

WEVA Meeting Agenda

Date: Monday, January 11th, 2016

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



Call to order – 6:14pm

Excused Absent: F. Chase (J. Hughes will be proxy vote), J. Crangle, D. Johnson

Last Meetings Minutes (L. Schlegel)

- Approved 12/6, sent to S. Seabridge to be posted on 1/11

Points of Info

- Boys USAV Holiday Camp
 - Congrats to Henry Payne for attending holiday camp.
 - Congrats to Charlie Siragusa for attending beach holiday camp.
- Thanks to Junior Boys and Girls Club Directors
 - Formal thank you from R. Lucci and the Board for everything that goes into starting the year for the club season.
- Robert L. Lindsay Meritorious Service Award Winners:
 - All received a plaque from WEVA for the honor:
 - Mark Thomey
 - Lindsey Schlegel
 - Cindy D'Errico
 - Tom Schneider
 - Rick Buchanan

Action Item: C. D'Errico to send out an email to all club directors asking for nominations for this award. R. Lucci will include this on next board meeting agenda.

BOD Election Report (F. Chase)

- Two people are interested in running for positions that are up for election this year.
- Voting:
 - Opens: April 1, 2016
 - Closes: May 1, 2016
 - WEVA will have voting stations available at their events during the month of April for registered members of WEVA to vote.
 - Members can also vote from the WEVA website during that month.

Action Item: C. D'Errico will work with F. Chase to make sure voting is live on the website and functional by April 1, 2016.

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- To date membership is: 3280
 - Last year at this time we were at 2949 – plus 331
 - Numbers are up due to tryout memberships this year and upgrade membership both counting in the system.
 - Actual increase is closer to being up a small amount – about 93.

- Tryout Membership
 - Overall well received by the region and a successful idea.
 - Families are encouraged to register as a full member to avoid additional fees if they feel confident that they will play club during the season.

Financial Report (B. Page)

- Budget report
 - Very close / similar to where we were last year at this time.
 - Region store is doing well again this year.

Motion To Approve Budget 1st R. Majeski, 2nd J. Newland – Motion Approved (8-0-0) - Unanimous

- Finance Summary (B. Page) - Document e-mailed 1/8/2016
- Facility Upgrades (J. Hughes)
 - Sport Courts at Pinnacle
 - Report presented by J. Hughes on moving forward with WEVA purchasing four sport courts, four net systems and ply wood to go under the courts.
 - Total costs for all items would be split 50/50 between WEVA and Pinnacle.
 - Based on this we will own two of the courts and Pinnacle would own two.
 - This would allow ten courts to be ready for use in approximately 6 WEVA sanctioned events this season (WEVA and Club Run)
 - Discussion regarding benefits WEVA provides to all parts of the region.
 - Courts at Pinnacle benefit all areas of the WEVA region. WEVA will own these courts and have full use of them.
 - Future help from WEVA to other facilities or clubs will always be considered. The region runs events each year to continue to raise funds for these needs and will be willing to continue to help in all ways they can to the region and clubs.
 - Benefit to region if 6-10 events are run using these courts during the season. Between WEVA events and events run by clubs, we project being able to run that many events using these courts.

Motion to purchase items to cover two sport courts, flooring for two sport courts and other needed accessories, not to exceed 64,000 total cost, 1st W. Page, 2nd J. Newland - Motion Approved (8-0-0) - Unanimous

- Park and Rec in Victor
 - Opened about a week ago
 - Located one mile from Pinnacle
 - Cal has two sets up poles and nets to donate to this location
 - Location only needs core drilling to put holes in the floor for two courts.
 - WEVA would be willing to cover this cost as a donation. Will be less than \$1,000.

- SUNY Brockport (reverse checkbook)
 - WEVA is advancing the money to them for the purchase of one portable net system and will be re-paid in a reverse checkbook.
- WEVA policy on investments (B. Page) - Document e-mailed 1/8/2016
 - B. Page will come up with the region policy based on what we are currently doing and it will be a document that can be re-visited yearly for adjustments
 - Currently we are 100% re-investing and are low risk
 - Investment Committee can be established to make future investment decisions
 - Committee would include Treasurer, Commissioner and Corporate CPA.
 - B. Page presented a draft of the WEVA Investment Policy that he has proposed.
 - Items in the policy will be able to be adjusted yearly by the committee.
 - B. Page will make suggested edits to the document to make it a final copy for this year.
- American Bid Allocations at GJNC
 - Payment of the 13's – 18's Girls Entry Fees by the region were approved at November meeting.
- CAP participant fees (for potential WEVA IMPACT instructors)
 - See Junior Business
- PVL is under “grants” as the line item on the budget
- Year-end taxes have been completed for WEVA

Tournament Report (via S. Seabridge)

- Issue at Boys Tournament
 - Coach was written in on a webpoint roster that was turned in at a WEVA event. The coach was not registered with USAV. As a result, the coach did not have a current background check.

