

IWP Meeting Minutes – 4/26/16

In attendance:

Kyle Perry
Chris Cloy
Rob Lindgren
Beto Garcia
Jesse Zien
Carol Macola
Tom Musch
Gary Radville
Elizabeth Timmons

1. Opening Comments – Kyle Perry
 - Gave a run down of what was coming up in the meeting.
2. Treasurer Report – Ron Biamonte
 - Collecting donations for the scholarship
 - Working on a donor list so a letter can be sent out to say thanks
 - The Dave Perry College Scholarship Awareness Week was a success.
 - o Looking to extend this beyond the MCAC next year to include all conferences.
3. Midwest Water Polo and Aquatics Association Executive Board Report
 - Nothing to report at this time
4. Reports:
 - a. Banquet – Sally Stelnicki
 - Flyer is up on the website
 - Flyer will be sent to all coaches, ADs, and handed out at tournaments
 - o Date has been confirmed for Tuesday, May 31, 2016.
 - o Location is the Diplomat West in Elmhurst IL.
 - o The time is 6-9pm.
 - o Liberty Creative Solutions has agreed to print our 2016 IWP All State and Hall of Fame Program Book as they have in the past. Company is run by Jeff Hofer (current Head Coach at Andrew).
 - o Attached is the file for ad submission. (in the email)
 - Fee for equipment rental at the banquet hall.
 - o Need to check to make sure we have reserved everything we need to run presentations at the banquet.
 - Musch needs to know what format material will be in for presentations.
 - o DVD
 - o SD drives for smaller flatscreens
 - o NEED TO REMIND PARENTS/COACHES TO SEND IN PHOTOS FOR THIS.
 - Perry bought the backpacks.

- Need to make sure there is a list of who is getting the tickets that accompany ads that are purchased.
 - o The list needs to get to Sally and Carol.
- b. Player Recognition – Chris Cloy
 - Finalizing coaches ballots for All-Sectional teams.
 - o Cleaner format to vote for All-Sectional teams.
 - o Ballots should be out already.
 - o Ballots are due Sunday after Sectionals.
 - Ballots include player name, position, school, school year
 - Need nominations for Academic Award (player) and Phil Stelnicki Award (volunteer)
 - For all state teams:
 - o 1st or 2nd All-Sectional team players are eligible
 - o Top 2 coaches from each sectional vote for players who are not at their sectionals.
- c. Hall of Fame – Jeff Wimer
 - Being inducted into the Hall of Fame this year is Eric Fischer. I have been in contact with Eric Fischer and Eric is working on his biography.
 - Please remember that nominations can be sent to Jeff Wimer any time of the year and will be added to the current list of candidates.
 - KP found original book with short biographies about each added from the first group of inductees.
 - o He has contacted about 50 Hall of Fame members so far and about 40 have replied back.
 - o There are a few more biographies that Kyle is getting ready to send to Jesse.
- d. Fundraising
 - A large amount of money being raised for the scholarship.
 - o This is good because we are hoping the scholarship will continue in the future.
 - The organization needs to develop fundraisers for IWP itself.
- e. Referees – Perry Korbakis
 - Need more qualified referees (Jesse is awesome!).
 - Looking for coaches to help in recruiting referees.
 - o Could coaches send out information to their alumni email lists? Hopefully this will get some more people to come back and help out.
- f. Communications – Lynn Castro
 - Lynn is working to revamp masters information.
 - List on IWP website
 - o Send in information about clubs if your club is not posted.
 - o Information includes cost, practice time, location and who to contact.
- g. Website – Jesse Zien
 - Scholarship forms are all over the website.
 - Host has been moved to Jesse.
 - Jesse is working on a back-up option to make sure that if something goes wrong, we won't lose everything.
 - We now have a twitter account.
 - News section = series of news posts with blurbs
 - o Can click on the story to see the whole article.
 - o Top 3 news stories are on the home page.

- 7 Hall of Fame biographies are up.
- Mission Statement

“The mission of Illinois Water Polo (IWP) is to provide direction and growth of the sport of water polo in the state of Illinois at the player, coach, club, and high school level.

IWP works in conjunction with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) to support the spring IHSA Boys State Finals and IHSA Girls State Finals.

IWP helps educate athletes, officials, and coaches on the proper game play of water polo. In addition, IWP helps recognize athletes, officials, and coaches for outstanding performance and service to Illinois water polo through the annual All-State banquet.”

- o Add officials and college to the first paragraph.
- o Asking Rick about what needs to be done to change the mission statement.
- By-laws
 - o Currently the by-laws are being reformatted. They should be ready at the next meeting so we can adjust them as needed.
 - We will discuss them at the next meeting to make any changes.
- h. Photography – Tom Musch
 - Be sure to get the word out to coaches/parents to submit photos so they can be a part of the presentations.
- 5. Liaisons Report:
 - a. USWP Liaison – Tim Daniel
 - Please add the Chicago Showcase that will take place at Conant and Hoffman Estates High School on June 18 and 19 to the Illinois Water Polo calendar on the website. information is available here <http://nwcpolo.weebly.com/chicago-showcase.html>
 - o Already completed.
 - o I am really looking for help to publicize the tournament and get as much participation as possible. Any help promoting this would be helpful.
 - b. ODP calendar for the boys – Tim Daniel
 - October 14-16 Midwest Water Polo tournament 18u age group. Coaches clinic, athletes will need a Bronze Level membership. Should be affordable and hopefully a way to see more athletes.
 - November 19-20 Open camps in STL and Conant. Need a Silver membership. Open tryouts much like old format.
 - December 3-4 Travel team training Gold level membership
 - January 14-15 Travel Team training Gold Level membership
 - February 24-26 National Championship
 - JO Qualifier will be all in one state and move each year to make it easier for host sites.
 - o All teams will participate in the same city to make it easier for participating teams.
 - c. College Programs Liaison – Gregg Emdee
 - New position filled
 - Works at McKendree University
 - d. Chicago Park District Liaison – Beto Garcia
 - Leagues finished
 - First 2 weekends
 - 8th year of the womens’ summer league
 - Mens’ Midwest open = end of July/early August
 - Womens’ Midwest open

6. League Updates – Rob Lindgren
 - CPS meeting to discuss getting more schools involved.
 - AWP gives money to IWP
7. Old Business
 - CPS liaison?
8. New Business
 - a. Water bottles – Gary Radville
 - Made in IL
 - Small run sizes
 - Can design your own on the website with uploaded photos.
 - Designs are 8x8 inches
 - Discounts to individuals and teams that would purchase and the company would provide a rebate to IWP
 - All local shipping
 - Could this replace the backpacks at the All-State Banquet?
 - o Would be less expensive and might be something they will use in college even though it is from high school.
 - b. Next meeting will be Monday, June 6th at 7pm in the Fenwick Library.
9. Closing Comments and Adjournment