

WEVA Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, June 6, 2016

Time: 6:00 PM at T.F. Browns in Batavia, NY



Call to order – 6:03pm

Last Meetings Minutes (L. Schlegel) Approved via e-mail on 5/5/2016

Points of Info

- Congrats to 9 adult WEVA teams at Nationals
 - Orlando attracted about 180 more teams from last year's nationals that were in Detroit.
- Meritorious Service Award winners - Alan Brazener, Brian Carroll, Deb Schrufer
- NFVB 14 and VFX 14 set up scrimmage to do some playing prior to Nationals.
 - Took place Sunday, June 5 at Pinnacle

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- Year-to-date is up, but we have not surpassed last year's total numbers/ memberships yet.

Financial Report (B. Page)

- Budget report
 - Numbers in report are updated through May. June numbers will come out soon.

Action Item: J. Hughes will email out June report once he has it in hand.

- Numbers overall are up. Changes are mainly due to how we did the tryout memberships this year
- WEVA Rally and Festival are well above where they were in the previous year at this time.
 - Pinnacle statements from these events are still coming in. They were held up with an employee change, but we should have statements soon.
- No real concerns in any areas of the report.
- SUNY Brockport – Reverse Checkbook
 - SUNY Brockport billed WEVA in the reverse checkbook for VFX facility usage.
 - VFX then paid WEVA for the usage
 - This information needs to be put into the budget report accurately.
- Finance Summary (B. Page)
- Budget Committee Meeting Date – Late July

**Motion To Approve Budget Report and Financial Summary 1st F. Chase, 2nd T. Schneider
Motion Approved (8-0-2) – D. Johnson and J. Crangle abstained as they showed up after report was given.**

Tournament Report (J. Hughes via S. Seabridge)

- Questions will be discussed via emails that are sent to S. Seabridge

WEVA Document / Policy Amendments

- By-Laws – BOD position additions and description (vote)
 - Proposed amendments presented in a written document.

Motion To Approve By-Law Amendments 1st R. Lucci 2nd T. Schneider Motion Approved (10-0-0) - Unanimous

- Tryout, Registration and Recruiting Policy - addition of Registrar's responsibilities

Motion To Approve Tryout, Registration and Recruiting Policy 1st B. Page, 2nd R. Lucci Motion Approved (10-0-0) - Unanimous

- Ethics and Eligibility - Grievance procedure/process discussion
 - Areas for improvement were discussed:
 - Committee was set up to update the WEVA due process.
 - Due process will be updated to include all discussed areas of improvement.
 - A casebook documenting all instances of reports and following actions will be created.
 - Committee Chair: Fred Chase
 - Committee Members – Lindsey Schlegel, Cindy D'Errico,, John Newland, and John Crangle
 - Ad-Hoc Member – Rocco Lucci

Officials Report (J. Newland)

- Increase Provisional ref day pay by \$5 for both days
 - Example – Day 1 would move from \$150 to \$155

Motion To Approve Increase in day pay for Provisional officials 1st J. Newland, 2nd C. D'Errico, Motion Approved (10-0-0) - Unanimous

- Match Play for Boys Can Am
 - We will look to do paying of officials different since this is all match play.
 - The days run longer and there are more sets played.
 - We have out of region officials and need to look at what we are able to guarantee them.
 - We will discuss with Pace / Cal as Tournament Director.
- National Meeting Report for SK and Ref Chairs (F. Chase)
 - No proposed changes in score sheet
 - Discussion on staying with USAV score sheet or moving to NCAA score sheet.
 - Rule Book will stay just about the same for the upcoming season.
 - Discussion about Qualifiers and Bid events having paid score keepers vs. team's / players doing this.
 - Discussion about eliminating paid scorers and paid R2's for Adult, Boys and Girls Nationals.

- The thought process would be to save teams on entry fee, and would most likely start this with the Adult Nationals first.
 - For Adult Nationals this could increase participation, which would be a positive to draw teams in more with lower entry fees.
 - It is uncertain on how much this change would save teams.

