

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, January 14, 2019
Location: TF Browns in Batavia, NY
Time: 6:00 PM



Called to order 6:12 p.m.:

- Present: Frank Cwicklinski, Cindy D'Errico, John Hughes, Roger Majeski, Rocco Lucci, Bill Page, Lindsey Sclegel, Mike Trznadel
- Absent: Tom Schneider
- Unexcused Absence: John Crangle, Dan Johnson

Points of Information:

- Thanks to the contributions of the officials and organizers of the NVA Northeast regional event held at Niagara Frontier Sports on December 8th. Request to host again this summer.
- Thanks to Frank Cwicklinski for his efforts in doing score and referee clinics for WEVA Clubs. Clinics have been well received by those clubs.
- Thanks to Kate Braun (NFVB) for all her work doing all the lottery hotels for USAV Nationals for girls (for WEVA lottery pick and NFVB lottery pick which benefits the region).

Meeting Minutes from November 2018 Meeting – Emailed January 14th

Motion to approve November 2018 Meeting Minutes with corrections: 1st R. Majeski, 2nd B. Page, Unanimous – 7-0-0

Conduct and Grievance Update (M. Trznadel)

- A report has been filed following this past weekend's VFX Freeze event.
- Ethics Committee to be formed – no discussion at this BOD meeting
- Mike Trznadel will be responsible for forming the committee.

Registrars Report (J. Hughes) - sent via email January 10th

- SafeSport update, issues and steps going forward
 - General update on adults completing SafeSport in the region.
 - Club Directors and Officials are doing very well
 - Club Coaches are coming along, but Team Reps (Parents) and other parent rolls are the weakest group to get this completed.
 - USAV is working through some issues with SafeSport
 - CEO of SafeSport has resigned and there is a large amount of money that has and continues to go into SafeSport from USAV
 - We anticipate USAV putting more pressure on the Region for adults who need SafeSport.
 - Discussed if a "guest coach" - example is a College Coach running a clinic would need SafeSport to run a clinic.
- IMPACT update
 - Two Clinics in December
 - No future in-person clinics scheduled
 - Coaches in need can complete IMPACT through Webpoint (will be free for those that login through Webpoint)
- Reviewed Membership report
 - Hearing from clubs that more cuts were made based on increased interest.
 - Registrations and club information is still coming in, so unsure at this time if the # of teams is down in the region or same as last year.
 - Hearing from clubs that the cuts were due to not having the resources (coaches and facilities) and not due to cutting / offering less teams.
 - Youth Membership is up 35%

- Will know more about the numbers in the future, once more clubs get their members (players and coaches) completely registered

Financial Report (B. Page)

- Income Statement sent via email January 10th
- Financial Summary sent via email January 13th
 - Reviewed summary's notable increases and decreases.
 - Overall income is currently up compared to this time last year
 - Working on tracking inventory and sales tax better
 - Recently counted inventory - December 2018
 - Future plan will be to count and track inventory 1x per year. Information gained will go into year-end financial summary
 - Sales tax will be tracked quarterly for the first year and then tracked 1x a year moving forward.
 - Region Savings
 - BOD voted online to invest more into the region stock and bonds.
 - Per the suggestion of our broker, we will also make changes to the investment to become more diversified.
- **Motion to approve budget/ financial report: 1st C. D'Errico, 2nd F. Cwiklinski - Unanimous - 7-0-0**

Tournament Report (S. Seabridge) sent via email January 12th

- Tournament formats - Official and tournament director discussion regarding match play during pool play.
- Review report sent by Scott via email:
 - Tournament schedule for the 2019 club season is very full - more events this year.
 - In addition, tournament directors are seeing large numbers for events and having to turn teams away.
 - Discussed the process to run multiple events of the same age in neighboring cities
 - Currently the rule is that this can be done, if the event that was sanctioned is full first. This could present a challenge: example would be if a 14s event in January fills in December, only a month to sanction, fill, find a facility, etc. to run another event and this could present a problem.
 - Discussed options such as different divisions in our region for level of play, which might help this current rule be adjusted for better options in our region.
 - Action Item: Rocco will work with WEVA and Quinn (VFX) to watch # of teams they turn away this year to see if this is something to consider in future years.

