

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, November 7, 2022
Location: TF Brown's, Batavia, NY
Time: 6:09 PM



Proxy:

- Kevin Gill for Frank Cwiklinski

Called to order:

- Present: Cindy D'Errico, Rocco Lucci, Roger Majeski, Brittany Murdie, Bill Page, Meryll Pentz, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel
- Excused: Frank Cwiklinski
- Unexcused: Ryan Repich
- Guest: Kevin Gill

Appointment of Girls Junior Rep

- Rocco has appointed Brittany Murdie as Girls Junior Rep to complete Dave Tyler's term (ending 2022-2023 season)

Points of Interest

- Acknowledgment of Meryll and Bill's assistance to Rocco in the transition from John Hughes

Donation to Florida Region – Sent via email October 13, 2022

Motion: WEVA to donate \$500 to Florida Region to support USAV junior volleyball in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian - 1st Lucci, 2nd Schneider

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

Meeting Minutes from July 2022 Meeting – Sent via email August 6, 2022

Motion: Approve July 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

National Meeting Report (Lucci)

- Iroquois Empire region has been renamed Excelsior Empire region
- New England region has an apparel contract
- USA has a transgender policy that is under discussion; WEVA does not have a policy and we would more than likely follow the national office
- JVA, AAU, and businesses that are purchasing clubs and their impact to USA Volleyball moving forward

Financial Report (Page)

- No 2021-2022 season report
- 2022-2023 season report
 - Income and expense are below projections due to it being early in the season

Motion: Approve 2022-2023 Financial report – 1st Page, 2nd Lucci

Vote: *Approved:* 9-0-0

Registrar's Report (Page)

- Membership
 - 2455 total members
 - 160 total adult memberships
 - 865 total full junior memberships

- 378 league memberships
 - 1052 tryout memberships
 - All totals are 1,264 lower than budgeted
- Discussion surrounding potentially discounting hardship member ship costs
- Registrar now has access to assigning players to teams/rosters in SportsEngine

Tournament Report (Pentz)

- 32 total events
 - 9 WEVA events
 - 4 WEVA-sponsored events
 - 19 Club events
 - Boys' opportunities = 21
 - Girls' opportunities = 70

Website Update (Page, Lucci)

- Majority of SportsEngine WEVA website has been populated
- Still need a form for results entry
- Need to switch the domain www.wevavolleyball.org to the new website

Officials Report (Gill)

- 17 new officials
 - Meeting scheduled to train the new officials
- Jeff DiChristopher for Junior National and Sally Wise & Art Chavers for National certification
- Discussion on what type of scoresheets should be used this season
 - Decided to go back to the original scoresheets
- Discussion surrounding scorekeeping and teams having qualified/certified scorekeepers
 - Cannot verify using rosters due to issue with SportsEngine
 - Majeski, Cwiklinski, Chavers, and Newland to form a committee and make a recommendation on the policy
- **Motion:** Waive the WEVA portion of the membership fee for all first-year officials – 1st Lucci, 2nd D'Errico
- **Vote: Approved:** 9-0-0

Beach Report (Majeski)

- Meeting scheduled with NOVA for the NOVA/WEVA junior membership partnership
- Planning on holding beach qualifier again

Junior Business (D'Errico)

- WEVA Events – sanctioned and posted to AES for registration, Merchandise will be sold at SUNY Brockport, EAST HS will be used if registration of teams warrants it for the events. To send email to club directors about events being open for registration and accepted into event when paid (do not cash checks until after event).
 - Rally I – Feb 5th – 14 (6), 16 (6) – SUNY Brockport
 - Festival – Feb 11th – 12 (2), 13 (4), 14 (7), 15 (10) – Pinnacle Sports Complex and Tri-County
 - Festival – Feb 12th – 16 (7), 17 (7), 18 (7) – SUNY Brockport and Pinnacle
 - Challenge 15's – Mar 11th – Eastside Ice host – Tri-County
 - Challenge 14's Mar 18th & 13's Mar 19th – NFVB host Niagara Frontier Sports
 - Challenge 16's – Mar 18th – VFX hosting – Pinnacle Athletic Campus
 - Bid Qualifier 18's – Mar 19th – 3 teams – Niagara Frontier Sports
 - Boys Regional Championships – Mar 26th – 12 (0), 14 (1), 15 (0), 16 (2), 17 (1), 18 (1) – SUNY Brockport & East HS

- Rally II – Apr 15th - 12 (0), 13 (5), 14 (6) – SUNY Brockport
- Rally III – Apr 16th - 15 (8), 17 (4), 18 (6) – SUNY Brockport
- Bid Qualifier – Apr 22nd - 12 (0), 13 (1), 14 (0) – Niagara Frontier Sports
- Bid Qualifier – Apr 23rd - 15 (0), 16 (0), 17 (0) - Niagara Frontier Sports
- USA housing lottery – Detail information posted for the 2023 season on the USA website under events/Girl's indoor. VFX is 33rd for clubs and no information sent in regards to region ranking. Region received their lottery placement. Nicksen and Katie from VFX booked rooms for both the region and VFX.
- Girl's BID Qualifier – 2023 will be hosted at Niagara Frontier Sports. 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 and 13's will award a National and American level bid. Will send email to solicit level of interest so region can turn back-in bids not utilizing for reallocation.
- AES will be utilized again for team registration and scheduling of events for the 2022-2023 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 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. Where are these located now? John had stored documents sent by clubs if they did not accept WEVA travel policy or the email the club sent confirming they accepted WEVA policy. Should check to see what clubs are compliant.
- 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.
- 6) National Qualifier events for 2023 – refer to USA website for approved qualifiers.
- 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's thru 13's – Minneapolis, MN – 6/14-6/17
 - USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 14's thru 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
- Positions on board 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 are posted to the WEVA website. Registration for the upcoming season is set-up using these guidelines.
- USA Education Services – Need to determine WEVA representative for the zonal training being offered by USA volleyball. 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 All Star team from the region to attend the USA All Star Championships (Prior was High Performance). In the past, there was no interest on the girl's side to have a WEVA region team attend the Championships. With the change in the structure of the USA All Star event, WEVA believes there would be an interest to send a team from the region. The Daemen College volleyball women's head coach, Eli Irizarry, to be confirmed as girls All Star coordinator for 2022-23 season. Currently, the region provides support of a boy's teams. Don Gleason would be a resource for how the boy's program is set up from tryouts, coach and player selection, fundraising, cost responsibility of families and travel accommodations etc. Rocco confirming coordinators.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- Region growth (Lucci)
 - Discussion on potential to offer clinics to athletes who do not make teams
- John Hughes stipend/gift

Motion: Gift John Hughes \$1,500 for his retirement – 1st Page, 2nd Lucci

Vote: Approved: 9-0-0

- Ron Manlingus is looking to start a city-based program

Next BOD Meeting

- January 9, 2023 / Location: TF Brown's, Batavia, NY

Motion: Adjourn meeting – 1st Seabridge, 2nd Majeski

Vote: Approved: 9-0-0