

Operations Report
EVERGREEN REGION BOARD MEETING
January 19, 2021

1. Operations

a. SportsEngine

- i. The new system has a multitude of issues across USAV and the Regions. I have attended multiple Region Troubleshooting calls hosted by the Keystone Region to help other Registrars problem solve issues within the system.
- ii. I developed a new workflow for our clubs to help alleviate some of the issues most members were running into with account creation, membership purchase, adding members into their HQ and rostering.
- iii. I have held multiple one on one calls with club directors to help them through their specific issues with the system to get their members registered, accounts cleaned up and rosters created. This seems to have helped clear up issues club by club.
- iv. Current Memberships as of 01/18/2021 are 2,220 purchased.
 1. Adult Player-7
 2. Adult Membership w/Safety-52
 3. Coach Membership-286
 4. Officials Membership-25
 5. Junior Membership-1,459
 6. Junior Coach Mentee-9

b. USAV Academy

- i. The new USAV Academy has launched and is available for members to begin taking their courses. Our Junior members will be auto enrolled in the USAV Standard courses for 14 and under and 18 and under when they purchase a membership in SE. They can access the courses at any time after membership purchase.

ERVA coaches and officials will need to select the course they need in the USAV Academy first and then can begin taking their courses. There are ERVA officials' courses and a junior coach course.

c. Safety Planning/Reopening Guidelines/Washington Sports Alliance

- i. I have continued to work with Cindy from PSR and Phil from the HUB to create volleyball specific guidance for a safe return to play.

In addition, with other youth sports organizations and facility owners across Washington State have created the Washington Sports Alliance. Each organization was communicating with policy advisors at Governor Inslee's office on their own so, we decided to work as a larger group to have one large voice to advocate for a safe return to play. The group has developed Safe Return to Play advocacy letters which could be filled out online and sent directly to policy advisors, Washington State representatives etc.

The latest reopening guidelines did not have moderate risk, volleyball, sports in Phase 1 of reopening but our group sent a request for reconsideration to the policy advisors after they sent the initial draft and the now published draft DOES include moderate risk sports in Phase 1 reopening. Our group was happy the advisors granted our request, and it is a

small step from them they are listening.

d. Banking

- i. ERVA applied for a Round 1, Paycheck Protection loan through Washington Trust Bank and was approved.
 1. Jeff Kavadias submitted our forgiveness application to the SBA, and it has been approved.
- ii. ERVA applied for funds through the Spokane & Spokane Valley OPEN TOGETHER program from CARES ACT funds they received.
- iii. ERVA also applied for funds through the Washington State Working WA Round 3, Grant program to help businesses affected by the shut down in November. The sports/recreation and restaurants were affected the most during this shut down and the program was aimed to aid those businesses first. ERVA was awarded \$12,500 through this program in late December.
- iv. ERVA will apply for the Second Draw of the PPP through Washington Trust on January 19, 2021 when the application portal opens. I have worked with our accountant to get the information required to apply for funds.
- v. The Chase bank account has been closed. Washington Trust is the sole bank for the ERVA account.

e. Official's Division

- i. I have scheduled multiple work calls with Barb Twohig & Linda Kildew to work through plans for the upcoming season. We continue to communicate, and schedule meetings as needed to discuss the tentative events.
- ii. No meeting date has been scheduled for this season. Email communication has been sent regarding what to expect for the season.
- iii. The ERVA Officials Handbook has been reviewed and finalized. The handbook will be available online for officials and reviewed at an official's meeting. Event guidelines for COVID protocol was also reviewed and edited to reflect feedback from Barb and Linda.
- iv. Hosted events will still be required to have a Day Official. No R1's or Observers will be used at this time. ERVA hosted events may use Court Officials to run the score table and the teams will staff the lines, R1 & R2 positions. Using an official to run the score table allows 1 person instead of 3 players to run the table, minimizing the number of people on a court. The official can also be available to assist coaches with any questions during play.
- v. Most recently they decided to have our clubs to use the online USAV Academy to complete their ref/score requirement for the season. In person or virtual clinician led clinics are uncertain and the Academy has good online courses developed. In addition, the Academy is free, and the clubs do not have to pay for clinician led courses. Each club's play schedule varies since in Region events are unknown the Academy allows for clubs to get players certified as needed based on the events they are attending out of region.

