

WEVA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: January 9, 2012

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present: J. Hughes, R. Majeski, T. Weislo, R. Lucci, J. Newland, M. Pentz

Late: S. Seabridge

Excused: C. D'Errico, F. Chase (proxy), J. McKinney

Unexcused: CJ Denk

Motion: Approval of November 2011 Meeting Minutes ... 1st R. Majeski/2nd J. Newland/Passed (6/0/0)

Points of Information (R. Lucci)

- H.S. teams who have WEVA members on them performed well in state competition
 - o St. Mary's of Lancaster won State Championship - 100% WEVA members on Varsity roster
 - o McQuaid Boys won Class A
 - o Eden Girls Class C – won States
 - o Penfield HS
- Will see more presence of non-working officials at tournaments (doing ratings)

WEVA Board Conflict of Interest Documentation (J. Hughes)

- Rational behind this – WEVA reached over \$200K income going in & out. Accountant suggested such a form be signed by the BOD; the State Charities Bureau wanted transparency
- We are working on a **WEVA** policy, in the meantime, we are aligning ourselves with USA's Conflict of Interest policy.

Registrar's Report (J. Hughes)

- Registration process started earlier this year (September 2011) Total = 2,015
- 28 Girls Clubs; 5 are new
- 11 Boys Clubs; 5 are new

Financial Report (J. Hughes)

- Motion: Approve the Budget September 2011 to January 2012 ... 1st R.Majeski/2nd T. Weislo/Passed (6/0/0)

Juniors Report (sent by C. D'Errico)

- Board reviewed Cindy's Junior report
- Message sent to all Boys & Girls Club Director's
 - o New fee schedule explained
 - o New WEVA ranking system explained, results to Cindy now
 - o Teams must participate in two region events to compete at Regionals
 - o Discussion about a girl playing on a boys 14's team ... Motion: Allow a 14 yr-old girl player to play on a 14 yr-old boys team ... 1st T. Weislo/2nd R. Majeski/Defeated (0/7/0)

The Board has decided to allow this player to practice with a boy's club team as a registered WEVA member

- Discussion with THS representative regarding reserving rooms for Nationals; John will seek additional information
- Insurance Update – misconception. Within 48 hours of an injury, notify J. Hughes. WEVA insurance is more liberal than we once thought

Action Item Review (S. Seabridge)

- Finger-Poke Incident is closed.
- We've made an effort to establish a grants & sponsorship committee ... no interest.

Tournament Report (S. Seabridge)

- 30 tournaments sanctioned. 2 rejected with explanation; prior tournament commitments will require full referee resources
- Boys clubs running tournaments (R. Lucci)

Website Update (S. Seabridge)

- Maureen has been extremely busy at her job, so WEVA requests have been delayed
- Tournament Results Submissions should be done end of January. Tournament rankings will take more time ...
- Centralized Forms page & Maintenance Page will be added
- Suggestion to update "Commissions Corner". Adult pages also need updating. Once Junior's pages is rearranged, we will move onto Adult
- Announcement with documents for WEVA HP program live on web 01/19/2012

Junior Business (T. Weislo)

- High Performance (T. Weislo)
 - All the documents have been created and ready to be posted on the Web
 - Need a 3rd try-out date and a Rochester location. 1st try-out scheduled is 3/11/12. 2nd is 03/25/12 at BNCC. 3rd one ... outstanding. Age divisions TBA.
 - WEVA HP camp July 19-21, 2012. HP is in Des Moines, IA. July 23 Opening Ceremony, July 24 – July 28 Competition
 - Hoping for a collegiate coach for boys (1) and girls (1) teams. Must convince Coach's of the value (huge recruiting hot bed). What will we pay them?
- "Rule of Two" rationale for girls bid tournament (R. Lucci)
 - At a recent NFVB Board Meeting, this issue came up questioning WHY this is required. Rocco defended it; and our Board agreed this rule will remain. The teams should support their own region, to maintain morale & competition in the region. The region is who ultimately pays bid \$ for Nationals.

Officials Report (J. Newland/F. Chase)

- Scorekeeper/Second referee Clinic updates

- New Libero rule perceptions – can't see the advantage for Juniors. Rule is vague, and interpreted differently in different regions.
- John and Fred attended National Clinic/PAVO Convention in San Antonio, TX. Looking for more consistency around the country. Also discussion about calling the 3rd contact/hand sets/push
- NFVB has at least ONE Canadian team registered for each tournament. Rocco suggests creating a document comparing USA vs. Canadian rules.
- Action item to be created for the referees to make a document to be posted online so the Canadian teams are informed about rule changes prior to tournament play. Mike Paul was suggested as an excellent resource. Let's not make a document from scratch, work off an existing comparison doc.

New Business

- Executive Director Review (S. Seabridge, J. Hughes)
 - o Growth in membership (10 new clubs) & in finances (operating expenses in savings). Providing clubs/teams the support they need.
 - o Impact Clinics have been successful. High Performance looks promising.
 - o Going after contracts with companies like Spaulding & Mizuno.
- Executive Director Search Procedure
 - o Will get input from the BOD and start committee for succession plan.
 - o Must establish timeline. John believes transition time will be 4–6 months, others believe one year is required for appropriate planning.
- Rochester will be hosting the National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Association Regional Qualifier–June 23, 2012. Winning team to fly out to CA for national tournament in August. Stipulation – two players must play at the same College. WEVA should inform club directors to notify old players.
- Next Meeting Proposed – March 12, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.
- What constitutes a valid excuse to NOT attend a Board Meeting? Rocco will think about this.

Motion: Adjourn Meeting 1st R. Majeski/2nd J. Newland/Passed (6/0/0) 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Western Empire Volleyball Association
 Meryll Pentz, WEVA Secretary