

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, May 13, 2024
Location: T.F. Brown's, Batavia, NY
Time: 6:08 p.m.



Proxy:

- None

Called to order:

- Present: Frank Cwiklinski, Cindy D'Errico, Rocco Lucci, Roger Majeski, Brittany Murdie, Bill Page, Meryll Pentz, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge, Mike Trznadel
- Excused: Ryan Repich
- Unexcused: None
- Guest: Denee Hickson, Aaron Austin, Heidi Klossner

Points of Interest

- Art Chavers Scorer of the Year recipient. Congratulations to Art.
- Thanks to Nicksen Sivongsa for getting the hotel rooms for Girls Junior National Championships via the USA housing lottery

Meeting Minutes from March 2024 Meeting – Sent via email March 11, 2024

Motion: Approve March 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

Email Vote on Boys State Championships Donation

Motion: WEVA will support the Boys State Championships event, if awarded to Roberts Wesleyan University, for three years at an amount of \$1,000 per year. – 1st D'Errico, 2nd Lucci

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

President's Report (Lucci)

- Pre-USAV Meeting next week.
 - SafeSport meeting, committee meetings, zonal meetings
 - USAV is searching for a new CEO.

2024 BOD Elections (Trznadel)

- Officials Representative: Frank Cwiklinski was elected.
- Secretary: Denee Hickson was elected

Registrar's Report (Page)

- Membership
 - 4,816 total members
 - 777 total adult memberships
 - 3,103 total full junior memberships
 - 360 league/summer memberships
 - 576 tryout memberships
 - Versus budgeted:
 - Overall memberships: 579 higher
 - Adult memberships: 104 higher
 - Full Junior memberships: 533 higher
 - League/summer memberships: 29 lower
 - Tryout memberships: 29 lower

- Discussion on adopting a “local” membership as a registration option.

Financial Report (Page)

- September 2023 to April 2024
 - Income = \$258,214 (\$47,158 less than budgeted).
 - Registrations = \$173,157 (\$10,889 more than budgeted).
 - Tournament Income = \$74,565 (\$31,535 less than budgeted).
 - Other Income (less tournaments) = \$6,982 (\$30,022 less than budgeted).
 - Expenses = \$205,622 (\$70,915 less than budgeted).
 - Net = \$52,593 (\$23,758 more than budgeted).
 - WEVA Store income needs to be updated.
 - Waiting for updates on the Rally and Festival event information.
- Investments (as of 5/11/2024)
 - \$403,686
 - \$150,000 added to investments
 - \$50,000 from savings + \$100,000 from checking
 - Up 0.3% (\$848 from 3/3/2024)
 - Up 7.7% (\$18,095 from 4/2/2023)
 - Up 45% from original investment (\$175,000)
 - Some of the Vanguard investments are in a money market and came from the Savings account.

Motion: Approve 2024 May Financial report – 1st Seabridge, 2nd Majeski

Vote: Approved: 9-0-0

Tournament Report (Pentz)

- None

Website Update (Page)

- Now that our policies have been approved by the National office, the web site will need to be updated.

Officials Report (Cwiklinski)

- 79 officials = 23 females + 56 males.
- Going to try and get 4 younger, female officials into the USA Rise program, next season.
- Stipend for the Assistant Officials Chairperson to be added with a floor of \$550 9-0-0 for next season and \$250 for this past season.
- Discussion regarding adding a wave play pay rate for officials.
 - A committee will be established that Frank will lead. Results of the committee are due prior to July 4, 2024

Beach Report (Majeski)

- WEVA purchased courtside banners for the USA sanctioned Junior beach events.
- NOVA/WEVA postcard is in process.

Junior Business (D'Errico)

- WEVA Events –Roberts Wesleyan University -purchased equipment for their facility -reverse checkbook \$7397.51 (8702.95 minus 15% discount for USA regions with Senoh). Total Wait listed teams - 5 for WEVA events, 5 for Challenge events hosted by clubs
 - Merchandise Profit:
 - Rally \$2061 (Brockport) and Festival \$2890 (Brockport one day and Tri-County two days) - charge at Tri-County of \$125 for vendor
 - DigFest (Brockport -two days, James Monroe HS and Gates-Chili - one day each) - \$6509

