

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, January 10, 2022

Location: ZOOM call

Time: 6:08 PM



Proxy:

- Art Chavers for Frank Cwiklinski

Called to order:

- Present: Cindy D'Errico, John Hughes, Rocco Lucci, Roger Majeski, Bill Page, Ryan Repich, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel, Dave Tytler
- Excused: Frank Cwiklinski
- Unexcused: none
- Guest: Art Chavers

Points of Interest

- Thanks go out to Nicksen Sivongsa for making the room reservations for Girls Junior National Championships
- Congratulations go out to Robert Pierce, who will be inducted into the Hall of Fame of the New York Volleyball Coaches Association

Meeting Minutes from November 2021 Meeting – Sent via email November 23, 2021

Motion: Approve November 2021 Meeting Minutes

Email vote: *Approved:* 9-0-1

Financial Report (Page) sent via email November 5, 2021

- Income
 - \$145,771.72
 - -\$53,054.28 compared to budgeted number (\$198,826.00)
 - Region sales are low and tournament income not realized (no region tournament run to date)
- Expenses
 - \$52,195.11
 - -\$202,226.89 compared to budgeted number (\$254,423.00)
 - Early in the budget year (no tournaments run, meetings not held yet, activities not started, etc.)
- Investments
 - \$253,472
 - Up 3.25% from last year (2021)
 - Up 11.79% from 2020

Motion: Approve January 2022 Financial Report – 1st D'Errico, 2nd Lucci

Vote: *Approved:* 7-0-0

Registrars Report (Hughes) sent via email November 5, 2021

- Membership
 - 3797 total members
 - 500 total adult memberships
 - 2660 total full junior memberships
 - 300 league memberships
 - 537 tryout memberships
 - All totals are greater than budgeted
- Clubs
 - 42 active Junior Clubs
 - 33 Girls clubs
 - 9 Boys clubs

Tournament Report (Seabridge) sent via email November 7, 2021

- 39 total events
 - 9 WEVA events
 - 4 WEVA-sponsored events
 - 26 Club events
 - Boys' opportunities = 34
 - Girls' opportunities = 58

Officials Report (Cwiklinski)

- Motion to update the official's pay rate by:
 - Increase the daily rate for Provisional and Regional Officials by \$10 and Junior National and National Officials by \$5 at a one-day event or on the 1st day of a tournament
 - Increase pay rate on the second or third day of a multi-day event by \$5 for officials at any level of proficiency
 - Lower the mileage included in the day pay from 30 to 20 miles and increase the maximum mileage paid from \$50 to \$55 roundtrip

Motion: Update the official's pay rate as described – 1st Cwiklinski, 2nd Lucci

Vote: Approved: 9-0-1

- 61 potential officials
 - 51 fully registered and ready to go
 - 6 in process
 - 4 hopefuls
- Some officials are not comfortable with players not being fully masked (covering the nose)
- Discussion on whether R2s need to be coaches or a player
 - Coach or registered adult must be part of the work team

Beach Report (Majeski)

- None

Junior Business (D'Errico)

- WEVA events – All sanctioned WEVA hosted events have been updated for site usage in AES and on the WEVA website. Registrations/Hosts/Facilities using to date are listed below.
 - WEVA Rally I – 2/6 – 12, 16 – (21 teams) – SUNY Brockport 5 courts (16's), East HS (12's) – Openings in both
 - WEVA Festival – 2/12 – 12 (East), 13 (Tri-County), 14 (Armory), 15 (Pinnacle) – (70 teams) – opening in 12's only
 - WEVA Festival – 2/13 – 16 (Tri-County), 17 (East), 18 (Pinnacle) – (54 teams) – 16's- move 2 to NFVB event (one confirmed – waiting on email response to one more -otherwise wait list 1 team), 17's – waitlist one team, moved teams from 17's to 18's to fill 18's - CLOSED
 - WEVA 13's Challenge – Mar 12 – Eastside Ice Hosting (Tri-County)
 - WEVA 15's Challenge – Mar 13 – Eastside Ice Hosting (Tri-County) – wait listing teams – check with Amy- should be CLOSED
 - WEVA 16's Challenge – Mar 13 – VFX Hosting (Pinnacle)
 - WEVA 14's Challenge – Mar 19 – NFVB Hosting (Niagara Frontier Sports)
 - WEVA 18's BID Qualifier – Mar 20 – Pinnacle (2 courts – 6 teams, in conjunction with VFX March Madness)
 - WEVA Boy's Championships – 3/27 - 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (40 teams) – SUNY Brockport (8 courts-12's/14's/18's)/Niagara Frontier Sports (15's/16's/17's)
 - WEVA Rally II – 4/3 - 13, 14, 17 (44 teams) - SUNY Brockport – 8 courts (14/15), East – 3 courts (17) – wait listed Hot Shots 13/14's (registered when opened up for his 17 team only) - CLOSED
 - WEVA Rally III – 4/24 – 15, 18 (24 teams) – Pinnacle – CLOSED – will wait list one 1-15 team
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/30 – 12, 13, 14 – (11 teams) - Pinnacle
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 5/1 - 15, 16, 17 – (11 teams) - Pinnacle