Action Item: J. Hughes will research this further and then decide if it needs to be sent to the ethics committee.

Update since meeting:

- *This was actually an illegal player not coach. The player was registered incorrectly and had a multi-day registration that had expired.*

- Boys Can-Am Host Discussion (J. Hughes)

Education Committee (R. Lucci)

- Education Sub-Committee planning meeting on Wednesday, January 13 at 7pm – document emailed 1/8/2016
 - Ideas for newsletters / blogs that would be sent out monthly via email to our region coaches.
 - Links to different coaching articles, club focus, WEVA region updates, etc.
 - Coaching Mentor program for our region
 - Adopting a program from the Badger region that we can make our own for WEVA and adapt to our needs.

- Pat Madia (from the Buffalo area) is active on a coaches Facebook page and has compiled a packet of information from that page:
 - Many sub-categories are included in this to help organize the knowledge being shared on the page. This will be used to help construct region newsletters that WEVA coaches can utilize as a resource.
- Coaches Clinics
 - Using club coaches and other resources that are brought in to run clinics for coaches.
 - Can use college coaches if they are coming in to recruit a player. Can have them also run a clinic during their trip in.
- Round-table Coaching Discussions
 - Larger events in the region could hold discussions during the tournament or after to talk about coaching moves or decisions that were made during the event.
 - Could do this dialogue during finals matches that are taking place or right after the match
 - This could be best used for our newest coaches in the region to continue to learn.
- Invitations to view practices:
 - Example – new clubs trying to do 12s might want to come and watch how bigger clubs train and organize their club / teams to learn and adapt for their own club / area.

Officials Report (J. Newland)

- Arbiter being used for assigning
 - Helps to avoid double-booking officials for weekends
 - Officials are asked to keep their updated availability in the system
- Clinics held in Buffalo and Rochester – 3 in each.
 - 6-8 in attendance at each
 - Senior Officials attended these clinics as well.
- Provisional Ratings – 10, plus two Regional Ratings
 - Since pay scale has changed, we are getting more requests for upgrades.
- Regional patch earned by some officials and a few others in the process – will take 2-3 years.
- Courts were reviewed for upcoming events
 - Boys Can Am
 - Girls Can Am
- National Clinic
 - Hosted at Penfield HS on Friday, January 15, 2016
 - 31 committed for attendance.
- Blue Short Sleeve Shirts
 - New for officials to wear
 - New for NCAA and USAV
 - Grey shirt is also coming out.
 - Region Policy:
 - If two officials are on a match, they must match.
 - Process of rating all officials

- Expected to be a 3 year process
- Rate 15-20 each year
- Jackets Purchased For Officials Leadership
 - Two more officials received jackets so far this year.
 - Others are working to get to these qualifications in the region
- Officials Meeting in May in Orlando during the Open Nationals
- Safe Sport Pins
 - All officials in region will wear one on their patch to show it is completed.
- Number of officials has increased this year.
- Officials are following through on our emphasis in our region to have officials control the coaches and their behavior during matches.

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- High Performance Tryout is Pending
 - Waiting to hear back from HP Beach Office
 - We should hear back next week
- July 22-24 – Milwaukee, Beach Nationals
- Looking at region running a beach camp this summer

Adult Report (D. Johnson)

- Update on teams attending Open Nationals
- Adult Sanctioned event in the Region
 - One Men's and One Women's
 - This will force players to register with the Region / USAV early
 - Event is expecting 10 teams in each division

Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

- Report attached.

Action Item Review (L. Schlegel)

- All items completed since previous meeting.

New Business:

- No items to discuss

**Motion To Adjourn Meeting: 1st W. Page, 2ⁿ R. Majeski -9:20pm - Motion Approved (8/0/0)
Unanimous**

Next Meeting – Monday, March 14, 2016 at 6pm – TF Browns