

Illinois Water Polo Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2018

Attendance:

Kyle Perry – President

Elizabeth Timmons - Secretary

Rob Lindgren

Tim Daniel

Rose Wimer

Tom Musch

Sally Stelnicki

Carol Macola

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
2. By-law completion
 - The by-laws were agreed on at last meeting and are now enacted as our by-laws.
 - They will be going up on the website shortly.
 - November will be elections meeting.
 - o President and secretary this year for the Officers.
 - o Elections for the board of directors will take place as well. These will have staggered end dates so not all will be up for elections at once.
 - Thank you to everyone who participated in the creation of our by-laws over the last year and a half which includes the by-laws committee members and all of those who have contributed to discussions at the meetings.
 - moving forward there is a good structure in place for anyone who wants to join our organization or become a committee chair, board of director member or officer.
3. Treasurers Report – Ron Biamonte (absent)
 - The only cash movement this month has been two checks:
 - o For Perry and the AG refs.
 - o For Rob and the IWP clinic/social at Arlington.
 - Ron will provide an update with dollar amounts at the next meeting in September.
 - o Goal is to have 2 financial reports each year.
4. Midwest Water Polo and Aquatics Association Executive Board Report – Rick Marsh, Garrin Kapecki, Jeff Wimer, Sally Stelnicki, Perry Korbakis
 - Since the adoption of our by-laws, this group will remain in place until November when the elections for our board of directors will take place.
 - Elections will take place in November and the requirements for candidates are listed in the by-laws.
 - IWP will be accepting nominations for the board of directors at the September meeting in person.
 - o Nominations for the board of directors can also be emailed to the Officers of IWP. Please be sure anyone nominated is aware and wants to take the position.
5. Reports:
 - a. All State Banquet – Sally Stelnicki
 - We have the form from last year. Only need to make a few changes, including the date.
 - Sponsorship forms are ready and they will be posted to IWP website and emailed out to coaches and officials shortly.
 - o This has been done. Please pass on information to anyone who might be interested in participating.
 - o Prices stayed the same this year for sponsor levels.

- All-State Banquet booklet organizer still needed for the future. Please reach out if you have anyone in mind.
 - o Kyle will be working on the booklet for this year, updating awards, pictures and dates.
- Sponsor information will be sent to Sally and Carol so they know who should get the tickets that go with sponsors.
- On the sponsor form, an Award sponsor would be responsible for providing signage if they want it. Could use a poster board and have on stage so when players take their photos, they would be advertising in the photo.
- Please let Kyle know if there are any errors ASAP because this is going to get blasted out. Be sure to share with anyone that you know will be interested in going to the banquet or participating.
- b. Player Recognition – Chris Cloy (absent)
 - This year online format for All-State and All-Sectional voting.
 - o Chris is looking into the feasibility of having an in person meeting in the future, if that is still something that coaches want.
 - o This year, all 3 teams from All-Sectional votes will be included for All-State voting and Chris is hoping that by using Excel (the easiest to tabulate the results on) that the format will not be too overwhelming for coaches.
 - Chris is currently soliciting nominations for Phil Stelnicki and Senior Scholastic Award as well.
- c. Photography – Tom Musch
 - give website to parents to send in photos
- d. Fundraising – Kyle Perry
 - Saturday, May 5th at 6pm at O'Sullivan's is Dave Perry College Scholarship Fundraiser after Varsity MCAC championship game.
 - o Socialize and hang out with coaches and officials before heading into sectionals. Families and children are welcome since the bar is also a restaurant.
- e. Referees – Perry Korbakis (absent)
 - Please don't forget to email any names for people who want to become an official to Perry.
- f. Website – Jesse Zien (absent)
 - Website Numbers for this month:
 - o Last 30 days we had 1,493 sessions by 1,171 users with 2,968 page views with 2.00 pages per session on average and a bounce rate of 61.22%.
 - o Last 90 days we had 4,000 sessions by 2,764 users with 8,480 page views with 2.12 pages per session on average and a bounce rate of 58.12%.
 - o This is another increase since last we checked (March 13th).
 - There were some large spikes right around when we posted about Bill and then when we updated it to include Mark.
 - Based on the numbers that we are seeing, advertising would hopefully be feasible by the summer.
 - o To be discussed at future meetings: What are the goals of IWP with advertising on the website?
 - PayPal update:
 - o We are closing the current PayPal Account and opening new one because while we can log in to old account, there are settings that cannot be changed (organizer name, etc) and we want to make this something that we can transfer from one person to another.
 - o Old account currently has about \$400.
 - Goal of the PayPal account:
 - o We could use this to collect donations for IWP or for the Dave Perry College Scholarship.

- In addition, we could use it to sell banquet books for those who did not attend the banquet as a another way to fundraise.
- g. Hall of Fame – Jeff Wimer (absent)
 - Hall of Fame Inductees have been selected for this year and will be inducted at the banquet.
 - The Hall of Fame Committee is always looking for nominations and guidelines are on the website. When someone goes on the list, they are never take off and are considered for future years if they are not inducted the year they are nominated.

