

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, November 18, 2019

Location: Fortunes Restaurant at Batavia Downs in Batavia, NY

Time: 6:10 p.m.



Proxy:

- John Hughes for Mike Trznadel

Called to order:

- Present: John Crangle, Frank Cwicklinski, John Hughes, Roger Majeski, Rocco Lucci, Bill Page, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge
- Excused: Cindy D'Errico, Mike Trznadel
- Unexcused:
- Guest: John Newland, Jim Vanderhoof

Points of Interest

- Congratulations to the winners of the following:
 - NYSPHSAA Far-West Regional
 - NYCHSAA
- WNY Boys Volleyball and Officials Hall-of-Fame
 - Congratulations to Frank Cwicklinski on his induction into the Hall-of-Fame
- Men's NCAA matches at Daemen College
 - Daemen vs. UCLA (1/2/2020)
 - Daemen vs. Pepperdine (1/14/2020)

Growth and Development Coordinator

- Plan to appoint Ryan Repich to the position of Growth and Development Coordinator
- Ryan has accepted the appointment

Meeting Minutes from July Meeting – Sent via email August 4, 2019

Motion to approve July Meeting Minutes: Email vote, Approved – 9-0-0

Elections and BOD Positions

- President, Treasurer, Junior Girls Rep, and Junior Boys Rep are up for election in 2020
- Discussion on splitting the Junior Girls Rep position into two: East and West

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- Numbers for 2019-2020 are in line with 2018-2019
 - 12 and under are down because the RYVL memberships were still valid from last year
 - Numbers will come back next season
- Region growth initiative
 - Looking for ways to grow Juniors
 - Starting to look for ways to keep players who tryout but do not register with a team
 - Bill Page to request from all clubs a list of players that have been cut from their tryouts to get the players onto the “available” list

Financial Report (B. Page)

- Financial Summary sent via email on 11/8/2019
- Budget Report
 - Travel expenses will be greater than budgeted due to Bill Page going to the October RVAA meeting

Motion to accept 2019-2021 budget - 1st R. Majeski, 2nd R. Lucci- Approved -8-0-0

- Discussion regarding the AVCA Convention
 - Would like to provide a subsidy for attending members
 - Costs will come from Coaches Education budget
 - Subsidy will be based upon number of people going

Tournament Report (S. Seabridge)

- Tournament report sent via email on 11/11/2019
- 47 - Total Sanctions
 - 1 - Cancelled Event (13s Challenge switch)
 - 10 - WEVA Events
 - 4 - WEVA Sponsored Events (Challenge Events)
 - 32 - Club Events
- Possible sanction bonds = \$3,700
- Possible sanction fees = \$2,880
- Boys playing opportunities
 - 18s – 7 events
 - 17s – 3 events
 - 16s – 8 events
 - 15s – 2 events
 - 14s – 8 events
 - 13s – 1 event
 - 12s – 7 events
- Girls playing opportunities
 - 18s – 11 events
 - 17s – 8 events
 - 16s – 14 events
 - 15s – 10 events
 - 14s – 13 events
 - 13s – 8 event
 - 12s – 11 events

Website Report (S. Seabridge)

- Website report sent via email on 11/11/2019
 - Current site
 - Add photo page
 - Add outdoor event sanctioning
 - Future site
 - Updating the base code for the web site
 - This is for the current site and the future site
 - **Target completion August 31, 2020**
 - Update the site visuals to simplify structure and allow a mobile web site
 - **Target completion January 1, 2021**
 - Plan to date:
 1. Initial meeting with Web Master - COMPLETE
 2. Reviewed all Region sites and noted the ones that were good to be used as possible references - COMPLETE
 3. Review current site map and look for simplifications
 4. Engage BOD and Commissioner on high-level requirements
 5. Work high-level requirements to detailed requirements

Officials Report (F. Cwiklinski)

- Officials Training and Certification Dates
 - 11/21/2019 at Penfield High School
 - 11/26/2019 at BNCC
- Rules updates and new official training
 - 25 registered so far
 - Approached by 27 new potential members
- Jewelry rule has been waived unless it is deemed that the jewelry is deemed a hazard
- Coaches can now go to the coin toss
- National and Junior National Officials clinic on 1/17/2020 at Nazareth College

Beach Report (R. Majeski)

- Biggest issues from last year were flooding of Lake Ontario
 - Qualifier date pushed a week due to weather
- Getting an early date for the Qualifier would be beneficial
- 2020 Qualifier date has not been determined yet

Junior Business (C. D'Errico)

