams within the respective age groups to participate in these events. Will not reference mandatory for these events in the future. Some teams in region did not participate.
- 9) Second reminder to club directors of requirement that all registered adults affiliated with a junior club (chaperones and team reps included) will be required to be Safe Sport certified for 2016-2017. Club directors were sent email in regards to coaches that have not completed the IMPACT and Safe Sport certification. Now down to 12 coaches not meeting requirements. Coaches will be notified this week of a deadline to complete before removing them from rosters and notifying the tournament directors of the teams impacted. John completing a report for adults not completing Safe Sport certification that have current background checks completed.
- 10) Education Committee – Rocco developed a document on Organization of Coaching Clinics for Hosts within the region and the overall plan for WEVA to support. WEVA approved the document and was sent to all the club directors.
- 11) WEVA Travel Policy approved by the board was posted to the WEVA website. All club directors were sent email with a deadline to notify region office of decision to adopt WEVA policy or have their own (send a copy to the office) and to advise families and coaches in club of the policy they are adhering to. WEVA office has record of their response and copy of their own policy if their decision was to not adopt WEVA policy. BVA sent their policy but does not meet the requirement for a club travel policy. Waiting to hear if adopting WEVA policy or developing their own.
- 12) Sent twelve and under serving standard for WEVA sanctioned tournaments to Scott to forward to all tournament directors. Completed. Sent to the official's chairperson who includes the document to all officials assigned to any 12 and under divisions. Revised the document a second time to have jump servers from the end line only. Reported that some coaches are misusing the ruling of how far to step in and serve.
- 13) Requested ruling from USA on individual players playing up on an 18's team in a qualifier event. If the team were to qualify in the event, the roster would be frozen with that player on it. That player would then be ineligible to continue to play on the lower age group until after the 18's USA Spring National event.
- 14) WEVA coaching scholarship application received by Robert Arciolla to attend Art of Coaching clinic in April 2017. Board approved the request, excluding the cost of the rental car. All other expenses approved. Robert will be attending the clinic. No other applications at this point in time.
- 15) College Coaches Round table – hosted for an hour in conjunction with Collegiate Spring tournament at BNCC – Rocco will send notification to all club directors to share with their coaches. Good opportunity to watch some local players compete in event and attend a question/answer session with local collegiate coaches.
- 16) Followed up with email to the following individuals for development of a plan in meeting the requirements for completing their IMPACT instructor certification.
 - o Rob Arciolla – accepted to support the Southern Tier – no CAP certification to date, attended CAP I in York January 7th and 8th. Taking CAP II in spring.
 - o Mark Robinson – accepted to support the EAST – Attended CAP II and High Performance clinic February 8th to 11th at the Olympic Training Center.
 - o Patrick Madia – accepted to support the WEST - CAP II class, paperwork completed, test pending. Completing ASAP – WEVA reimbursed him for his CAP II class taken last year. Total costs: \$405 registration and gas/toll expenses for driving 1150 miles to Great Lakes region 7/30, 7/31 of 2016.