

WEVA BOD Meeting

Date: Monday, January 8, 2024
Location: T.F. Brown's, Batavia, NY
Time: 6:08 PM



Proxy:

- None

Called to order:

- Present: Frank Cwiklinski, Cindy D'Errico, Rocco Lucci, Roger Majeski, Brittany Murdie, Bill Page, Meryll Pentz, Ryan Repich, Tom Schneider, Scott Seabridge
- Excused: Mike Trznadel
- Unexcused: none
- Guest: Art Chavers

Points of Interest

- None

Meeting Minutes from November 2023 Meeting – Sent via email November 13, 2023

Motion: Approve November 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

President's Report (Lucci)

- AVCA Convention (12/13-17/2023)
 - Looking to sign an agreement with an apparel vendor for some of our programs
- ROAS feedback
 - Still waiting for feedback from the committee

Registrar's Report (Page)

- Membership
 - AES and SportsEngine fixed a few issues
 - 2,844 total members
 - 584 total adult memberships
 - 2,645 total full junior memberships
 - 350 league/summer memberships
 - 789 tryout memberships
 - Versus budgeted:
 - Overall memberships: 131 higher
 - Adult memberships: 89 lower
 - Full Junior memberships: 75 higher
 - League/summer memberships: 39 lower
 - Tryout memberships: 184 higher

Financial Report (Page)

- September 2023 to December 2023
 - Income = \$153,725 (\$151,647 less than budgeted)
 - Registrations = \$151,579 (\$10,689 less than budgeted)
 - Tournament Income = \$315 (\$105,785 less than budgeted)
 - Other Income (less tournaments) = \$1,831 (\$35,173 less than budgeted)
 - Expenses = \$84,420 (\$192,117 less than budgeted)
 - Net = \$69,305 (\$40,470 more than budgeted)

- Investments (as of 1/4/2024)
 - \$246,714
 - Up 6.9% (\$15,895 from 11/6/2023)
 - Up 4.0% (\$9,419 from 1/6/2023)
 - Up 41% from original investment (\$175,000)

Motion: Approve 2024 January Financial report – 1st D’Errico, 2nd Majeski

Vote: Approved: 10-0-0

Tournament Report (Pentz)

- 38 sanctioned events; 4 have been completed to date.
- This season, sanction fees were collected but sanction bonds are no longer collected.
- Quite a few events have already been filled in advance and teams are on the wait list.
 - Need to start strategizing on how to handle this in the future.

Website Update (Pentz)

- Serve & Receive Grant program added to the Region Services web page.

Officials Report (Cwiklnski)

- 7 new officials were given provisional patches at the Holiday Hopper
- Officials are up to approximately 80 members
- Art Chavers is moving from Scorekeeper Chairperson to Assistant Officials Chairperson
 - Dorothy Ganschow will be Scorekeeper Chairperson
- Scorekeeping has been an issue in the last few years. A remote meeting will be set up with the Club Directors.

Beach Report (Majeski)

- NOVA/WEVA contract
 - Region agrees to continue the partnership with NOVA
- Junior qualifier is scheduled for June 23, 2024

Junior Business (D’Errico)

- WEVA Events – sanctioned and posted to AES for registration, Merchandise will be sold at SUNY Brockport, Tri-County and EAST HS. Seeking approval for Edison for an additional 14’s event for 8 teams. Sent email to club directors about events being open for registration and accepted into event when paid (do not cash checks until after event). Roberts Wesleyan University -purchased equipment for their facility - reverse checkbook \$7397.51 (8702.95 minus 15% discount for USA regions with Senoh). USA 2023-24 age group definitions are posted to the WEVA website. Registration for the upcoming season is set up using these guidelines.
 - Rally I – Feb 4th – 14 (28) - SUNY Brockport - can accept 32-asked directors where overbooked to move here, 16 (24) – Pinnacle
 - Festival – Feb 10th – 12 (12) - 3 boys interested - may go to 5 team pools, 13 (12), 14 (18 - move?)–Pinnacle Sports Complex (12/13) & Tri-County (14)
 - Festival – Feb 11th – 15 (17-WL-1)-SUNY Brockport, 16 (20 - room for 24) Pinnacle, 17 (20)- WL-4, 18 (18-WL-2)–Tri-County
 - Challenge 12’s and 13’s - Mar 16th - NFVB host - Niagara Frontier Sports 12 (13), 13 (14)
 - Challenge 14’s - Mar 16th – VFX Host - Pinnacle Sports Complex
 - Challenge 15’s – Mar 17th (27) – Eastside Ice host – Pinnacle Sports Complex-WL-3
 - Challenge 16’s – Mar 17th – NFVB host - Niagara Frontier Sports 16 (14)
 - Bid Qualifier 18’s – Mar 17th – 4 teams - Facility request to Edison, CJ asking about Mercy