- Junior report sent via email on 11/18/2019
- WEVA events – All sanctioned WEVA events have been entered into AES. Registrations to date listed below.
 - WEVA Rally I – 2/2 - 13, 15, 17 – (14 teams)
 - WEVA Festival – 2/8 - 12, 13, 14, 15 – (28 teams)
 - WEVA Festival – 2/9 - 16, 17, 18 - (25 teams)
 - WEVA 13's Challenge – Mar 14 – Hot Shots Juniors Hosting (Hot Shots)
 - WEVA 14's Challenge – Mar 14 – NFVB Hosting (BNCC)
 - WEVA 15's Challenge – Mar 15 – NFVB Hosting (BNCC)
 - WEVA 18's BID Qualifier – Mar 15 – NFVB Hosting (BNCC) – (3 teams)
 - WEVA 16's Challenge – Mar 15 – VFX Hosting (Pinnacle)
 - WEVA Boy's Championships – 3/29 - 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 (10 teams) – SUNY Brockport/Armory
 - WEVA Rally II – 4/5 - 12, 16, 18 (9 teams)
 - WEVA Rally III – 4/19 – 14, 16 (11 teams)
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/25 – 12, 13, 14 (12 teams)
 - WEVA Girl's BID Qualifier – 4/26 - 15, 16, 17 (12 teams)
 - Some registrations up in comparison to last year at this time, a couple down from last year.
 - Will continue to determine court requirements so website can be updated as well as AES with age group locations. SUNY Brockport, Armory, East HS e-mail contact and cell phone contact. Confirmation forthcoming.
- In contact with Frank and Rocco in regards to Scorekeeping/Second referee clinics for players that will be open to all WEVA members. Looking at hosting one at Penfield High School and one at BNCC – hopefully later January timeframe. Will send out email to members once confirmed. Can the region sponsor the clinic or do we charge per player? Would be nice to fund by the region.
- The coach's scholarship will be offered again this season. The board will approve funding based on budgeted dollars for coaching. Will send email to club directors. Already, have AVCA coaching convention registration assistance requested from numerous coaches within the region since in Pittsburgh this December. How much is allocated? Can we increase the amount based on interest?
- 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 Dallas for 11-17 and Reno for 18's. Sending reminder email communication of such to all girls' club directors.
- REMINDER: 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.
- Review of Ranking System will be requested of all girls' club directors and then updates completed if any are suggested and approved by the event committee then posted to website. USAV will not allow any results included for events outside of USAV to be utilized in their new ranking system. Document has the requirements for eligibility to play in the Girl's BID Qualifier event and continued format of no consolation matches – guaranteeing only 6 sets in the event.
- Tournament email to be sent noting all tournaments on WEVA website and in AES – email noted the WEVA NEW 13's, 14', 15's and 16's Challenge events encouraging ALL WEVA teams within the respective age groups to participate in these events. Will communicate to club directors to update their rosters with players and to make all listed teams for their club to inactive/active. This will assist in evaluation of teams not registered for these events that may exist in the region. The 14's in the past has not exceeded 24 teams. The 15's will be limited to 16 teams

unless we run the 18's at another Buffalo facility. The 16's will be limited to 24 teams if interest exceeds the number that can be accommodated on the 6 courts at BNCC. It is a possibility since this is the largest age division with the region. The 13's has room for 12 teams at Hot Shots but optimally best for 8 teams so bleachers can be set up on middle court for better viewing.

- 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.
- John has sent out requirements to all club directors that all registered adults affiliated with a junior club (coaches, chaperones, board members and parent reps included) will be required to take the NEW Safe Sport certification course for 2019-2020. All prior SafeSport certifications expired. Each adult that is affiliated with junior players in any capacity must complete a background check form and the safe sport certification requirements. In addition, each adult serving in a coach's role must complete the Impact certification. Once all adult requirements have been completed the adult personnel can be added to a Webpoint roster. Webpoint will not allow anyone to be added to a roster until all requirements have been met that are applicable to their assigned role for the team. Safe Sport certification will be required every year. Players turning 18 during the season will be required to complete the Safe Sport certification as well. Will send out emails advising all of the players impacted by the ruling to complete prior to their eighteenth birthday (parental consent form will be required to be completed). There are FREE Impact on Demand offerings available to the region, contact John Hughes for details. Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the board will serve as WEVA's Safe Sport Representative to USA by completing training last year.
- Sending email 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.
- 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 2019-2020 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 National's Housing Lottery completed, VFX #17 – notified 12/9 at noon and WEVA was #18 notified 12/10 at noon. Both will need to check for email notification. Kate Braun will do WEVA lottery. VFX will be reaching out to Kate for assistance in learning the process.
- 2020 National Dates:
 - Girls 11-17 Championships - Dallas, June 25 –July 4,2020
 - Girls 18 Championships - Reno, May 1-3, 2020
 - Boys 12-18 Championships - Reno, June 27 – July 4, 2020 – successful movement of the 18s to not conflict with graduation
 - Adult Open Championships – Minneapolis, May 22 – 27, 2020

Old Business

- Eastside Ice requested waiver to allow 18 year old player to play with 17s team. Player would have been cut from 18s team.
- ***Motion to approve waiver: Email vote, Approved – 9-0-0***

Conduct and Grievance Update

- Ethics Committee members will be meeting regarding an issue
 - There is potential for appeal

New Business

- Need to add administrators to the WEVA Facebook and Instagram
 - Bill Page to work with John Crangle and Dan Johnson

Next BOD Meeting

- Monday, January 13, 2020
 - Location: TBD
- Monday, March 9, 2020
 - Location: TBD

Motion to Adjourn - 1st R. Majeski, 2nd B. Page - Approved – 8-0-0