

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Sunday, July 10, 2022
Location: Zoom
Time: 8:00 PM



Proxy:

- None

Called to order:

- Present: Frank Cwicklinski, Cindy D'Errico, John Hughes, Rocco Lucci, Roger Majeski, Bill Page, Meryl Pentz, Ryan Repich, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel, Dave Tytler
- Excused: None
- Guest: None

Meeting Minutes from May 2022 Meeting – Sent via email May 4, 2022

Motion: Approve May 2022 Meeting Minutes

Email vote: Approved: 9-0-1

Registrars Report (Page)

- Final totals for 2021-2022 = 4242
 - Adults = 684
 - Juniors = 2807
 - League/Summer = 344
 - Tryout = 407

Financial Report (Page)

- Budget as of 6/6/2022
 - Income is \$82,768 over budget
 - Expenses are \$45,926 under budget
 - Net Income (Loss) is \$128,964
 - Not all expenses have been paid out to date
 - During budget session for 2021-2022, expected a loss of \$55,000
 - Memberships increased more than projected
 - Made more revenue from WEVA events than projected
- Investments as of 7/8/2022
 - \$228,500
 - Down \$24,973 from \$253,472 (1/8/2022)
- WEVA Store as of 7/6/2022
 - Compared to Previous Year Profit (Loss) = \$7,896.33
 - WEVA Store inventory has been moved to Niagara Frontier Sports
 - Rocco will manage the inventory

Motion: Accept current budget as presented – 1st D'Errico, 2nd Majeski

Approved: 10-0-0

- Bill will be setting up the 2022-2023 budget meeting for early August

Tournament Report (S. Seabridge) sent via email July 5, 2022

- Total sanctions = 46
 - Cancelled events = 1
 - WEVA events = 9
 - WEVA sponsored events = 4
 - Club events = 32
- Sanction Fees
 - Collected = \$2,880
 - Reimbursed = \$0

- Sanction Bonds
 - Collected = \$3,170
 - Reimbursed= \$1,520
- A meeting will be held by some of the clubs in August to review potential tournament dates
- Approval for all non-tradition 2-day and 1-day events will be September 16, 2022
- Scott will assist Meryll with the sanctioning of the 2022-2023 events and the collection of bonds and fees
 - The follow-up and paperwork and bond reimbursement will be done by Meryll
 - Scott will be available to assist

Officials Report (Cwiklinski)

- Region had 48 officials this past season
- Targeting to get 65 officials for the 2022-2023 season
- Robert Britton and Joe Zomeri successfully became Jr. National certified

Beach Report (Majeski)

- None

Junior Business (D'Errico)

- USA Junior National Championships
 - GIRLS - Additional bid this year for the new Freedom division for 14's thru 17's. Order of divisions participated in: National/USA/American/Freedom. Niagara Frontier 14 Navy earned a USA bid at the NEQ qualifier and VolleyFX Chant earned a USA bid at the MEQ qualifier resulting in 4 bids for these two age groups. 18's in Columbus, Ohio and 11's-17's in Indianapolis, IN.

Age	Team Name	Record	Place
12's	NFVB 12 Navy	1-8	55 out of 64 American: lost in semis of Flight 8
12's	VFX Wish	0-9	47 out of 48 National: lost in semis of Flight 7
13's	VFX Mystic	0-9	63 out of 64 American: lost in semis of Flight 10
13's	NFVB 13 Navy	0-9	47 out of 48 National: lost in semis of Flight 7
14's	VFX Conjure	1-9	33 out of 36 USA (trickle down from NFVB 14 Navy): lost in semis of Flight 3
14's	NFVB 14 Navy	4-5	31 out of 48 National: lost in semis of Flight 3
14's	NFVB 14 Red	1-8	47 out of 48 Freedom: lost in semis of Flight 7
14's	VFX Spell	0-9	63 out of 64 American: lost in semis of Flight 10
15's	VFX Chant	6-3	13 out of 48 National: lost in finals of Flight Silver
15's	VFX Summon	1-9	62 out of 64 American: lost in finals of Flight 10
15's	NFVB 15 Navy	0-9	35 out of 36 USA (trickle down from VFX Chant): lost in quarters of Flight 3
15's	NCVC 15 Rush Black	2-8	45 out of 48 Freedom: won Flight 7
16's	NFVB 16 Navy	1-8	55 out of 64 American: lost in semis of Flight 8
16's	VFX Charm	0-9	46 out of 48 Freedom: lost in semis of Flight 10
16's	VFX Mantra	5-4	27 out of 48 National: lost in semis of Flight 2
17's	NFVB 17 Navy	5-5	29 out of 48 Freedom: lost in semis of Bronze A
17's	VFX Rapture	1-8	39 out of 48 National: lost in semis of Flight 7
17's	Paradigm Revolt	3-5	43 out of 64 American: lost in semis of Flight 5
18's	NFVB 18 Navy	2-5	37 out of 48 National: lost in semis of Flight 2A
18's	VFX Mystery	1-7	46 out of 48 Freedom: lost in finals of Flight 4

◦ BOYS – Las Vegas, NV

Age	Team Name	Record	Place
14 USA	Pace 14 Black	7-3	3 out of 20 – lost in semis of Gold
15 Open	Pace 15 Black	4-5	3 out of 11 – lost in semis of Gold
16 Open	Pace 16 Black	3-6	15 out of 18 – lost in semis of Bronze
17 Open	Pace 17 Black	4-6	T15 out of 19 – lost in semis of Bronze
18 Open	Pace 18	8-4	8 out of 19 – lost finals of Silver