- vi. Based on updated WA Reopening Guidelines event status will be known a week in advance. Linda/Barb will assist in assigning officials to potential events with the understanding they may be cancelled a week in advanced but this way the event is staffed if it is able to be held.
- vii. We went through the Arbiter officials list and removed any officials who will no longer be active and renewed the license for this season based on the edited list.
- viii. I went through the remaining list and activated any officials who have all their USAV Requirements, so they are ready to be assigned. I will continue to monitor the list for eligible officials and update as their requirements are completed.

2. Marketing

a. Sizzler Website

- i. The Spokane Sports Commission managed the Sizzler website and the platform they are using will no longer be available after September 2021. Jodi Kayler who managed the website also has left for another position and we are no longer able to access the site.

A transition to another platform was already being discussed but I will have to work to create a new website prior to opening registration since we are no longer able to edit the existing site. I hope to have this project completed by February 1, 2021.

3. Adult Division

- a. I sent out an alternative date survey to all the Sizzler teams and posted on the Sizzler Facebook page. There were two top dates, April 16-18, 2021, and June 11-13, 2021. We have decided to schedule the June 11-13, 2021 date for the event. Pushing the event out to June gives us the best chance for it to take place in some capacity.
- b. I have been in constant communication with Andrew from the Spokane Convention Center. We have discussed being flexible on the formatting, possibly hosting an outdoor social if allowed etc. based on what guidelines look like in the next few months.
- c. I am hoping to have registration open by February 1st. We will request a deposit to hold their spot and keep the entry fee the same. If we are unable to host the social, we will refund the overage back to the teams. We will continue to explore ideas and alternatives as we move through the next few months in hopes we can host some type of event in 2021.

4. Junior Division

- a. We have held multiple club director meetings since September to update clubs on the status of the season, work through next steps in SportsEngine and answer any questions.
- b. Event Scheduling
 - i. We held an event sign up day on December 12th for January-February events. Teams know those events may not take place but if they are we will accommodate as many teams as we can safely.
 - ii. Club ZZU scheduled 4 team Jamborees for the 15-18 age divisions at their home facility in Moscow, ID. Teams who sign up are guaranteed 6 sets to 30pts. Two weekends have already been hosted and have gone well.

- iii. We are planning on a second sign-up date in February for the March-May events tentatively planned.
- iv. PNQ has moved their event dates for the U12-U17 division to May. One of the weekends was on our Regional Championship/Border Smackdown event date, May 22-23, 2021. We are looking at moving to May 1-2, 2021 instead. If Bloomsday doesn't use the Convention Center for the vendor fair, then we could use the facility if we get enough teams registered. If we don't need such a large venue due to low registration, we will use the HUB Sports Center.
- v. Roland is deciding if he wants to reschedule the Border Smackdown to May 1-2 and do an event in conjunction with Regionals or use the May 8-9, 2021 date.

c. Boys HS Update

- i. We have a meeting with Lindsey from Gonzaga to see her progress and presentation regarding the sanctioning of Boys Volleyball for Washington. We have had some additional meetings to discuss her progress and answer any questions. We are happy with her progress to date and are excited to view her presentation on January 21, 2021.

5. Outdoor

- a. Outdoor reopening protocols for Washington allow for more play for moderate risk, volleyball, sports I am planning on putting the nets up at Browns Park earlier than usual. I have spoken to the City of Spokane Valley and Dennis Baal about the setup and we are hoping to have them up in March.
- b. City of Spokane Valley has hired a new Parks and Recreation Director. Dennis and I will meet with their department after they begin their new position. Timeline should be in February.
- c. Rental fees for hourly court rentals increased to incorporate the City Use fee. If users are charging a fee to their players, they will be charged the City Use fee on top of their hourly court rental fee. The maximum court rental fee will be \$25/hour. An ERVA staff member will be scheduled to be on site during rental use to adjust net height, provide/setup additional equipment, rake courts, etc. The ERVA rental fee charged will be used to pay the staff member and replace/upkeep equipment as needed.
- d. I have begun to work on an outdoor calendar to schedule events, start dates of leagues, etc. I have rescheduled two National groups, P1440 & Beach Nation again for this season. We are hopeful we will be in Phase 2 when their events are scheduled so we can host them this season.
- e. I would like to begin Sand Leagues/Competitions in April if we are in an allowable Phase for adults and juniors.
- f. The ERVA is also looking to host a Beach National Qualifier under the USAV National Beach Tour guidelines. The BNQ has additional requirements from USAV and is a two-year agreement. The National level qualifier allows players to earn a bid in the Open division.