

Illinois Water Polo Board Meeting
11 January 2016 7:00P.M.
Fenwick High School

In attendance: Rick Marsh, Garrin Kapecki, Perry Korbakis, Lynn Castro, Tom Musch, Rob Lindgren, Kyle Perry, Ed Prystalski, Jesse Zien, Tim Caldwell, Jeff Wimer, Rose Wimer, Ron Biamonte, Beto Garcia and Elizabeth Timmons

Elections for Leadership Team:

- As of right now, there are no term limits for the board of directors. Looking into how to change the bylaws to elect new or allow someone to step down from the board
- Looking to stagger end dates so all members of the leadership team or board of directors are not out at the same time
- Newly elected members: President = Kyle Perry, Vice President = Beto Garcia, Treasurer = Ron Biamonte, Secretary = Elizabeth Timmons

Treasurer Update: Ron Biamonte

- Banquet did not make as much money as in the past.
 - o Could be due to fewer ads in the book
 - o Also possibly lower attendance
 - o Bags for players cost us the same as the previous year
- Right now we have \$35,557 in the IWP fund and \$3,772 in the Dave Perry Scholarship

Banquet:

- No date or venue set yet. Looking at June 5th for the All-Star Game and would like the banquet before that date. Hoping for June 1st or 2nd (Wed/Thurs)
- Where should we have the event?
 - o At the Diplomat West, the group next door is very loud and distracting, but the location is very central. With a different date, would we miss that group anyway?
 - o Venue Options: (Need to decide on this in the next month)
 - Diplomat West in Elmhurst
 - Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale
 - Seven Bridges in Woodridge
 - Drury Lane in Oak Brook
 - Checking on cost and availability.
 - Any other options should be sent to Rick Marsh (richardmarsh2@aol.com) ASAP. He will send estimates to the leadership team as they become available.
 - o Looking for the right amount of time between State and the banquet in terms of processing the ad book. Don't want to rush but don't want too big of a gap either.
 - Also need to make sure that there is enough information for people (especially those new to the state tournament) about putting in ads. Ideas welcomed for getting the word out.

Player Recognition:

- All-State nominations
 - o Coaches want them earlier to watch players during the season
 - o Need to make sure All-Sectional voting is done correctly

- Last year some coaches nominated but did not vote.
- IHSA All-Academic Teams
 - Many of our water polo teams meet the criteria but are not recognized because coaches don't know about this. Need to get information to coaches so they can get their AD to fill out application.
 - Recognition would be good publicity for the sport and help boost numbers

Hall of Fame:

- Committee has a current list of recommendations.
- Committee is Bill Walztoni, Rich Norman and Jeff Wimer. Looking for new members, especially female members.
- Anyone who meets the criteria can be nominated (even deceased) and all nominees go onto the running list. If not elected that year, they roll over and stay on the running list.
- Current running list:
 - Eric Fischer
 - Ron Koehler
 - John Murphy
 - Dan Nystrom (deceased)
 - Jeff Plackett
 - Steve Vongluekiat
 - Ray Zeason
- Can nominate someone at any time, but someone must be nominated by February 14th to be eligible for the current year. Email out in January to see if there are any more nominations.
- Jesse is updating website to make sure links are functioning for the requirements and a new page of bios and pictures of those inducted.
 - Want bio page to be like baseball hall of fame website.
 - Jeff is sending files to Jesse to get more bios up as soon as possible.

Fundraising:

- Perry Scholarship
 - Fundraiser at O'Sullivans after Varsity MCAC Championship in May (5/7/16)
 - Raised \$2375 in 2015 and gave out two scholarships for \$1500 each.
 - Fundraiser can't be the only way to raise money for the scholarship. Need to get the word out to more coaches/teams both about the scholarship and how to donate.
 - Anything happening with Facebook bidding?
 - Dave Perry week for the MCAC. Other schools could imitate.
 - Want to raise more money to increase the amount of money given away or increase the number of scholarships given away

Officials:

- Need more officials
- Training tournament and clinics coming up to prepare for the season

Communications:

- Lynn Castro has been working on updating coaches' directory for the last year.
- Updates were due by 1/14/16.
- Will be put up on the website and emailed out when finalized.

