

Illinois Water Polo Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2017

In Attendance:

Kyle Perry – President

Elizabeth Timmons - Secretary

Carol Macola

Tim Daniel

Tom Musch

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
 - Can't believe how fast the last few months have gone by.
 - High school season is underway and everything is really crazy.
2. Treasurers Report – Ron Biamonte (not in attendance)
 - Scholarship checks have now been sent
 - o Kyle will be checking in with the players to ensure that this has happened.
 - o Kyle has already emailed the players to let them know that everything should be cleared.
3. Midwest Water Polo and Aquatics Association Executive Board Report – Rick Marsh, Garrin Kapecki, Jeff Wimer, Sally Stelnicki, Perry Korbakis
 - Nothing to report at this time.
4. Reports:
 - a. All State Banquet – Sally Stelnicki
 - Date has been set as Tuesday, May 30th.
 - o Diplomat West is venue again because of location and their ability to accommodate us as the only event, free parking for those who attend and not requiring payment up front.
 - o Information is up on the website and flyer will be distributed and posted.
 - For anyone who will be reserving tables or using tickets from an ad purchase, names must be provided.
 - o Want to have placecards for these people at their tables so we need names in advance.
 - o Sponsorship levels will include sponsoring a table.
 - Might mean more sponsorships.
 - Looking into a paypal/venmo option for payments next year.
 - b. Player Recognition – Chris Cloy (not in attendance)
 - Chris has updated the coaches' directory.
 - o Looking for coaches to check the links to make sure all is good.
 - We are currently waiting for IHSA to announce assignments.
 - c. Hall of Fame – Jeff Wimer (not in attendance)
 - No updates this time, but we should have an updated running list for the Hall of Fame Nominees at the next meeting.
 - d. Fundraising – Kyle Perry
 - Lively Bottle website
 - o We are currently working on developing our website with Lively Bottle. We are hoping this will be live soon and that we can work with them and encourage teams to do the same.
 - We want to promote this before the end of the season.
 - o Water bottles can be customized for teams and would include the IWP logo.
 - This brings up the issue of branding as we should have everything with the same logo.
 - Currently, no one seems to know the motivation/reason behind the logo as it currently is.
 - Lively Bottle is working to recreate the image because the one we have is too low resolution.
 - Want to ask the ad book people to see if they have a better image that can be used.
 - Jolyn Trunk Shows

- Trunk shows have been hosted at some of the girls' tournaments throughout the season.
 - 10% of the purchases are kicked back to the program hosting. A few of these events have brought in checks for the scholarship fund.
- e. Referees – Perry Korbakis (not in attendance)
 - Nothing to report at this time, except that we are always looking for new referees.
- f. Communications – Lynn Castro (not in attendance)
 - Currently Lynn is helping with getting Hall of Fame bios up on the website.
- g. Website – Jesse Zien
 - Website has been registered with Google.
 - This means we can track the traffic to the site, but it takes a while to get enough data to do this.
 - Midwest Masters Tournament
 - Re-occurring so the info can continue to be posted up each year for players
 - 16 masters tournaments each year, and they are all posted on the website.
- h. Photography – Tom Musch
 - For the Lynch tournament (hosted at Fenwick), an advertisement was put into the program about collecting photos.
 - Information has been sent to all of the coaches. Please continue to encourage coaches and parents to send in their game photos.

5. Liaisons Report

- a. & b. USWP Liaison & ODP - Tim Daniel
 - ODP season ended in March with the final tournament for boys.
 - They are looking into adjusting the dates so the final tournament will not continue to be held the same weekend as state swimming in Illinois.
 - Upcoming tournament on Columbus Day weekend.
 - Last year this was successful so they are going to run it again. In the future, the hope is that this tournament will link up with the National team tournament
 - Could we host a national league event in the Chicagoland area?
 - May 21st – Tony Azevedo Clinic
 - Hosted at Conant High School from 9am-1pm.
 - Looking into an age group component between the high school games that are taking place.
- c. College Programs Liaison – position is available
 - Gregg Emde recently resigned from McKendree so this position has become available again.
 - We are looking for an NCAA coach to help inform our coaches about what is important in the college scene.
 - Monmoth Coach would be a good candidate because he is at state almost every year and is extremely interested in picking up Illinois players for his team.
 - Would be ideal to have someone involved in the college and club scene to understand all options for players.
 - Harper College is a club team run by Pat Bower. He would be a good candidate as well.
 - Wondering what we can do to help the Liaison(s) grow water polo in their area.
- d. Chicago Park District Liaison – Beto Garcia (not in attendance)
 - No current updates

6. League Updates – Rob Lindgren

- High School League Coaches and Officials Clinic coming up on June 3rd and 4th
 - Clinic would be hosted during the day and there would be a social at night on Saturday (June 3rd) at Arlington Race Track.
 - Cost for the clinic would be between \$6000-7000 and we are still working out the details about what the cost will be for participants.

- Hoping the clinic will be free for coaches who have signed up teams in the league. Hoping to provide the clinic at a reasonable cost to coaches who are not participating in the league.
 - Unsure about a cost for officials who will participate.
 - Unsure about inviting families for free.
- Can we offer CPDUs to encourage participation from coaches or officials?
- This clinic is an opportunity for IWP to use money to help water polo grow in Illinois.
- Summer League info will be out in April.
 - There will be different divisions again based on the team's interest and availability.

7. Old Business

- a. Carol Macola – By-laws Discussion
 - The current by-laws of the organization do not fit the needs of IWP because they don't have a purpose or include the name of the organization and have never been approved.
 - Other current requirements:
 - Midwest Water Polo and Aquatics Association (MWPAA) needs to approve financial decisions and is the current governing body.
 - No current election information or term limits are included for the positions on the IWP board (president, vice president, secretary and treasurer) or the MWPAA Executive Board.
 - Would like to have a committee to work on this outside of the normal meeting times. Organizing this committee will take place at the next meeting.

8. New Business

- a. Awards
 - We are looking into changing the awards handed out at the banquet for the All-State players. We have considered doing 4 different gifts based on how many years you are awarded as an All-State player. We have also considered using only once gift, but something that is more practical than the current backpack.
 - Options include:
 - Water Bottles would be a good option.
 - Kids use them so IWP would get recognition because our logo would be on it.
 - Order in bulk and we would get a discount.
 - Water Polo Balls
 - Chris Przekota's company might be able to create a ball with our IWP logo on it.
 - Kids would use the ball so we would get recognition and we would be supporting a local company.
 - Patch
 - Kids could attach the patch to their backpack for each year that made the team.
 - Swim cap
 - Players could get a swim cap with the IWP logo on it. IWP would be recognized, and it's practical for water polo players.

9. Next meeting

- Sunday, April 30th @ 7pm in the Fenwick library

10. Closing Comments & Adjournment