



Washington State High School Boys Volleyball Association Year in Review

2012 Year In Review

State of Washington Boys Volleyball in the beginning of 2012.

2012 could be summarized in two ways, a new beginning, and the same old song and dance. For the past decade boys club level participation mostly centered around a small group of boys who once graduated ended any momentum for more boys programming. Most of these programs tried to compete at an elite level. This left an all too familiar volleyball elitism, that at times and even to this day prevents greater numbers from participating in local tournaments. This ultimately limited access to volleyball and limited the sport to only those that were the top athlete and who could pay the money for the select programs.

These teams are often lead by a parent with a background in volleyball. As soon as the group graduates the club program usually falls apart. No one in the volleyball community has yet build a sustainable boys program. Even those that have tried to succeed have run into one large problem, recruiting boys to play volleyball.

In the Puget Sound Region, not a single USAV boys volleyball event was held inside the region. Allan Chin was appointed Boys Director of the PSR. CEVA's Joe Boken was starting to organize tournaments within the Southern part of the state. Ron Malandy continued to improve his club program in Spokane, with a focus on achieving better competition for his single club. CYO's boys volleyball program is as strong as ever. Budget cuts from the state level may have resulted in the suspension and possibly the ending of several boys programs in the middle schools around the state.

The sad truth is in boys volleyball, there is not an easily accessible pipeline in which clubs can recruit new male athletes easily. The girls club system only thrives with the varsity school program. In some states girls may show more devotion to the club system, especially the more elite the athlete and the greater their prospects for playing at the next level. These athletes are rare and it still remains that the most important factor to girls playing club volleyball and thus playing volleyball year round is that they want to start on their varsity program at their high school. While we are yet to know exactly how boys will feel in the upcoming years, I can tell you that unless a steady supply of athletes are created, there will only be a small amount of boys that will make the necessary sacrifices to play select volleyball.

This is the missing component of boys volleyball and the niche that the Association is trying to fill. So in filling this niche what did the association do in 2012? The biggest accomplishment, is that we now exist. The Washington High School Boys Volleyball Association now is incorporated has a structure and has applied for status under the IRS Code 501c(3). Our second biggest accomplishment is that we have advertised pretty aggressively and is shown as being our largest expense in 2012. Below is a couple of graphs to show our expenses:



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2012 Expenses

A couple of notes: The computer hosting was for a two year hosting subscription, and could easily have gone in the advertising and promotion category.

Postage and delivery was the deliverance of mail flyers to schools throughout the state of Washington, another category that could have been lumped into advertisement.

Really the two largest pies were advertising and promotion, and legal fees for setting up the Association.

2013 Projected Budget:

A couple notes, the \$400 for legal fees has already been delivered to the IRS as part of the application for exemption. We have received notice that the application had been



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received and should hear from the IRS soon. Another important aspect of this year's accomplishments will be to write our response to Title IX. We do already have some core elements to our statement, the first being that Title IX's purpose was to be inclusive and not exclusive. We will also follow that model. The second tenet of our core principle is to make sure we have followed one of the three prongs of Title IX compliance.. These two important core admin issues will be very key for the future of the Association. The final piece will be our tournament run in May and our success in getting teams. This will be important for our continued advertising campaign.

If we don't have a successful tournament, the key will not be frustrated and to continue pushing our advertisement. Though the success of this year will be contingent on obtaining a determination from the IRS, and to solve the question of Title IX. And to continue to advertise our existence to the public at large.

The Commissioner,

Brian Boyer