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- Two junior events have taken place so far in May
 - Both were smaller junior events
- Bigger events coming up in June for Juniors
- USAV has new Beach Coordinator that reached out to WEVA about running our qualifier.
 - It will be too late for us to run the qualifier for this year.
 - Only open date was a date in June that a lot of our teams are participating at Nationals
 - We will look to get the qualifier back next year and possibly work with NOVA on this like we have in past years.

USA Meeting Report (J. Hughes and C. D'Errico)

- Report provided by C. D'Errico and attached.

Action Item – R. Lucci and L. Schlegel look into hosting “Open Court” in Buffalo and Rochester.

- Motion was passed at RVA and JVA level to move all 18's divisions to the Spring Nationals.
 - This will need to be approved at the USAV staff level next to take full effect.
- Requested that CAP 1 does not expire for coaches.
 - Passed by the RVA and waiting for USAV Staff to act on it.
- USAV Staff Discussions
 - IMPACT training – First four chapters will be required to be completed by the attendee on their own. Once chapters are completed they need to attend the required classroom sessions.
 - Working on a new USAV rulebook vs. the FIVB rule book that we use with USAV modifications.

Adult Report (D. Johnson)

- Report on teams at USAV Open Nationals
 - Reviewed finishes of our teams at Nationals.
- AA/A Men's and Women's division separation and schedule issues
 - After day 2, they split based on the “preferred division” that was showing in team's registration.
 - Registration for the event is AA/A so splitting this way did not make sense.
 - Teams put their “preferred” division in when they created their club in webpoint. This was years ago for some and no longer accurate.
 - This means that pool play results on day 1 and day 2 were basically meaningless.

- Looking to run 2-3 sanctioned Adult events this upcoming year.
 - October 1 is the first date
 - December is a second date and before Nationals 2017 is the third.
 - Discussed discounted adult memberships or discounted 1-day memberships for one of these events to help entice our adults to register with WEVA / USAV.

Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

- See attached notes provided by C. D'Errico
- Education report included here.
- WEVA Board approved \$100 for Nationals gifts to winning teams.
 - Clearing up notes from last meeting:
 - This is \$100 per team and WEVA has to be on the gifts to qualify for this grant.
 - All bid winners must submit artwork for approval and receipt of purchase to WEVA to get the \$100 reimbursement.

New Business

- Friends of WNY Volleyball – Golf Tournament sponsorship
 - Proceeds used to provide college scholarship to male volleyball athletes.
 - Looking for sponsors and donations for this.
 - Tee Signs are \$150

Motion To Approve WEVA purchasing two Tee Signs for \$300 1st C. D'Errico, 2nd R. Lucci Motion Approved (10-0-0) - Unanimous

- Art of Coaching Clinic in Atlanta – Request for Financial Support
 - Two Buffalo area coaches attended this clinic; one is requesting support from WEVA for attending this clinic.
 - Clinic costs were \$299
 - Looking for financial support in return for providing an educational piece back to the region.
 - Continued discussion will take place on how to best use money that we have in our coaches education budget.

Motion To Approve WEVA granting \$150 to coach that requested support 1st C. D'Errico, 2nd J. Crangle Motion Approved (9-0-1) -

Action Item – C. D'Errico to look into educational scholarships for coaches to apply for.

Next Meeting – Annual Meeting – Monday, July 11, 2016 – 6pm, location TBD, followed by Junior meeting to start at 7pm.

- Potential Agenda Review:
 - Send R. Lucci any modifications to suggested agenda and/or additions to agenda ASAP for announcement of date and agenda to club directors
- Date is good for all board members and location will be announced soon.