- Boys Regional Championships – Mar 24th – 12 (7), 14 (15), 15 (8), 16 (11), 17 (5), 18 (8) – SUNY Brockport & Niagara Frontier Sports
- Bid Qualifier – Apr 13th - 12 (6), 13 (7), 14 (8) – Pinnacle Sports Complex
- Bid Qualifier – Apr 14th - 15 (10), 16 (10), 17 (10).- Pinnacle Sports Complex
- Dig Fest I – Apr 20th - 12 (9 -room for 12), 13 (15 -room for 16), 14 (21) – SUNY Brockport, East HS (12's)- asked Edison for 2 courts for 14's-room 2 more if we secure an additional 2 court facility
- Dig Fest II – Apr 21st - 15 (19-room for one more), 17 (25-WL-1), 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 through lottery.
- Girl's BID Qualifier – 2024 will be hosted at Pinnacle Sports Complex (except 18's -TBD). USA needs to know the 18's teams that qualified for Nationals by the end of March. The Bid Qualifier events for 18's thru 14's will award a National, American and Freedom level BID. The 12's - no bid for region and 13's will award a National and American level bid. Sent email to solicit level of interest so region can turn back in bids not utilizing for reallocation to other regions.
- AES will be utilized again for team registration and scheduling of events for the 2023-2024 season for ALL WEVA run events. Awards for the Challenge events will be consistent. All entry fees for WEVA hosted events will be mailed to Cindy D'Errico, 7032 Swamp Road, Byron, New York 14422. DO NOT SEND ANY ENTRY FEES or emails to the WEVA office in regards to tournaments. All communication in regards to the events will be with Cindy D'Errico, Junior and Tournament Coordinator.
- WEVA region Travel Policy is posted to the WEVA website. USA requirement that all clubs have a travel policy. All new clubs will have to review WEVA policy and advise if they are adopting the WEVA policy as their club policy or have one of their own. If they have one of their own, it has to be sent to the WEVA office for their records. New clubs for 2023-2024 season need to comply. Cindy will send information to new clubs to advise WEVA of their plans.
- Work team – USA will continue to require an adult rostered individual to be second referees at USA national qualifier events as well as the region WEVA Girl's BID and Boy's Regionals.
- 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. If anyone knows of resources interested in running for one of the positions in 2024, please forward name to Michael Trznadel, Vice-President of the BOD.
- USA Education Services – Need to determine WEVA representative for the zonal training being offered by USA volleyball. USA new personnel are being assigned to the positions vacated. Will address when personnel announced. Individuals would 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 for the upcoming season. Expenses associated with USA zonal training of region trainers will be WEVA's responsibility.

- 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) and Girls U15 (Born in 2009 or 2010). Daniel Miranda, Buffalo State University volleyball men's head coach, will serve as the men's coach. Kristen Bauer, former head coach at Division 1 Coastal Carolina University for 13 seasons. Sent email to confirm if returning to serve as the coaches. The event will be held in DES MOINES, IA JULY 18-21, 2024.
- Position on scorekeeping, lines, libero tracking lack of training prior to events - are we enforcing penalty points in next match played. Board agreed to enforce.

Old Business

- WEVA Handbook update – action item
- Player Safety Resources webpage on WEVA web to include Lindsay's Law Training, CPR, Red Cross, AED, and concussion protocols.
 - This has been completed.
- John Speraw clinic at Roberts Wesleyan was a success.
 - Player portion was filled completely.
 - Approximately 34 coaches participated.

New Business

- Serve and Receive Grant program approved by Board of Directors via email.
Motion: To create a WEVA grant program, as documented by the WEVA Serve and Receive Grant Charter, with a 2023-2024 budget of \$30,000 – From Committee
Vote: *Approved:* 8-0-2
 - Program launched 1/3/2024.
 - Deadline for submissions 1/31/2024.
 - Grant approvals to be sent 2/15/2024.
 - 7 applications have been received to date.
- WEVA is seeking a legal counsel retainer.
- The Spirit of WEVA should be reviewed and then sent out to the entire membership

Next BOD Meeting

- March 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.
- Location: T.F. Brown's, Batavia, NY

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

Vote: *Approved:* 7-0-0