

Illinois Water Polo Meeting Minutes for 1/30/22 7:30pm

Attendance:

Kyle Perry - President
Jimmy Heard - Vice President
Heather Serrano - Treasurer
Elizabeth Timmons - Secretary
Beto Garcia - BOD
Rose Wimer - BOD
Eddie Prystelski
Joe Kamper
Megan Brownley
Tim Daniel
Phil Hofmann

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91849181652?pwd=MTRYWERkaWRuZ0hJa29DdVVlamFKQT09>

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
 - are set for a high school season and are currently running leagues
 - will start planning summer stuff soon.
 - Michigan high school boys are playing in the spring so that means we can have some IL/Michigan games that we have not had in the past.
2. Board of Directors - Kyle Perry, Carlos Ceja, Rose Wimer, Beto Garcia, Ed Prystelski
 - Have a lot of ideas for 2022!
 - Focus on player development at the 14U level - Beto is taking charge of creating opportunities and enhancing opportunities that we already have for these.
 - Officiating - Improving communication on the officiating side and highlighting training tournament and training opportunities that are available for officials.
 - We will be working to make sure everyone knows what is available so it is easy for people to get the information.
 - Working on recruiting more officials and specifically female officials to our sport.
3. IWP Sexual Harrassment training and Code of Conduct -Kyle
 - Kyle has put together a training. In the finishing process now and then will be presented to everyone within the organization.
 - Also have a code of conduct that is applicable to all volunteers, officers, board of directors, officials.
 - Kyle hopes this can roll out before the high school season so we can be up and running.
4. Treasurer's Report – Heather Serrano
 - Report was sent out and will be attached.
 - Focused on where we ended up for expenses and revenue for 2021. We ended the year on a positive and we were up about \$4500. We didn't lose money which is a good thing.
 - Most came from the league. AWP helped a lot with the increases in officials fees.
 - \$950 toward the scholarship fund.
 - We have a checking account, savings account and CD. CD is for the Scholarship and can only deposit and remove money at one time/year. Heather would like to have a separate savings account to hold funds until CD is ready. Would help avoid having money put into the general fund and risk losing putting it in the scholarship fund.
 - Would like to have a proposed budget for 2022. This would help everyone be on the same page for what is coming in and what is going out. Also, would show what we are planning money for during the year.
5. Reports:
 - A. All State Banquet – Elizabeth Timmons

- Season ends on 5/21, Memorial day is 5/30
- Wednesday, 6/1 or Thursday 6/2
- Only 1 set of certificates for this year (except for Naperville North girls)
 - B. Photography – Tom Musch - <https://illinoiswaterpoloimages.wordpress.com/>
- Nothing new at this time.
 - C. Website – Jesse Zien
- Nothing new at this time.
- email from Jesse
 - D. Player Recognition - Chris Cloy, Kyle Perry, and Mike Cashman
- Nothing new at this time.
- Chris is maybe looking to take a step back. If anyone is interested in helping out with player recognition, please direct them to Kyle so we can get them set up with Chris.
 - E. Communications - Mike Cashman and Megan Brownley
- It has been good to see the weekly updates and emails for jobs and game requests.
- Can we get something on there about officials?
 - F. Hall of Fame - Jeff Wimer
- As long as we have an in person banquet, we will have an induction class.
 - G. Fundraising - Kyle Perry
 - a. Dave Perry College Scholarship
- \$950 for the Dave Perry Scholarship
- Beached Whale's hosted a tournament and any extra over the entry fee went to the scholarship fund.
- Two other outside donations
- All donors received a thank you note from IWP.

6. Liaisons Report

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

- Recap:
 - ODP Cycle is ending with the National Championships in March.
 - Regionals were in January and Midwest had a good showing even though some were out with Covid.
- Tim is the new Midwest Zone Chair.
 - Big initiatives to move forward. Want USA WP members on the committees to get many different opinions about what is happening with USAWP in the Midwest. Reach out to Tim if you are interested in joining any of these committees.
 - Step up communications with their website.
 - Zone chair updates every month to highlight that there is a Midwest Zone Board so more people know they can get involved.
 - Including a calendar to highlight events in IL, MI, OH, MO
 - Forming our Junior Olympic Committee to make sure that they are serving people the best way possible for the qualifier and JO tournament.
 - Champions Cup Qualifier Event
 - New format for JOs - 3 sessions
 - Boys, girls,
 - Session 3 is in Texas and there is no qualifier requirement.
 - If you don't qualify for Session 1 or 2, you can decide then that you want to go to Session 3 in Texas.
 - Is there a way to get parents more in the know, now that players register themselves? Emails going to players might not be seen.

b. Chicago Park District - Beto Garcia

- Running local swim meets but with all the covid spikes during the holidays they are not running those and are not running their local leagues.

- High School girls are involved in the Elite league in Chicago this winter.
- c. College Programs Liaison - Ryan Castle (Carthage)
- Women's water polo is getting started right now.
- d. League updates - Jesse Zien
- AWP league updates - nothing to report at this time.
- Hoping to add in something for the USAWP Elite league as well.

5. Old business:

- a. Deep Dish clinic
- Elyssa Hawkins is at Pomona Pitzer, Alison Rocha from St. Francis, Brian from Iona
 - 3 people connected to IL, coaching at the collegiate level and coming back to give back to the community.
 - It was a good opportunity for players and coaches.
 - Discussion of how we can run more camps for our athletes where we could generate more money back to the organization. What about officiating clinics? Could invite officials to speak about becoming an official when athletes no longer get to play.
 - To get more officials, we need to keep the young players engaged. How can we do that?
 - What is the process to become an official? Can we make this transparent and put this information out for people? Can we send out the point of contacts to begin the process to become an official?
- b. Dave Perry Classic at Fenwick on Sunday, November 20th.
 - Was one of the first Master's Events that came back.
 - Was also a scholarship fundraiser (as stated earlier)

6. New Business:

- a. Coaching Clinic USA WP at Fremd - February 5 & 6
 - Adam Kricorian is coming out. Coaches will be running events in the pool and in the classroom. ODP athletes will be the guinea pigs for training in the water.
 - Sport 80 has been difficult for registration but they are taking walk-ins as well. If you want to go and can't register, please attend and they will find a way to get people in.
 - Hoping to do a promotional membership for people who are attending.
- b. Two Daves Tournament - Officials training?
 - This tournament that is usually at Fenwick is NOT happening this year.
 - Eddie said they will blast out information so all coaches and refs have the information about the 20th of February at Sandburg. It is a 6 game girls tournament for high school girls. 12pm start for the first game.
- c. 2022 - Website updates with Jimmy, Megan
 - We want to make information easier to find and easier for people to use.

7. Next meeting will be on Zoom (possibly more than usual): Sunday, March 13 7:30pm, Sunday, May 1 7:30pm, Sunday, June 26 7:30pm, Sunday, September 18 7:30pm, and Sunday, November 6 7:30pm

8. Closing Comments & Adjournment