

## **WEVA BOD Meeting**

Date: Monday, March 4, 2024  
Location: T.F. Brown's, Batavia, NY  
Time: 6:09 p.m.



### Proxy:

- Kevin Gill for Frank Cwiklinski

### Called to order:

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

### Points of Interest

- Thanks to all the Board members for all the work that has been accomplished.

### Meeting Minutes from January 2024 Meeting – Sent via email January 15, 2024

**Motion:** Approve January 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

### Email Vote on Boys Region Championships Award

**Motion:** WEVA will award a payment of an entry fee to a USA sanctioned event to the winner of regionals for each age group up to \$1000. Teams will have to submit verification of participation and entry fee paid for event to receive payment.

Email vote: **Approved:** 9-0-1

### President's Report (Lucci)

- ROAS feedback
  - WEVA is in good standing with ROAS.
  - One item identified and change was made.

### Registrar's Report (Page)

- Membership
  - 4,718 total members
    - 718 total adult memberships
    - 3,073 total full junior memberships
    - 350 league/summer memberships
    - 577 tryout memberships
  - Versus budgeted:
    - Overall memberships: 481 higher
    - Adult memberships: 45 higher
    - Full Junior memberships: 503 higher
    - League/summer memberships: 39 lower
    - Tryout memberships: 28 lower

### Financial Report (Page)

- September 2023 to February 2024
  - Income = \$180,254 (\$125,118 less than budgeted)
    - Registrations = \$173,157 (\$10,889 more than budgeted)

- Tournament Income = \$315 (\$105,470 less than budgeted)
  - Other Income (less tournaments) = \$6,782 (\$30,222 less than budgeted)
- Expenses = \$155,105 (\$121,432 less than budgeted)
- Net = \$25,149 (\$3,686 less than budgeted)
- Region store and region events line items need to be updated.
- Investments (as of 3/3/2024)
  - \$299,022
    - Up 21% (\$52,308 from 1/4/2024)
    - Up 28% (\$66,278 from 3/5/2023)
    - Up 71% from original investment (\$175,000)

**Motion:** Approve 2024 March Financial report – 1<sup>st</sup> D’Errico, 2<sup>nd</sup> Schneider  
**Vote: Approved:** 9-0-0

#### Board of Directors Elections (Trznadel)

- Positions open: Vice President, Secretary, and Officials Rep.
- Nominations start March 11, 2024, and end March 31, 2024
- Elections, if necessary, will follow in mid-April 2024

#### Tournament Report (Pentz)

- Tournaments are underway.
- 19 events completed to date.
- All sanction fees have been collected.

#### Website Update (Pentz)

- No report

#### Officials Report (Gill)

- WEVA policy dictates how far the 12s can step into the court but does not dictate from where on the back line.
  - Allowable to serve all along the back line.
- For teams that lose in the playoffs and then perform poorly in their work duties, it needs to be noted in the tournament report by the tournament director.
- W-9 forms are being distributed and then handed in with the Official’s vouchers. This is making the process better.

#### 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, Tri-County and EAST HS. 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 -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.
  - Total Wait listed teams - 5 for WEVA events, 5 for Challenge events hosted by clubs
  - Merchandise Profit: Rally \$2061 (Brockport) and Festival \$2890 (Brockport one day and Tri-County two days) -charge at Tri-County of \$125 for vendor

