

Illinois Water Polo Meeting Minutes for 9-18-22

Attendance

Kyle Perry - IWP President
Rose Wimer - BOD
Carlos Ceja - BOD
Jimmy Heard - IWP Vice-President
Elizabeth Timmons - Secretary
Tim Daniel - Liaison
Jesse Zien - Liaison
Tom Musch - Liaison
Scarlett Akeley - University of Chicago Club Coach

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
 - Water polo is up and running and things seem to be back to normal with leagues.
2. IWP Sexual Harrassment training and Code of Conduct -Kyle & Jimmy Heard
 - Working on this still
3. Treasurer’s Report – Heather Serrano
 - See Heather’s presentation
 - Heather is still recommending that the Board of Directors create a budget from 2023
 - We are hopeful to have a tentative budget for 2023 at the next meeting
4. Reports:
 - A. All State Banquet – Elizabeth Timmons
 - Diplomat West has been great to us and easy to work with over the years.
 - Do we want to look for a different venue? Please reach out to Elizabeth if you have any ideas.
 - Do we want to keep a plated dinner or switch to a buffet? If you have any suggestions or concerns about any of that, please reach out to Elizabeth.
 - a. Banquet Booklet - Kyle Perry
 - Anyone interested in helping with this, please reach out to Kyle.
 - More information to come on last year’s banquet booklet coming.
 - B. Photography – Tom Musch - <https://illinoiswaterpoloimages.wordpress.com/>
 - We will still use this website. Please promote.
 - C. Website – Jesse Zien
 - Jimmy reached out with information about a person who is interested in doing a redesign of the website and Jesse is hoping to do a walk through in the near future to see what it will look like.
 - D. Player Recognition - Chris Cloy, Kyle Perry
 - Chris and Kyle would like feedback on the process that we used last year.
 - We used quotas last year and it helped to streamline the process and makes it feasible for Chris to complete.
 - Would people be interested in going back to the original system and do in person meetings for voting. Kyle and Tim would be in favor of this.
 - Could be challenging to get kids who were eliminated early recognized on All-State because of where they fall in the lower level of the All-Sectional Teams.
 - Chris and Kyle have received some feedback but are open to more ideas to make sure that we have the top athletes recognized and improving Illinois water polo as a whole.
 - Would officials be valuable to include in the voting? They see almost all players and should be unbiased in how they view players since they are not coaching them.
 - E. Communications - Mike Cashman and Megan Brownley
 - Emails will start up from them soon and they will continue posting on Twitter and Instagram.
 - Trying to keep everyone as updated as possible with any water polo information.

F. Hall of Fame - Jeff Wimer

- The committee is always looking for more nominations for the running list.

G. Fundraising - Kyle Perry

- If you are interested in helping with this, please reach out to Kyle.
 - a. Dave Perry College Scholarship
 - This year we raised about 1-1.5 of the scholarships that we gave out. This was great after covid prevented some of the in-person fundraising in previous years.
 - Dave Perry College Scholarship Awareness Week will hopefully run in the 2023 season. Easy fundraiser and schools can accept donations,

5. Liaisons Report

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

- First ODP weekend with our development group. Had about 30 boys and 30 girls, all 14U.
 - There is a lot of changeover in the staff with new, younger faces getting involved.
 - October 8 & 9 - Midwest Middle School Championship - Qualifier event for Champions Cup in November 4-6. This is taking place at Deerfield High School. ODP coaches on site. Boys, girls and coed division with top 2 teams from each division going to the Champions Cup at FMC.
 - This is a way to rectify the lack of organization for the qualifier for the Champions Cup in the past.
 - Trying to create events to improve the 14u and 12u events for players in our zone.
 - 2024 - ODP is looking to come to FMC for the regional tournament
 - Looking for ways to improve ODP programs and processes and USAWP stuff for our zone.
 - Tim is looking for volunteers for these events.
- b. Chicago Park District - Beto Garcia
- Park District is getting up and running again to be more normal.
 - They have 14u and 12u teams in the AWP league.
- c. College Programs Liaison - Ryan Castle (Carthage)
- Men's programs are going and it is nice to see many of our Illinois players making some splashes on the college scene.
- d. League updates - Jesse Zien
- Summer leagues went well. 6 unpaid invoices that are still outstanding.
 - Jess and E are trying to build a model for the leagues to make them sustainable and hopefully bring in more money for IWP.
 - In the future, more of our leagues might fall under their jurisdiction.

5. Old business:

- a. National State Challenge - Chicago, IL - July 7-10
 - CPD girls won the high school girls side
 - Hydro won the high school boys side
 - It was a great event to be able to host here and great to bring this big event to our area.
- b. Nominations for President and Secretary positions - can also be submitted by Oct 15, 2022 via email to Kyle Perry at kperry@fenwickfriars.com . Elections will take place tentatively on Sunday, November 6 at the November meeting or by email.
 - Nominations for the secretary and president can be submitted to Kyle via email or put into the chat.

6. New Business:

- a. Coaching Directory updates
 - If you or someone you know has an update, please let Kyle and Chris Cloy know so that the coaches directory can be updated for other coaches.
 - We want this to be as up to date as possible so you can always contact a coach if needed.
- b. Matt Farmer and Team USA

- Matt played in 4 of the 5 games the US played in at the Fina games which was awesome for a player from our area!
- Hopefully he can continue to develop and be a part of the next Olympic Team.
- c. Fall Leagues
 - Up and running for high school boys, 14U and 12U (but not many teams in that division at this time).
 - Schedule is set for the season!
- d. Chicago Wolves - Illinois Water Polo Night
 - Kyle is hoping to get something done before our next meeting so check out your email for the information. He will send out stuff as soon as he gets it finalized.
 - Can we get the kids to wear hats in the stands for IWP?
- e. Dave Perry Classic will be at Fenwick on November 19th and 20th.
 - This is run by Kyle and the Beached Whales club.
 - This is a fundraiser as they donate a small portion of each entry fee for teams to the Dave Perry Scholarship fund.
- f. 3rd weekend in November in 2023, Fenwick would be interested in hosting an event for Senior Women in the area.

7. Next meeting will be on Google Meet (possibly more than usual): Sunday, November 6 7:30pm. 2023 Meeting Schedule will be available at the November meeting.

8. Closing Comments & Adjournment