- 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!
- USA housing lottery was awarded to the region in 2022. This will be continued for the 2023 season with detail information posted soon to the USA website under events/Girl's indoor.
- Girl's BID Qualifier – 2023 will be hosted in the Buffalo area. USA needs to know the 18's teams qualified for Nationals by end of March. The 18's BID Qualifier will only be awarded a National level BID. There is no American BID to Nationals for 18's or 12's. Determination of availability for an American BID for our region in 2022-2023 season will occur shortly based on membership numbers compared to other regions.
- AES will be utilized again for team registration and scheduling of events for the 2022-2023 season for ALL WEVA run events. Dates to be finalized/sanctioned for WEVA Festival, Rally I, II and Rally III, Boy's Regionals, Girl's BID Qualifier and 18's Qualifier. Booked SUNY Brockport already per their request since they voiced their first preference is to host volleyball at their facility. Speaks highly to how the region represents themselves within the region! The WEVA age group Challenge events will be hosted by clubs (Past hosts include: NFVB at Niagara Frontier Sports, Eastside Ice VBC at Tri-County Sports Complex, and VolleyFX at Pinnacle Sports Complex). Junior Coordinator will work with clubs to determine dates (typically mid-March) and age groups that they are interested in hosting for the upcoming season. 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 Coordinator/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 2022-2023 season need to comply.
- 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.
- National Qualifier events for 2023 – some qualifiers have been posted to the USA website. Refer to the website as additional ones are finalized.
- 2023 Nationals Sites: Upcoming season – Girls 11-17 Nationals split to two locations/different date timeframes
 - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 11-13's: Minneapolis, MN – 6/14-6/17
 - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 14-17'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 – 4/28/30
- No election was held in 2021-22. The three positions that were up for election had no one running against them. The three resources in those positions agreed to serve for an additional three year term. Positions that were up for election in 2022 were the following: Junior Coordinator, Growth and Youth Development and Beach Representative. Positions that are up for election in 2023 are President, Treasurer, Boys Junior Representative and Girls Junior Representative. If anyone knows of resources interested in running for one of the positions in 2023, please forward name to Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the BOD.
- USA 2022-23 age group definitions will be posted to the WEVA website. Registration for the upcoming season will be set-up using these guidelines.
- USA Education Services – Individuals that replied previously as possibly interested in being involved with region training services: Jim Mercer, from Sunsetters VBC (submitted name for beta tester role) and Rob Albert, from Lumber City VBC. USA is seeking resources from region to beta test the new online education system as well as resources to serve as region trainer(s).
- 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.

- Retirement of Executive Director/Commissioner August 2022. Board – board will elect the commissioner and hire a resource to serve as the executive director (responsible for business related duties, and primary registrar).
- WEVA to provide financial assistance in support of a Girl’s HP team from the region to attend the USA High Performance Championships. In the past, there was no interest on the girl’s side to have a WEVA region team attend the HP Championships. With the change in the structure of the USA High Performance program, WEVA believes there would be an interest to send a team from the region. The Daemen College volleyball women’s head coach, Eli Irizarry, will serve as girls HP coordinator for 2022-23 season. Currently, the region provides support of a boy’s teams. Don Gleason would be a resource for how the boys program is set up from tryouts, coach and player selection, fundraising, cost responsibility of families and travel accommodations etc.
- TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:
 - Based on short term and long term goals for the region:
 - Grow the membership in the region - identify obstacles to grow the region membership and identify additional support within region to address the obstacles
 - Solicit coaching interests and provide training to new coaches
 - Support in obtaining additional practice facilities and/or courts available to region for tournaments/practices
 - Support in starting new clubs
 - Increase WEVA region or clubs role in running beach events. Best timing for events with indoor Nationals scheduled thru beginning of July for boys and girls. WEVA was re-approved to host a beach qualifier event within the region for 2022 season.
 - Establish region training schedule with support of the USA Education services, utilizing local region instructors.
 - Concern in regards date for USA Nationals for the 11-13 age group. Scheduled for Minneapolis, MN 6/14-6/17. Athletes are still in school during this timeframe.

Old Business

- Staff Transition
 - Bill will remain the WEVA Registrar
 - Meryll will be the WEVA Office Manager on a part-time basis
 - i. Bill will handle the calls to the WEVA Office during the day and route them to the appropriate Board or Staff member
- Website Transition
 - New WEVA website on SportsEngine is being populated with static information
 - Functional capability (practice/tournament/tryout sanctioning) is not available at this time
 - i. Will use old website capability for the functional needs until SportsEngine is up and running

New Business

- Changes are proposed to the WEVA Tryout, Registration, and Recruiting Policy

- Discussion was held regarding moving the date to collect dues to August 1st instead of September 1st

Motion: Move the date from September 1st to August 1st regarding the ability of clubs to run tryouts – 1st Lucci, 2nd Page

Approved: 10-0-0

Motion: Move the date from October 1st to September 1st regarding the ability of clubs to collect club dues – 1st Lucci, 2nd D'Errico

Approved: 9-1-0

- Discussion on the reporting how WEVA teams performed at AAU events
 - Decision: Since WEVA is a USA Volleyball region, it is not appropriate to report results from a competing organization
- Jon Simplicio has been assisting WEVA, for a fee, during the WEVA AES tournaments
 - Need to discuss the future use and payment for services rendered
- Appointment of New Commissioner

Motion: Appoint Rocco Lucci Commissioner of WEVA – 1st D'Errico, 2nd Page

Approved: 9-0-1

- Need to appoint a replacement to complete Dave Tytler's term as Junior Girls Rep
- Region staff selections will be made in the upcoming months
- John Hughes' retirement celebration is Monday, July 11, 2022

Next BOD Meeting

- September 12, 2022
- Location: TBD

Motion: Adjourn meeting – 1st Lucci, 2nd Cwicklinski

Approved: 10-0-0