- Sent email requesting support for site coordinators. Rally I assigned, Festival 18's Pinnacle assigned, Bid Qualifier 18's assigned (board member present, if needed), Boys Regionals Niagara Frontier Sports assigned, Rally II assigned, Rally III assigned. Need additional support for other Festival events/facilities, Boys Regionals at Brockport and BID Qualifiers 12-14 and 15-17. Discussed if we should have a board member present at BID events for girls? Board agreed it would be nice to show support at event but only necessary if the site coordinator is performing multiple roles at event (coach and/or referee).
- Merchandise sales set for Festival 14's at Armory and Rally I and II at SUNY Brockport with Fine Designs. Designs finalized.
- Brockport outstanding available balance: \$6,126.00. Sent email requesting site coordinators for the events.
- Communicated this to all club directors: Jim Mercer, from Sun Setters VBC, replied as interested and Rob Albert, from Lumber City VBC, inquired about commitment level and additional details on training – requested John to follow up with USA volleyball. WEVA is looking for region trainer(s) that will 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 and in person workshops in early 2022. Expenses associated with USA zonal training of region trainers will be WEVA's responsibility.
- Need decision from board on dismissing requirement to post results to WEVA website if AES is utilized for formatting events. WEVA hosted events (by Junior Tournament Coordinator) and NFVB utilizing for their events. VFX has for numerous years. Cost for use of AES for registrations and personnel to format event in AES and "run" the event day of is \$7.00 per team for a one-day event and \$10.00 per team for a two-day event. Jon Simplicio agreed to be the AES resource for the region. **Action item: Rocco and Cindy to develop requirements for club, tournament director and tournament sanction coordinator if the board approved that the requirement was no longer required.**
- WEVA protocol document sent to board for review. Communicated to club directors that the information would be posted to the WEVA website and distributed after approval by the board. All OLD items to be taken off the website; county regulations and WEVA return to play guidelines.
- Requests/Questions have been received in regards to competing in the BID Qualifier and Boys Regionals and if qualify for entry fee to be paid for the team to USA Nationals, will WEVA pay for another year ending event versus Nationals. Responded to inquiries based on the by-Laws which states that the team would submit their special request, for possible approval by the board, for a different USA sanctioned event. Board agreed, only USA sanction event entry fees will be reimbursed to the club, if event request approved by the board.
- USA National's Housing Lottery completed, WEVA was in the lottery for 12's - 17's age groups. No club was awarded participation in the lottery for this year. Nicksen Sivongsa completed the room reservations for USA Nationals for 12's-17's. Communicated to club directors that the reservations would be awarded to the first-place teams at the BID Qualifier.
- All-Star Championship participation for Boys and Girls to be discussed. Need focal point for Girls, if we are proceeding with entering a girls team this season. Funding for teams to be reviewed based on plans. Budget \$12,000 for two teams for boys and one team for girls. **Action item: Rocco to follow up with the Don Gleason and Cindy for the girls.**
- Communicated to club directors about the coach's scholarship funds available. To date no reimbursements have been requested for attendance at the AVCA convention. \$4500 allocated in

WEVA budget. Action item: Cindy sent email to club directors the deadline is set for January 31st for submission of request for reimbursement.

- Communicated to club directors plans for growth of team participation at USA Nationals for girls with USA adding a new Liberty division that will award bids at the qualifiers. In addition, they added a Freedom Division where the regions will be allocated bids within their regions. The order of divisions will be Open, National, USA, Liberty, American, Freedom and Patriot. 12's and 13's will not offer all divisions but 14's thru 18's will. New Liberty and Freedom entry fees will not be covered by WEVA. Reimbursement of entry fees will remain the same as previous years.
- Communicated to club directors that 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 for 11-17 and Phoenix for 18's. With the addition of the Freedom division at Nationals (48 team allocations distributed across the regions), WEVA has been allocated one bid to this division for 14-18's. For 12's, WEVA is second on the reallocation list for an American bid and sixth for 18's. Will send email communication of such to all girls' club directors.
- Communicated to club directors. REMINDER: USA requirement that a rostered adult must serve as the second referee at all Qualifiers (including our Girls BID Qualifier event). Will send reminder email to club directors for this requirement.
- Communicated to all club directors in regards to 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.
- 2022 National Dates:
 - Girls 11-17 Championships - Indianapolis, June 23-July 4, 2022
 - Girls 18 Championships – Phoenix, April 22-24, 2022
 - Boys 12-18 Championships – Las Vegas, June 30-July 7, 2022
 - Adult Open Championships – Orlando, May 27-June 1, 2022
 - All-Star Championships (formerly USA High Performance) – Tulsa, July 19-23, 2022

Old Business

- Staff transition
 - New Office Manager is scheduled to start training in January
- Web site transition
 - Going forward with a transition to SportsEngine base-package web site

Motion: Progress the WEVA region web site to a SportsEngine base package web site

Email vote: **Approved:** 8-0-1

New Business

- AVCA Convention
 - Deadline for reimbursement request for attending is required by January 31, 2022
- Elections
 - Junior Coordinator, Growth & Development Coordinator, and Beach Representative
- State of USAV, AAU & JVA
 - Quite a few Boys clubs across the country are electing to play in only AAU & JVA events
 - AAU has membership fees
 - JVA does not have membership fees; just need to register

Next BOD Meeting

- March 7, 2022 / Location: TBD
- May 2, 2022 / Location: TBD

Motion: Adjourn meeting – 1st Lucci, 2nd D'Errico

Vote: **Approved:** 9-0-0