

## Illinois Water Polo Meeting Agenda for 5/16/21

### Attendance:

Kyle Perry - IWP President  
Beto Garcia - IWP Vice President  
Heather Serrano - IWP Treasurer  
Elizabeth Timmons - IWP Secretary  
Jeff Plackett - IWP Board of Directors  
Rose Wimer - IWP Board of Directors  
Joe Kamper  
Mike Cashman  
Jimmy Heard  
Tom Musch  
Missy Hines  
Megan Brownley  
Tim Daniel

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
  - It is absolutely incredible that we have made it through the season to Sectionals and State!
2. Treasurer's Report – Heather Serrano
  - At this time, we have not heard back from the IRS or Attorney General about our back taxes. Heather plans to wait a little longer and then will be reaching out as needed.
  - There is a \$345 deduction that will show up once the checks we sent have cleared.
  - Once the name changes, we will update all of the bank stuff to be in the correct name.
  - \$6 for Google Suite was only outgoing charge this month and a little interest came our way from the Scholarship Fund in the CD.
  - Moving forward, can we start working on a mid-year budget. Where do we need to spend money this summer to get ready for the next season?
3. Reports:
  - A. All State Banquet – Elizabeth Timmons
    - Instead of a virtual banquet, IWP plans to honor those selected to All-Sectional and All-State with various social media posts, including posts of the player of the year speeches. We are hoping this will reach more people, draw more people to the IWP website and provide much needed recognition for our athletes.
    - Voting will be done as it has been in the past.
    - This year, all certificates will be mailed. Coaches will be needed to help facilitate reaching the athletes to make sure they get their certificates.
    - Elizabeth will make a google form for coaches to import addresses for players that receive awards.
    - Keep the certificate the same for this year in terms of design. Any changes can happen in 2022.
  - B. Photography – Tom Musch - <https://illinoiswaterpoloimages.wordpress.com/>
    - be sure to send photos and we can keep using them for promoting players on the website.
  - C. Website – Jesse Zien
    - Nothing to report at this time. Jesse is looking forward to the redesign of the website.
  - D. Player Recognition - Chris Cloy
    - All Sectional Selections will be determined by where you place at Sectionals.
      - Recognition Breakdown: Sectional Champions: 4 recipients, 3 selections to the 1st Team, 1 selection to the 2nd Team, Sectional Runner-Up: 4 recipients, 2 selections to the 1st Team, 2 selections to the 2nd Team, Sectional Semi-Final Finalist (2 Teams): 2 recipients per Finalist, 1

selection to the 1st Team, 1 selection to the 2nd Team, Sectional Quarter-Final Finalist (4 Teams): 1 recipient per Finalist, 1 selection to the 2nd Team

- This will not be the voting process going forward, but is a good way for us to take on this task for this year to ensure fairness, especially when coaches might not have seen all players in the sectional and won't necessarily see them as sectional games are not hosted at one site this year. In addition, it helps to promote team success over individual achievement this year.
- Emails will be sent to start soliciting nominations on Monday so that once we have the results at the end of the week, we can plug these in and have a quick turn around.
- All-State and Senior Scholastic awards and voting will remain the same as they have in the past.
- Nominations for IL State Coach of the year is limited to Sectional coaches of the year and coaches of sectional championships
- Phil Stelnicki Award is with the Hall of Fame Committee
  - Is a lifetime recognition award so that is why it went to that committee.
  - Have two nominations for this year.

#### E. Hall of Fame – Jeff Wimer

- These awards will not be handed out this year because we would like to honor Hall of Fame Inductees at an in person event. Those who should have been inducted last year and this year will carry over to our next in person banquet.
- These people are often good fundraisers so we want to make sure we blow it out of the park when we get to honor these people.
- We would also like consistency so might have a bigger nomination class at the next in person banquet so that we can have someone inducted from 2020 and 2021 but accept their award at the next banquet.

#### 4. Liaisons Report

##### a. USWP Liaison – Midwest Board Members Present & ODP - Tim Daniel

- Development Camp
- Cadet camp at Naperville North on Memorial day weekend Sunday (May 30th)
- Planned because of getting close to the selection camp.

##### b. Chicago Park District - Beto Garcia

- Finally good news! Outdoor pools and beaches will be open. No indoor pools will be open. Currently, struggling to fill lifeguard positions.
- The Park District has had no contact with age-group kids in the pool since last March so they are very excited to get kids back in the water.
- No women's league or other tournaments as competitions are still questionable at this time.

##### c. College Programs Liaison - Ryan Castle (Carthage)

- NCAAs this weekend for women
  - USC won the women's championship.
  - Marist and Salem International competed and they have IL athletes.
- Ryan is planning to come to State if he can observe.

##### d. League updates - Jesse Zien

- We got a lot more responses after the mass email Megan and Cashman sent out and are now up to 23 teams.
- We will do a similar format to 2019.
  - 6 weeks with games on Wednesday and Thursdays.
  - \$750 per team (\$650 for hosting teams) 2 games a week.
- Season will begin the second week of June.
- Jesse will reach out to Joe to get the ball rolling on officials.
- AWP is looking for hosts for the 14U tournament.
  - If anyone is able to host, please reach out to AWP and let them know. The usual hosts are not available for this summer.

5. Bylaw amendment result

- The Board of Directors and IWP officers have voted, and we have changed the organization's name, and we are now officially Illinois Water Polo. The original name of Midwest Water Polo and Aquatics Association DBA Illinois Water Polo has been changed to Illinois Water Polo. The bylaws will be updated and amended to reflect this.

6. IHSA updates:

a. IHSA Sectionals and IHSA State Tournament

- i. BOYS: <https://www.ihsa.org/Sports-Activities/Boys-Water-Polo/State-Series-Information-Results>
- ii. GIRLS: <https://www.ihsa.org/Sports-Activities/Girls-Water-Polo/State-Series-Information-Results>
- Fenwick is going to do whatever they can to provide the best experience for athletes participating in the tournament.
- Sadly no spectators.
- Good luck at Sectionals and with the rest of the season!

7. Old business:

a. Dave Perry Scholarship for 2021

- There is money in the scholarship fund.
- Since the scholarship was not handed out last year, there might be more than two awarded this year.
- Hoping to increase scholarship funding in the future across the entire state since the scholarship has been given to players from a variety of high schools attending a variety of colleges.

8. New Business:

- Nothing to report at this time.

9. Next meetings will be on Zoom: Sunday, June 13 7:30pm, Monday, September 20 7:30pm, and Monday, November 16 7:30pm. Elections will be held in November.

10. Closing Comments & Adjournment