- Interest next season for Amanda Krakowiak from Storm Volleyball Club out of Fredonia to host an event there.
- Seeking site coordinators for Dig Fest events.
  - Rally I – Feb 4th – 14 (32) - SUNY Brockport, 16 (24) – Pinnacle
  - Festival – Feb 10th – 12 (14 - 10 girls and 4 boys), 13 (12), 14 (16) – Pinnacle Sports Complex (12/13) & Tri-County (14) - WL -1 14 team
  - Festival – Feb 11th – 15 (16)-SUNY Brockport, 16 (24) Pinnacle, 17 (16), 18 (16)–Tri-County - WL - 2 17's & 18's teams
  - Challenge 12's and 13's - Mar 16th - NFVB host - The Rock - 12 (12), 13 (18) - 2 - WL 12's
  - Challenge 14's - Mar 16th – VFX Host - Pinnacle Sports Complex - 20 teams (can take 24 but would like to stay at 20 unless they get 4 more teams)
  - Challenge 15's – Mar 17th (24) – Eastside Ice host – Pinnacle Sports Complex - 3 - WL
  - Challenge 16's – Mar 17th – NFVB host - The Rock - 16 (24) - 0 -WL
  - Bid Qualifier 18's – Mar 17th – 6 teams - Mercy HS - 4 teams interested in BID's
  - Boys Regional Championships – Mar 24th – 12 (8), 14 (14), 15 (9), 16 (11), 17 (4), 18 (8) – SUNY Brockport (12, 13/14 & 18), The Rock (15/16/17)
  - Bid Qualifier – Apr 13th - 12 (7), 13 (8), 14 (8) – Pinnacle Sports Complex
  - Bid Qualifier – Apr 14th - 15 (11), 16 (11), 17 (12).- Pinnacle Sports Complex
  - Dig Fest I – Apr 20th - 12 (12), 13 (15 -room for 16), 14 (20) – SUNY Brockport, East HS (12's) - trying to get 4 more teams & 2 court facility-had teams drop out that may cause an issue
  - Dig Fest II – Apr 21st - 15 (20), 17 (24), 18 (12) – SUNY Brockport (15's/18's), Gates-Chili (17's)
- USA housing lottery – Detail information received for the 2024 season for the USA Nationals Girl's indoor events. Region lottery was drawn on 12/8. Nicksen Sivongsa from VFX booked blocks of rooms approved thru lottery. Nicksen to be advised what hotels to turn back in. Twelves and part of thirteens with one team accepting bid there most likely.
- Girl's BID Qualifier – 2024 will be hosted at Pinnacle Sports Complex (except 18's - Mercy HS). 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. Sent email to solicit level of interest so region can turn back in bids not utilizing for reallocation to other regions. Also, requested information from clubs about commitment to accepting any BID earned at event and any head-to-head results across teams registered within the applicable age groups. Awaiting responses. Jon will charge one fee for all BID qualifiers if he runs them. Rocco may be able to run them at Pinnacle (coaching on Sunday). USA notified us of an American BID reallocated to WEVA for twelves and an eleven National Bid. WEVA has no 11 team that I am aware of and no twelves would accept a BID to Nationals.
- Boys regionals, NFVB 15-18 Gold teams have asked for an exemption for requirement to play in one WEVA sanctioned event before Regionals. They noted that they are hosting an event in April. WEVA has allowed teams to play in event when they meet the requirement for the season (this occurred when requirement was two events). WEVA to clarify for the future. Email sent out early in season did not note it had to be met prior to event. Exemption was granted. Turning back American bids for USA Nationals for 16's and 18's.
- AES will be utilized again for team registration and scheduling of events for the 2023-2024 season for ALL WEVA run events. Awards for the 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 in regards to tournaments. All communication in regards to the events will be with Cindy D'Errico, Junior and 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 has to be sent to the WEVA office for their records. New clubs for 2023-2024 season need to comply. Cindy sent email and replies were recorded by Meryll. Clubs accepted WEVA travel policy. They were advised to communicate the travel policy to coaches, players and families.
- 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, 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. Secretary is not running for position in 2024 election.
- USA Education Services – Need to determine WEVA representative for the zonal training being offered by USA volleyball. USA new personnel being assigned to the positions vacated. Will address when personnel announced. Individuals 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 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. Solicited Steve Pike interest in serving as head coach for the women's team. Steve has personal commitments during the dates of event so declined offer. The event will be held in DES MOINES, IA JULY 18-21, 2024.

- Position on scorekeeping, lines, and libero tracking lack of training prior to events - Board agreed to enforce penalty points in next match played if not trained.
- Facilities selling alcohol during events - Pinnacle and Tri-County. Communicated expectations for Pinnacle: No alcohol outside the bar area, no athletes in the bar area, no rostered adults partaking during the event, spectators who decide to partake must drink responsibly. Tri-county sells from concession area-no bar area.
- Spectator and coach behavior at Festival. Three club teams - two from KEVA and one from WEVA for spectator behavior and coaches from one WEVA club team. Head referee/site coordinator at site and club director for coaches' behavior on WEVA team addressed the issues after details were provided. Email sent to KEVA in regards to their teams for spectator behavior and Junior Coordinator addressed the WEVA team. Notified club directors for teams that submitted hand written rosters and validated written in coaches on rosters in regards to meeting all requirements.

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

- 24 applications; 21 grants awarded; recommended some could go through the coach's education budget line.
- The total requested amount was more than double what the budgeted amount was.
- Plan to do the next year at the beginning of the season (November-December 2024 timeframe)

#### Old Business

- WEVA Handbook update: working on a version for the website.

#### New Business

- WEVA is seeking a legal counsel retainer.
- 11 postings for camps and clinics this Summer.

#### Next BOD Meeting

- May 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- Location: T.F. Brown's, Batavia, NY

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

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