Motion To Adjourn Meeting: 1st R. Majeski, 2ⁿ T. Schneider -9:33pm - Motion Approved (10/0/0) Unanimous

- 1) WEVA events – all tournament reports and results, pool play/playoffs scores (under Events) as well as finish in event reported to WEVA website as required. Financial reports still pending. John completing as soon as he has the facility invoices for events.
- 2) WEVA 14's and 15's Challenge events – feedback continues to be to consider power pooling, ways to make it a more positive experience for the top and the bottom teams.
- 3) Boys Regionals – Champions – posted article to WEVA latest news
 - a. 12's – Pace 12-1
 - b. 13's – Pace 13-1
 - c. 14's – Eden Mizuno Boys 14-1 Blue
 - d. 15's – Pace 15-1
 - e. 16's – Victor 16-1
 - f. 17's – Pace 17-1
 - g. 18's – Pace 18-1
- 4) Girls Bid Qualifier Champions – National Bid Earned – posted article to WEVA latest news
 - a. 12's – NFVB 12 Navy
 - b. 13's – NFVB 13 Navy
 - c. 14's – NFVB 14 Navy
 - d. 15's – NFVB 15 Navy
 - e. 16's – VFX Mantra
 - f. 17's – NFVB 17 Navy
- 5) Girls Bid Qualifier Second Place – American Bid Earned – posted article to WEVA latest news
 - a. 13's – NFVB 13 Red
 - b. 14's – VFX Conjure
 - c. 15's – VFX Chant – turned down – trickled down to NFVB 15 Red
 - d. 16's – Paradigm Rebellion
 - e. 17's – VFX Rapture
- 6) Reported back to Event Committee the results from the BID Qualifier – all finishes compared to where the seeding was into the event for teams that participated. Committee did a great job in their analysis of the information.
- 7) American Bid for 18's summer Nationals was turned back into USA – no one interested in accepting it.
- 8) Feedback for the National 18's event on timing of event – the weekend before AP exams not the best timing.
- 9) Not all Safe Sport adult certification was completed. Next year will be required before anyone can register per USA. Impact certification that was not complete – coaches removed from rosters – no way to know at tournaments due to old rosters previously printed can be utilized. Scott does not verify all listed on rosters are still in good standing at time of event nor can tournament directors.
- 10) Education Committee – set two newsletters out to date to all adult members – Patrick Madia heading up the newsletter component. Has volunteered to organize the senior college commitment information for the website.
- 11) Need to follow up individuals that voiced interest in CAP certification and/or becoming Impact Instructors within region by completing the required certification by completing USA CAP I and II as prerequisites to Impact. The region has agreed to support the financial requirements to complete the certification
 - o Rob Arciolla – accepted to support the Southern Tier
 - o Steve Pike – offered to pay \$250.00 toward CAP certification (has CAP I already) – not taken
 - o Aaron Austin – offered to pay \$250.00 toward CAP certification – Pace may be providing opportunity for him
 - o Keith Hopkins – offered to pay \$250.00 toward CAP certification – not taken
 - o Pat Madia – offered to pay \$250.00 toward CAP certification (attended IREVA's CAP clinic) - REIMBURSED
 - o Mark Robinson – accepted to support the EAST – John provided feedback from USA on CAP I certification completion
 - o Brian Heffernan – accepted to support the WEST – Rocco communicated his interest – has CAP I certification already
 - o Jeff Wayne Orbaker – offered to pay \$250.00 toward CAP certification
- 12) Meritorious Awards within region – awarded three – notified recipients 5/21 and the people that nominate them - posted to WEVA website – received emails from two of the recipients thanking them for their recognition.
 - a. Alan Brazener
 - b. Brian Carroll
 - c. Deborah Schrufer
- 13) Revised the WEVA tryout, registration and recruiting document as a result of research/feedback from the ethics and eligibility committee from a boys reported incident. Board needs to discuss and approve modifications.
- 14) Ranking of junior girls teams posted for the first time before the seeding for the BID. Should have been completed earlier and multiple times. Have posted updated results up through the WEVA sanctioned events – as of 5/21/16. Will post one last time after Nationals (To include Happy Volley/East Coast Championships and Nationals.
- 15) Junior Coordinator attended USA meetings in Orlando Florida – May 23rd thru May 25th

ACTION ITEM: Sent email to registered undecided individuals in the region, heard from quite a few as to the club they are affiliated with or that they were an official or their daughter/son was still interested in finding a home to play. John does this information still need to be reported to you for accurate year-end reporting of members?