Website Update (from S. Seabridge) sent via email January 12th

- All items from last meeting have been updated
- Action Item: Lindsey to email Scott Seabridge the upcoming meeting dates and times for the website to reflect that information.

Region Development (R. Lucci) sent via email January 14th

- Reviewed Dan's email and report
- Two more teams to join the program next year? Need to ask Rocco about this

Officials Report (F. Cwiklinski)

- Initial tournament recap
 - Discussed officials' feedback about match play vs 2 sets to 25 in pool play.
 - Discussed using AES for tournaments and how players, coaches, parents and officials using AES as their only source of information interpret this.
 - Other tournaments in the past have used an "officials schedule" for the officials to go off of vs. AES.
- Junior Officiating

- Discussed clubs doing a better job teaching players and coaches how to keep score, since low quality score keeping by players and coaches can really slow down a match and a tournament.
- Discussed ideas for how we can improve this.
 - Possibly we can work this solution into the idea to have the different “levels” of tournaments in the region.
 - Future discussion on this topic will take place.

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- NOVA/WEVA partnership proposal update
 - Region and NOVA are still interested in pursuing this.
 - More work is being done on the status of this for the next meeting.
 - WEVA Beach Qualifier - need to work on deciding date for March meeting.
 - This will be a region qualifier and will not be considered a “national” qualifier and will not be on the USAV Beach website as such.
 - Once we have the date, we will make sure USAV approves this.

Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

- WEVA events – All sanctioned WEVA events have been entered into AES. Registrations to date listed below.
 - WEVA Rally I – 2/3 - 13, 15, 17 – (35 teams) –SUNY Brockport 8 courts/East HS 3 courts - COMPLETED
 - WEVA Festival – 2/9 - 12, 13, 14, 15 – (49 teams) – Pinnacle/East HS/Tri-County – COMPLETED
 - WEVA Festival – 2/11 - 16, 17, 18 - (36 teams) – SUNY Brockport 8 courts/East HS - COMPLETED
 - WEVA 14's Challenge – Mar 9 – (20 teams) - NFVB Hosting (BNCC) - COMPLETED
 - WEVA 15's Challenge – Mar 10 – (16 teams) - NFVB Hosting (BNCC) - COMPLETED
 - WEVA 18's BID Qualifier – Mar 10 – East HS (7 teams) - COMPLETED
 - WEVA 16's Challenge – Mar 10 – (22 teams) - Pinnacle – VFX hosting - COMPLETED
 - WEVA Boy's Championships – 4/7 - 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (27 teams) – BNCC, Lockport HS 3 courts, SUNY Brockport 3 courts
 - WEVA Rally II – 4/7 - 14, 16 (35 teams) – Pinnacle, EAST HS – may need additional courts for number of teams registered
 - WEVA Rally III – 4/14 - 12, 15, 17 (23 teams) – SUNY Brockport – 8 courts
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/27 – 12, 13, 14 (16 teams) - Pinnacle
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/28 - 15, 16, 17 (21 teams) - Pinnacle
 - Need to update AES and WEVA website with where event is going to be held by age group for Rally events – one event is in need of courts.
- 18's BID Qualifier – VFX Magic – awarded the National BID to USA Nationals in Dallas, Texas. NFVB 18 Navy placed second.
- First update to the ranking document used for girls has been posted to website. Need to update it a second time based on suggestions forwarded after distributed. Feedback from Gary Hill – proposal of WEVA challenges a 2 ranking, JVA based on levels for Rock n Rumble open 5, club 4 and Summerfest open 5, premier 4 and club 3. Changing the document per request. USAV will not allow any results included for events outside of USAV to be utilized in their new ranking system.
- Code of conduct for the parents – circulate prior to next season
- Rankings sent to webmaster for posting. Delay in getting out. Completed and used for Challenge events.
- Emails sent to club directors with status of rosters for requirements of second referee and scorekeeper.
- Issues reported between two clubs – do not schedule them in same pool, if registered for same event.
- Issue reported during VFX event in regards to an IREVA team, reported to that region for handling.
- Boys Tryouts for High Performance announced.
- 2020 – Nationals location announced
 - Open Nationals – 5/22/-5/27 – Minneapolis, Minnesota
 - Junior Girls Nationals – 6/25 – 7/4 – Dallas, Texas