6. Liaisons Report

- a. USAWP Liaison – Midwest Board Members Present / Tim Daniel
- b. ODP – Tim Daniel
 - USAWP officially changed the ODP schedule to avoid conflict with boys swimming.
 - Now, there will be a travel opportunity in January for boys and girls that will be half clinic and half games to choose the eligible candidates for ODP.
 - Top 14 will travel for first weekend in March for non CA zones. This means that there are fewer conflicts with boys swimming so hopefully there will be more participation.
 - This year's team will be announced shortly and 2 IL male players have made the team to travel to Hungary.
 - JO Qualifier will take place on June 15, 16 & 17 in St. Louis for boys and girls.
 - For girls, there has not been a need in the last few years for a qualifier, but if needed this year, the tournament will take place in St. Louis as well.
 - Chicago Showcase is June 23 & 24 at Conant and Hoffman Estates. Information to come shortly.
- c. College Programs Liaison – Ryan Hall (McKendree Water Polo Coach) (absent)
 - nothing to report at this time
- d. Chicago Park District Liaison – Beto Garcia (absent)
 - CPD is currently wrapping up their winter league season:
 - 3 sr. women teams
 - 7 sr. men teams
 - 21 10u teams
 - 30 14u teams
 - Information about the upcoming summer session:
 - Midwest Open for men is back after a year off and the information has already been sent out.
 - Midwest Open for Women info has also already been sent out.
 - Women's league is entering 10th year.
 - If you have any teams that might be interested in participating in any of the summer opportunities, please direct them to Beto.

7. League Updates – Rob Lindgren

- Info has been sent out to teams for league and summer kick off clinic.
- Currently, we are waiting on lots of registrations but are excited to have 3 new teams joining this summer.
- Rob is working on finalizing details of the clinic with Arlington and final information will be sent out shortly.
- Questions came up about starting an age group league during the summer that would be similar to the high school leagues that we already run in that games could be played on weeknights instead of or in addition to weekends.

- We are currently waiting on info about AWP age group league. Hopefully this will be coming in the next few weeks and then it can be distributed to coaches who are interested in starting up an age group league.
 - It would be nice to have more teams and expand the league.
- Croc center (119th in Palos Heights) run by Salvation Army has water polo. This would be a place that we should reach out to in order to add another team.

8. Old Business

- a. Lively Bottle Water Polo – All-State award
 - Current Design Ideas:
 - quarter panel so we can have 4 parts of the design
 - picture of Stevenson pool as one of the squares
 - first team All-State
 - IWP logo
 - Name of player - could do all players on first team so you don't have to decide who gets which. If we include names, we will have to make sure that each player gets one, even if they are not at the banquet.
 - In the future, we could have a certificate that each player would fill out and send in with their address.
 - This way, if a player is not interested in doing this, they don't have to get the award and IWP would save money.
 - We could also work on an electronic certificate that could be emailed for someone who might not be at the banquet.
 - This would also allow parents to purchase more than one.
 - For this year, might make it simpler to just have us do this for this year instead of each player sending it in, but will consider in the future when we use water bottles again.

9. New Business

- a. Springfield YMCA is very interested in starting water polo as part of their aquatic programing. How can IWP help?
 - looking for ways to generate membership and get players to have a league
 - want to have consistent numbers vs just a pick-up game
 - Please brainstorm ideas of how IWP can help foster water polo in this new area.
- b. IWP honoring and remembering Bill Dolehide
 - Could we create an award in his honor?
 - Years of service award (he officiated for 17 years)
 - Any official would be able to apply for this award after 17 years of service.
 - Billy officiated 8 IHSA state tournaments
 - Could use that as the year requirement as well.
 - IWP would like to encourage more officials to come to the banquet and having another award might help with that.
 - IWP knows that it is good for families and coaches to view the officials as a part of our community which can sometimes not happen during the season. In addition, IWP wants to make sure officials feel appreciated.
 - after establishing a ref award, this could lead to a coaches award also.
 - IWP would also like to include pictures in the slide show of Billy officiating.
 - Mike Murphy award for officials has not been given out at the banquet for the last few years but it has been given out.

- IWP would like to change this in the future so it is always given out at the banquet.
 - One concern about creating new awards is that we will not be able to honor everyone from our community with an award once they have passed on.
 - c. IWP Coaching clinic, organization awareness, and fundraiser at Arlington Park, June 10th
 - Rob is moving forward and finalizing details at Arlington. Information about the even has already gone out to coaches and officials.
 - This event will be a fundraiser and a way to get more people involved in IWP.
 - d. National States Challenge run by AWP
 - This summer (July 12-15 - weekend before JOs start) the tournament is coming back to Chicago and will be hosted at Lyons and Fenwick.
 - This year games will not be hosted at Portage Park because AWP is concerned about the weather.
 - Tournament includes high school boys and girls teams and would include 14U as well if there is interest
 - Last year only one 14U team from east coast came
 - Information about the tournament will be sent out soon.
 - e. Stevenson hosting a clinic at Stevenson on Saturday of State Tournament
 - The clinic involves college coaches coming to work with other coaches (a round table) from 2-3pm.
 - This does a pose a conflict with Coaches Roundtable with Beth Sauser from IHSA?
 - Maybe in the future we can combine the clinic with the round table discussion.
10. Next meetings at Fenwick Library: Sunday, September 9, 7pm, and Sunday, November 4, 7pm.
- PLEASE NOTES THAT THE UPCOMING MEETINGS HAVE HAD A CHANGE OF DATE.
 - Dates changed to Sundays because of easier travel compared to Monday nights.
 - Please submit any nominations in September for the board of directors, president and secretary
 - Nominations can also be emailed
 - Elections will take place for the board of directors, President and Secretary in November.
 - Please see the by-laws for requirements to nominate someone or to be eligible to vote.
 - Meeting dates for 2019 will be announced in November meeting.
11. Closing Comments & Adjournment