

WEVA Meeting Minutes

Date: February 4, 2008

Time: 7:18 PM

Present: R. Majeski, D. Schoenl, L. Schoenl, T. Weislo, R. Werkmeister, C. Gustafson, S. Seabridge, C. D'Errico, L. Wilson, J. Lodes, T. Short, J. Ingalls, F. Chase, B. Chanthavisouk, J. Hughes, J. Newland, R. Lucci

Guest: D. Kohl, D. Tytler

Unexcused: C. Wickens

Late: R. Repich

Welcome & Thank You (S. Seabridge)

- Thanks to all attending tonight.
- Welcome to our guests:
 - Dave Tytler – Xtreme
 - Dave Kohl - JAVA
- Review Agenda:
 - Addition: D. Kohl to discuss JAVA/KEVA situation
 - Addition: Comment from Xtreme parent
 - Addition: Bid tournament and how WEVA wants to react to National Office
 - Addition: Attendance to Jr. Rep meeting in May
- Review previous meeting minutes:
 - Motion to approve December 10 meeting minutes as written...1st F. Chase/2nd T. Weislo/Passed (16-0-0).

Registrars Report (J. Hughes)

- 2143 members at end of last season
- 1971 current paid members
- Good position to surpass last year's numbers
- 5 boys clubs
- 15-16 girls clubs

Finance Report (J. Hughes)

- Budgeted \$92K for income and already at \$83K
- Region sales doing well: \$10,364 in sales and ~ \$8600 in expenses, so region sales has made ~ \$1,700-\$1,800
- Tax information has been given to accountant for taxes to completed
- WEVA savings: \$59,194.68
- WEVA checking: \$14,016.14
- M&T Free checking (Scott): \$2,567.24
- Gary Adler savings: \$1,066.18
- CD#2333: \$6,358.54
- CD#3505: \$6,431.45
- CD#3513: \$6,505.92
- Gary Adler CD: \$4,879.44
- Motion to approve budget report as presented...1st T. Weislo/2nd J. Lodes/Passed (14-0-2)

Girls Jr. Bid Dates (Jr. Reps)

- March 30 and April 13
- \$175/team
- Held at BNCC
- # teams in each age bracket:
 - 18's: 15
 - 17's: 14
 - 16's: 26
 - 15's: 15
 - 14's: 19
 - 13's: 6
 - 12's: 12
- Motion: 12's division will be exempt from percentage breakdown for bid qualifier tournament for WEVA...1st C. D'Errico/2nd J. Ingalls/Passed (16-0-0)
- **EMAIL VOTE on 2/26/08**: Motion: 13's division will be exempt from percentage breakdown for bid qualifier tournament for WEVA...1st S. Seabridge/2nd R. Werkmeister/Passed (16-0-1).

USA National Championships Issue (Jr. Reps)

- 18's (and some 17's) have a conflict with nationals due to graduation and NYS Regents Exams, which is a NYS requirement for graduation with a Regents diploma.
- Affects not only our region, but also all of NY.
- If seniors can't attend JO Nationals because of this conflict, then why should we play any qualifiers, including the WEVA festival? Or Regional Championships?
- After discussions between WEVA and the National Office, the dates for this year will NOT be moved to accommodate NY.
- Discussion on 17's and 18's to do what they want to do for a season ending tournament.
- Discussion to possibly allow all age groups to do what they want to do for a season ending event.
- Discussion on WEVA boycotting USA Nationals as an entire region.
- NOTE: R. Repich arrives at 9:47 PM
- Motion: For this year only (2008), the winner of the WEVA bid tournament chooses where they want to participate for a season ending event with the monies normally awarded by WEVA. A list of events will be approved by the college coaches currently serving on the WEVA BOD...1st R. Werkmeister/2nd T. Weislo/Declined (6-8-3)
- Motion: For this year only (2008), the winner of the WEVA bid tournament in the 17's and 18's girls division can choose where they want to participate for a season ending event with the monies normally awarded by WEVA. A list of events will be approved by the college coaches currently serving on the WEVA BOD. The other age groups (16's, 15's, 14's, 13's) will go to USA Nationals...1st S. Seabridge/2nd J. Newland/Declined (8-9-0)
- Motion: A team that participates in the WEVA bid tournament has the right to decline participation at USA Nationals. That bid then trickles down but the money can only apply to the winner of the WEVA bid tournament...1st R. Lucci/2nd F. Chase/Declined
 - Friendly amendment by L. Wilson: The financial award for teams attending USA Nationals goes with the bid and that if the team that won

the bid passed because they received it outside the region, they will receive the same monetary award/Declined (7-7-3)

USA National Championships Issue (cont'd)

- For this year only (2008), the winner of the WEVA bid tournament in the 16, 17, and 18 girls division can choose which season ending event they want to attend. A list of these events will be approved by the college coaches currently serving on the WEVA BOD. The money that is normally awarded to the winner in each age group is still attached. The winners of the other age groups (15, 14, and 13) will attend USA Nationals...1st B. Chanthavisouk/2nd J. Newland
 - Friendly amendment by C. D'Errico: Age groups 16, 17, and 18 can choose to go to a USA sanctioned event/Passed (10-5-2)

JAVA-KEVA Issue (WEVA BOD)

- Clarification has been requested of what WEVA's policy is regarding releasing a player from one club to participate on another.
- WEVA policy states (taken from WEVA Code of Conduct): A junior player registered with a club is "free" to entertain switching clubs at any point during the WEVA defined year of competition – End of Friendship season through Junior Nationals (usually mid July). The process that needs to be followed is the following:
 - a) Document request to current Club Director
 - b) Obtain signed release from current Club Director
 - c) Provide the signed release from current Club Director to new Club Director
 - d) Forward signed release and new club information to registrar for processingNOTE: No junior player will be entitled to switch until all financial obligations from prior club are fulfilled.
- WEVA BOD decided that this issue will be decided by the clubs involved.

Xtreme Issue

- A parent from the Xtreme club made racial and derogatory comments directed towards a player.
- D. Tytler has apologized to the BOD on behalf of Xtreme. D. Tytler and M. Robinson are meeting with the victims parents on Wednesday and will provide a written report to Xtreme, VFX, and the WEVA BOD.

MLK Day Issue

- In July at the Jr. meeting, S. Seabridge approved a sanctioned tournament for T. Kamenash in October for nine courts.
- S. Seabridge forgot about the Can-Am tournament.
- In December, NFVB added three courts, bringing the total for their tournament to 24.
- In January, M. Paull informed S. Seabridge that there weren't enough officials to cover all of the events. J. Hughes informed S. Seabridge that the Can-Am increased from 12 courts to 18 courts.
- S. Seabridge accepts responsibility that there weren't enough officials for all courts at all events.
- Tournament directors MUST report any and all changes to S. Seabridge to avoid any problems in the future.

WEVA Grant to NFVB

- J. Hughes to meet with G. Hill to go over some of the wording on the contract and get it finalized.

NOTE: Other agenda items not discussed tonight will be tabled until next meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 7 at 6:30 PM at GCC

Motion to adjourn meeting: 1st L. Schoenl/2nd T. Short/Unanimous (17-0-0).
11:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Western Empire Volleyball Association
Laura Schoenl, WEVA Secretary