- Interest next season for Amanda Krakowiak from Storm Volleyball Club out of Fredonia to host an event there.
- Submitted all post tournament reports for all events.
- Submitted dates to SUNY Brockport for 2025 events, received approval for most dates. Saturdays during basketball season does not typically get approved. The facility use coordination is being turned over to SERC (Special Events Recreation Center) resources. Not sure what the impact will be on court rental fees and having priority given to volleyball for its use. Aimee did rent two weekends in March 2025 to basketball to be fair. An April date approved earlier is needed for a Basketball event.
- Discussed with facility coordinator at Gates-Chili about submitting 2025 dates for approval as well. Sending email to tournament directors for dates desired.
- Will ask Mike Dedee the timeframe that would work for submission of dates for Roberts Wesleyan court use.
- Thanks to Maddie, Ryan and Nina Farnsworth, Meryll Pentz, Heidi Klossner, Andy Guthrie and Bill Page for serving as site coordinators and/or assisting with extra equipment for Gates to provide use of the sixth court for the DigFest.
 - Rally I – Feb 4th – 14 (32) - SUNY Brockport, 16 (24) – Pinnacle
 - Festival – Feb 10th – 12 (14 - 10 girls and 4 boys), 13 (12), 14 (16) – Pinnacle Sports Complex (12/13) & Tri-County (14) - WL -1 14 team
 - Festival – Feb 11th – 15 (16)-SUNY Brockport, 16 (24) Pinnacle, 17 (16), 18 (16)–Tri-County - WL - 2 17's & 18's teams
 - Challenge 12's and 13's - Mar 16th - NFVB host - The Rock - 12 (12), 13 (18) - 2 - WL 12's
 - Challenge 14's - Mar 16th – VFX Host - Pinnacle Sports Complex - 20 teams
 - Challenge 15's – Mar 17th (24) – Eastside Ice host – Pinnacle Sports Complex - 3 - WL
 - Challenge 16's – Mar 17th – NFVB host - The Rock - 16 (24) - 0 -WL
 - Bid Qualifier 18's – Mar 17th – 6 teams - Mercy HS - 4 teams interested in BID's
 - Boys Regional Championships – Mar 24th – 12 (8), 14 (14), 15 (9), 16 (11), 17 (4), 18 (8) – SUNY Brockport (12, 13/14 & 18), The Rock (15/16/17)
 - Bid Qualifier – Apr 13th - 12 (7), 13 (8), 14 (8) – Pinnacle Sports Complex
 - Bid Qualifier – Apr 14th - 15 (11), 16 (11), 17 (12).- Pinnacle Sports Complex
 - Dig Fest I – Apr 20th - 12 (12), 13 (16), 14 (20) – SUNY Brockport, James Monroe HS (12's) - lost East the Tuesday before the event
 - Dig Fest II – Apr 21st - 15 (20), 17 (24), 18 (12) – SUNY Brockport (15's/18's), Gates-Chili (17's)
- USA housing lottery – Detail information received for the 2024 season for the USA Nationals Girl's indoor events. Region lottery was drawn on 12/8. Nicksen Sivongsa from VFX booked blocks of rooms approved thru lottery. Thanks to Nicksen for coordinating the blocks with the teams that earned the blocks based on their finish in the BID Qualifier event.
- Girl's BID Qualifier – The Bid Qualifier events for 18's thru 14's awarded a National, American and Freedom level BID. The 12's - no bid for region and 13's awarded an American level bid and turned the National bid back to USA. USA notified us of an American BID reallocated to WEVA for twelves and an eleven National Bid. WEVA has no 11 team and no twelves would accept a BID to Nationals.
- Boys regionals, WEVA turned back American bids for USA Nationals for 16's and 18's.
- Motion was passed by the board to be a sponsor for the Boys High School Volleyball State Championships at Roberts Wesleyan for three years at \$1000 per year, if the BID is awarded by the state to host at their facility over that timeframe.
- 2024 Nationals Sites: Approved National Qualifier events posted to USA website.

- USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 11's thru 13's – Dallas, TX – 6/21-6/24
- USA Volleyball Girls' Junior National Championships (GJNC) for 14's thru 17's - Las Vegas, NV – 7/3-7/11
- USA Volleyball Boys' Junior National Championships (BJNC) – Dallas, TX – 6/26-6/29
- USA Volleyball Open National Championships – Columbus, OH – 5/24-5/29
- USA Volleyball Girl's Junior National Championships for 18's – Baltimore, MD – 4/26-28
- Positions on board that are up for election in 2024 are Vice President, Secretary, Officials Rep. Election email was sent to all eligible voters in the region. Officials Rep had two individuals running for the position. Frank Cwiklinski seeking re-election and Deb La Valley.
- WEVA to provide financial assistance in support of a Girl's and Boy's All-Star team from the region to attend the USA All Star Championships (Previously was HP). WEVA has budgeted \$6,000 per team from the region. Men will field a team in the following age group Boys U17 (Born in 2007 or 2008). Daniel Miranda, Buffalo State University volleyball men's head coach, will serve as the men's coach and Mike DeDee will serve as the assistant coach. All information has been posted to the WEVA website for tryout dates, training dates and cost per player. Proposed fielding a Girls U15 (Born in 2009 or 2010). Solicited Steve Pike interest in serving as head coach for the women's team. Steve has personal commitments during the dates of event so declined offer. As a result of no available coach for the girl's team and late timeframe for organization, the region will not be fielding a team for 2024. The event will be held in DES MOINES, IA JULY 18-21, 2024.
- USA Volleyball is excited to launch a new initiative called Try Volleyball. Try Volleyball is a grassroots initiative launched in partnership with regions to introduce new families to volleyball and increase engagement at the youth level. Since it was approved as a membership option in 2023, many regions have taken advantage of this grassroots membership option for youth participation and growth. USA is excited to share that in 2024, we will be expanding this initiative into a nationwide event and campaign called Try Volleyball for Free, giving USA Volleyball regions, member clubs and other affiliated organizations the opportunity to host a Try Volleyball clinic in their local communities. This model of sport sampling has successfully driven growth for other sports including hockey, lacrosse, archery, etc. for years and we are excited to kick it off for volleyball September 13-22nd, leading into National Volleyball Day on September 23rd.
 - Here are the details of the week-long, nationwide event, Try Volleyball for Free:
 - Who: Kids that are 8th grade or younger during the 2024-25 school year
 - What: A series of free, locally hosted Try Volleyball clinics across the U.S. to introduce more families to the sport of volleyball and drive awareness and engagement for USA Volleyball and its Regions.
 - When: September 13-22nd, 2024 - *Host sites can choose the date they would like to participate within these dates
 - Where: USA Volleyball Regions, clubs, and other approved affiliate organizations (YMCA, Parks & Rec, Schools, etc.)
 - For each clinic, USA Volleyball will provide:
 - Host resources including online clinic registration and membership support, host checklist, marketing toolkit, and evidence-based clinic plans
 - Fun, free giveaway items including balls (Molten First Touch Volleyballs, Mini Balls or GoPlay Balls) as well as Try Volleyball stickers, brochures, and templates for signage
 - June 1 – Notification to USA Volleyball Clubs - Host Application Starts - Each host site will be reviewed by USA Volleyball and the region before they can receive approval to host a Try Volleyball clinic

- August 1 - Participant registration starts for approved clinics
- Congratulation to the winners noted below for the Boys Regional Championships and Girls Bid Qualifier Events
 - Boys Regional Championships
 - Pace Bootlegger 12 Black, 13 Black, 14 Black, 16 Black, 17 Black
 - Niagara Frontier 15 Gold, 18 Gold
 - Girls Bid Qualifiers
 - TCP Academy 12 Navy
 - VFX 13 Mystic, 14 Conjure, 15 Chant, 16 Mantra
 - CADO 17 Karma
 - Paradigm 18 Revolution
 - Accepting BIDS to USA Nationals for Girls
 - National Bid
 - VFX 14 Conjure, VFX 15 Chant, VFX 16 Mantra, NFVB 17 Navy, VFX 18 Magic
 - American Bid
 - NCVC 13 Rush Black, NFVB 14 Navy, NFVB 15 Navy, NFVB 16 Navy, VFX 17 Rapture, CADO Serendipity
 - Freedom Bid
 - NCVC 14 Rush Black, Paradigm 15 Ruckus, Paradigm 16 Rebellion, NFVB 17 Red, NCVC 18 Rush Black - then declined after event (\$900 entry fee still due; Pursued Octane 18 Wolverine team – declined; would have gone if given at Bid)

Serve & Receive Grant Update (Grant Committee)

- Cycle dates for 2024-2025 will be around the October-November timeframe
- S&R Grant follow-up
- Positive feedback from Aaron Austin and Heidi Klossner on the receipt of the S&R grant, which they used for a serving machine

Old Business

- WEVA Handbook update: working on a version for the website.
 - Rocco is slowly updating the Handbook for the web site
- WEVA has secured legal counsel retainer with Jim O'Keefe

New Business

- Select dates for Tournament Planning meeting (July 16th?) and Annual Club Director's meeting (August 11th? at Charlotte beach)

Next BOD Meeting

- July 15, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- Location: T.F. Brown's, Batavia, NY

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

Vote: *Approved:* 9-0-0