Website: Jesse Zien

- Has a list of updates he is currently working on (updating/correcting links, removing extra pages, adding a calendar)
- Updating coaching positions (adding/removing as they come up)
- Developing a club section for team information
 - o Links from the homepage to find information easily

Photography: Tom Musch

- Putting links to send him photos on the website
- Players/parents can see their photos and download them
- Looking into putting the All-State DVD on the website

Parks: Beto Garcia

- 7th year of Senior Women's League (7 teams this year)
- First annual Women's Open Tournament (4 teams this year)
 - o Looking to advertise more and get more teams and higher quality of play in the coming years).
- CPD Girls and West Sub Boys represented the Midwest at the Turbo Cup (both ended between 9 and 11)
- Senior Men's and Women's Leagues run by the parks in the fall and winter.
 - o Only open to parks teams
- Winter league: 23 teams at the 14u level and have a 10u championship in March

ODP:

- John Abdou is doing a lot of good work in the Midwest and northeast. This is something we should take advantage of especially because of his education for athletes.
- Just did a clinic in MI (charged \$5/player) and is coming here on March 5th (see the new business section)

USWP:

- Running ODP camps everywhere

Leagues:

- For the first year, there have been bumps in the road, but all tournaments have had people showing up.
- AWP runs the fall and winter leagues
- Rob Lindgren is still working on the summer leagues
 - o Rob please send out the document you gave me so I don't have to type it all again
 - o Looking for different levels of participation based on the development of each program
 - o Should we have AWP take over the summer league as well?
- Need to communicate with AWP about what is a reasonable pool fee. If fee is really high, look for other sites first and then use that site when needed.

New Business:

- Jeff Wimer and Rose Wimer went to a coaches clinic at mens' NCAA tournament
- Looking to promote collaboration between coaches and officials at all levels
 - o Stevenson looking to host a collaboration clinic/workshop between coaches and officials on March 5th

- John Abduo is planning to come – he could handle the registration.
- Need to get info out about this soon!
- Time will allow for practices on Saturday morning. Will be updated on this soon from Jeff Wimer and Rose Wimer.

Next meeting: Monday, February 22nd at 7:00P.M. at Fenwick.

Topics:

Continued Development of teams and players.

Diversity initiatives.

Stance on Pool Costs.

Summer League Proposal:

To meet the needs of teams with diverse goals in participation.

To grow the sport of water polo through access to competition.

To fund IWP initiatives and scholarships.

To encourage collegiality and professionalism amongst coaches.

To engage in professional development in the summer.

3 tiered participation:

Champions League:

*Most competitive and forfeits lead to removal from the league.

*Year one is "open enrollment".

*Subsequent years will require participation in **Premier League** with no forfeits, fees paid on time and communication with coaches and administrators is seamless and helpful.

*Games scheduled within the teams of the league.

*Travel and hosting will be required.

*Scores and standings kept.

*Championship at the end of the summer recognized by IWP as "Summer State Champion".

*Banner and T-Shirts awarded to the champion annually.

*Coaches to present at a mid summer coaches clinic sponsored through League proceeds.

6-10 games and Championship tournament.

\$60 per game (\$840)

\$35 per game if hosting (\$420)

Premier League:

League is mainly focused on gaining experience and developing players.

Games scheduled regionally.

End of season tournament held.

Coaches attend mid summer clinic sponsored through league proceeds.

Forfeits lead to fines, removal from end of summer tournament and future participation restrictions.

6 games and a tournament.

\$50 per game (\$500)

\$35 per game if hosting (\$350)

Emerging Programs Events:

Open pool with coaches/players setting up "pick up games".

Locations based on availability and interest.

Teams would register for an event and bring interested players.

Coaches attend mid summer clinic sponsored through league proceeds.

\$50 per team or \$10 per player per event.

Deposit due in May balance in July?

Other ideas?

Player clinics?

Referee Clinics?