- Junior Boys Nationals – 6/27 – 7/4 – Reno, Nevada
- ACTION ITEMS: REMINDER to CLUB DIRECTORS
 - Clarification of the Tryout and Recruiting Guideline document in regards to financial obligation timing Nov 1st, payment of dues Oct 1st – once financial payment completed – player becomes a committed player of the club. Disclaimer for WEVA.
 - Deadline for certifications. Send emails being proactive about deadline not being met as of 3/15 date.
 - The coach's scholarship will be offered again this season. The board will approve funding based on budgeted dollars for coaching.
 - Coordinate awards for the WEVA Challenge events. COMPLETED
 - WEVA will have a National division bid allocated for 11 thru 18 age groups and an American division bid allocated for 13 thru 17 age groups to USA Nationals this year in Indianapolis.
 - USA requirement that a rostered adult must serve as the second referee at all Qualifiers (including our Girls BID Qualifier event). Sending reminder email to club directors for this requirement.
 - Follow-up on communication in regards to expectations of club directors for season – reporting results to WEVA, tournament entry, certification of scorekeepers, second referees, work teams and points of emphasis for Code of Conduct.
 - WEVA highly encouraging all coaches to complete the heads up concussion training (included the link to the training). Included notification to clubs that the Ohio region WILL require proof of completion by all coaches in order to participate in tournaments hosted within their region. USA has this on their horizon but currently it is region by region as far as being mandatory.
 - Per USA, CAP I certification will expire but that expiration will not prevent a coach from continuing with additional CAP certification.
 - USA will be using the same travel company for the 2018-2019 season. Team Travel Source
 - The twelve and under serving standard for WEVA sanctioned tournaments will be sent out by tournament directors for any 12 and under events that are hosted. The directors will meet with the 12 and under coaches prior to the event to review guidelines for the event. No issue last year for this standard.
 - USA Nationals for 2019:
 - a. Girls Indianapolis, June 27–July 6, 2019
 - b. Girls 18 Championships, Dallas, April 26-28, 2019
 - c. Boys Dallas, June 30–July 7, 2019
 - d. Adult Open, Columbus May 24–29, 2019
 - e. Collegiate Nationals, Denver April 18-20, 2019
 - Further Discussion
 - WEVA events will start in February and Cindy is beginning to work through minor details of running the events - confirming payment by teams, finalizing locations, and etc.
 - WEVA / NFVB lottery for USAV Girls Nationals
 - Region will continue to operate with the Region winner of the age division receiving the closer of the two hotel options.
 - Code of Conduct for Parents will be resent to Board to discuss if the document should be sent to clubs for them to send to parents / post on website / etc.
 - Reviewed fines that Region sends out to clubs for invalid rosters
 - Discussed what we are doing for teams / clubs that receive a fine - if we are enforcing the current policy and if there is a better policy.
 - New idea: set a date in February to check rosters online and send teams that are invalid a notice.
 - March 15th date is still the date that all rosters need to be compliant by (one score keeper and one different 2nd referee) if you are playing in a tournament on or after that date.
 - Reviewed tournament minimums for players to play in to be able to participate in the Region Qualifiers.

New Business

- No items

Next BOD Meeting

- Monday, March 11, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
- Subsequent meetings on Monday, May 13, 2019 and Monday, July 15, 2019 (Annual meeting)
- 18U Girls seeding meeting via email – late February
- 12-18U Boys Seeding – late March
- 12-17U Girls Seeding – mid April