

Illinois Water Polo Meeting Minutes for 5/1/22

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
 - Things appear to be getting back to normal with the high school season and upcoming summer season.
 - Good luck to everyone in the last few weeks as coaches, parents and officials.
2. IWP Sexual Harrassment training and Code of Conduct -Kyle
 - Training has been finalized.
 - This will go out before the IWP summer league begins so all volunteers, coaches, officials, BOD and officers will need to read and sign this.
3. Treasurer's Report – Heather Serrano
 - \$72 in expenses
 - Google sheet and constant contact are the only constant outgoing expenses, however, we only brought in interest this month which was less than \$1.
 - We might want to brainstorm about how we can generate more income, other than just relying on donations?
 - Heather still needs to open another savings account.
 - Taxes are going to be fine for this year. 2017 taxes are still being worked on and our accountant is working with the IRS on their questions for that report.
4. Reports:
 - A. All State Banquet – Elizabeth Timmons
 - June 1st
 - Diplomat West
 - Dinner prices have gone up
 - Could we lower the cost by going more with appetizers and finger foods? Or maybe could we do buffet or family style vs a plated dinner?
 - Give him a budget per person and see what they could make work.
 - Shoot for \$25-\$30/person
 - a. Banquet Booklet - Kyle Perry
 - Program for the evening and a way to advertise and get sponsorships
 - Please share the information coming from Kyle, Jesse and Megan.
 - Kyle is looking for help from anyone with design experience or anyone who wants to help.
 - B. Photography – Tom Musch - <https://illinoiswaterpoloimages.wordpress.com/>
 - People are starting to submit images and Tom has some to include in the booklet.
 - Please keep advertising this website to your parents and make sure that your team is represented.
 - Be on the lookout for information about it on upcoming email blasts.
 - C. Website – Jesse Zien
 - Request to get the last 2 years of banquet books up on the website.
 - We will update the Hall of Fame section as well.
 - Jesse is really excited for the redesign that is eventually coming.
 - D. Player Recognition - Chris Cloy, Kyle Perry, and Mike Cashman
 - A few changes coming to the set-up for player recognition from what was done in 2019. This year will be similar to last year, but more plates will be recognized. The number of recipients from a team for All-Sectional teams will depend on how a team finishes at Sectionals.
 - Sectional champion - 5 recipients
 - Runner-Up - 4 recipients
 - 2 semi-Final teams - 3 recipients
 - 4 quarter finals - 1 recipient to 2nd team
 - anyone out before that - 1 recipient to Honorable Mention
 - All-State recognition stays the same and the sectional champion coaches are voting on the top 40 athletes in the state.

- IWP sent out information about how to nominate players for All-Sectionals and Senior Scholastic. Coaches should check their emails and more communications are coming about this.
 - Thank you to Chris for all of his work on player recognition! We are looking forward to recognizing these players at the end of the season.
 - E. Communications - Mike Cashman and Megan Brownley
 - Weekly emails going out with game requests and then information about Player Recognition and the Dave Perry College Scholarship.
 - F. Hall of Fame - Jeff Wimer
 - Selections have been made and we will get this information on the website as soon as the nominations have been made public.
 - This committee has also taken on the Phil Stelnicki award as well.
 - G. Fundraising - Kyle Perry
 - a. Dave Perry College Scholarship
 - Scholarship fundraiser on Saturday at O'Sullivan's on Saturday after the MCAC championships at Fenwick. Very laid back opportunity to raise a little money for the scholarship and hang out with other coaches, parents, officials to help foster community.
5. Liaisons Report
- a. USWP Liaison – Midwest Board Members Present & ODP - Tim Daniel
 - ODP - all coaching positions are open and everyone is encouraged to apply. They are looking for applications for new coaches.
 - midwest zone board
 - Anyone planning to go to JOs should join the next board meeting on May 15th to get information.
 - Check the zone website because the calendar has important dates and please share anything if there is anything missing on there.
 - Can we get a link to USAWP zone website? IWP can get a link to the website.
 - b. Chicago Park District - Beto Garcia
 - nothing to report at this time
 - c. College Programs Liaison - Ryan Castle (Carthage)
 - More and more IL players are continuing to play in college! This is a great thing!
 - d. League updates - Jesse Zien
 - High School Leagues
 - Email went out a few weeks ago to let everyone know what the plan was.
 - The plan is to have the usual Wed/Thurs night games set up for high school leagues
 - This summer the league will be taking the week of the 4th of July off and will avoid the National States Challenge weekend.
 - Jesse is waiting to hear back from Joe Kamper about the payment structure for refs and then he will figure out how we will be able to pay them through IWP.
 - Evarado will be working on the schedule and working with Coaches on last minute changes to schedules.
 - This summer will be all one league again because things are still a little goofy with teams and planning out the summer. The goal is to also have an end of season tournament on a Saturday but have to work around JOs and other end of the summer tournaments.
 - 14U and 12U league is run through AWP and will be happening again this summer. More information should be coming out soon.
5. Old business:
- a. National State Challenge - Chicago, IL - July 7-10
 - Chicago Park District (most likely Portage Park) and Fenwick are the hosts for games.
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 - b. AWP Age Group and high school Summer leagues

- See league updates.

6. New Business:

a. IHSA Water Polo State Playoffs

- Heading into the postseason at this time for the high school season. Good luck to all players, coaches, and officials!

b. Augustana College

- This is the 2nd college water polo team in IL
- They are competing in the USAWP Division III National Championship. They play their first game on Saturday. This is their first year having a team and they have been very successful.
- D I NCAA finals will be streamed next weekend on ESPN. Encourage people to watch to increase viewership and encourage more coverage of our sport.

c. Leyden

- Started up a water polo team as a co-op between the East and West. If you know of anyone else starting programs, please let Kyle know so we can plug them and be excited

d. Luke McGuire

- Luke was just inducted into the Chicago Catholic League Hall of Fame on April 28th.
- He was an incredible athlete and came back to coach at Fenwick and was the aquatics director for several years as well.
- It was very exciting to see someone from our water polo community being inducted into this Hall of Fame.

7. Next meeting will be on Zoom (possibly more than usual): Sunday, June 26 7:30pm, Sunday, September 18 7:30pm, and Sunday, November 6 7:30pm

8. Closing Comments & Adjournment