

Illinois Water Polo Meeting Agenda for November 18, 2019

Attendance:

Kyle Perry – President
Beto Garcia – Vice President
Elizabeth Timmons – Secretary
Carlos Seja – Board of Directors
Rose Wimer – Board of Directors
Jeff Plackett – Board of Directors
Tom Musch
Jesse Zein

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
 - Welcome and remember that tonight we have elections. We will go through everything we need to but we will be brief so we can have enough time for elections to take place.
2. Treasurer's Report – Ron Biamonte
 - Currently there is still no report about our financial status.
3. Board of Director's Report
 - The board did not get to meet before the November meeting of IWP so they will meet after and will create a report that will be presented in January to show the direction for IWP during the next few years.
4. Reports:
 - A. All State Banquet – Elizabeth Timmons
 - Wednesday, June 3rd is the date that they said would be good for them.
 - o Need to finalize this at the next meeting because they have us penciled in and we should confirm.
 - Call to ask about cost per plate to make sure we can fundraise enough money to cover any cost not covered by the entrance fee.
 - \$19.50 = food, tip and tax
 - B. All-State Banquet booklet organizer- Heather Serrano
 - Nothing to report at this time but Heather is excited to work on this again.
 - C. Player Recognition – Chris Cloy
 - Nothing to report at this time, but Chris is always open to ideas or suggestions to improve the process of recognizing our players.
 - D. Photography – Tom Musch
 - Doing the site again for the next season so please promote with any coaches, parents or athletes that you know have photos to share.
 - In 2019, Tom did a great job with the slide show at the banquet and we are planning to use some of his photos for the IWP website to refresh what is currently up there.
 - E. Fundraising – Kyle Perry
 - Nothing to report at this time but we are hoping to have even more fundraising opportunities during 2020.
 - F. Referees – Perry Korbakis
 - Nothing to report at this time except that new officials should contact Perry. Please reach out to former players or parents who might make good officials.
 - G. Website – Jesse Zien
 - Website stats:
 - o Last 30 days we had 570 sessions by 488 users with 1,037 page views with 1.82 pages per session on average and a bounce rate of 66.67%.
 - o Last 90 days we had 2,053 sessions by 1,675 users with 3,693 page views with 1.80 pages per session on average and a bounce rate of 67.07%.

H. Hall of Fame – Jeff Wimer

- Nothing to report at this time but please remember that we are always taking names and they get added to the running list.

5. Liaisons Report

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

- Matt Farmer (Fenwick / Windy City Water Polo / UCLA) has made the USA Water Polo Men's National Team. Kent Emden (Naperville Central / West Suburban / Pepperdine) has made the USA Water Polo Men's Junior Team.
- ODP Regional Championship Selection Tournament (Midwest, Great Lakes, Northeast, and Southeast Zones Only) Boys and Girls, January 10-12, 2020 in North Carolina
- USA Water Polo's Chicago Coach Development Summit February 8 -9, 2020 Conant High School
- 700 E Cougar Trail, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169| Please register online at www.usawaterpolo.org
- Events > Events Calendar > Sanctioned Events Listing > Search by "Illinois" > USAWP Coach Development Summit Traveling from outside Chicago? Questions? Contact Hannah Meyer (hmeyer@usawaterpolo.org)

b. Chicago Park District - Beto Garcia

- Chicago Park District has moved their senior men's season to the fall and the championship weekend now conflicts with the Beached Whales tournament, Dave Perry Classic, at Fenwick.
 - There was an attempt to keep the winter season for senior men but Chicago Park District decided on the change.
- CPD 14U girls went to Turbo Cup and finished 11th.
- West suburban 14U boys went to Turbo Cup.

c. College Programs Liaison - Ryan Castle (Carthage)

- This position has been recently filled by Ryan Castle who is the Head Coach of Carthage Women's Water Polo program and he is doing a great job already.
- The goal of this liaison position is to keep IWP up to date with what is happening in water polo at the NCAA and collegiate club levels.
- Ryan passed on that most conferences have championships this weekend for any men's teams.
 - Be sure to say good luck to any former players!!
 - December 7-9 is the Men's NCAA tournament.
 - Currently, Harvard is team to beat in the east.
 - Carthage is hosting a tournament on April 17-19th.
 - For Women, the NCAA Championship is April 24-26.
- Augustana and Millikan will be adding programs for 2021.
 - New programs will need coaches.
 - At the last meeting, AWP discussed how difficult it is to find a coach for a new program that will stay for a few years and that this was a big obstacle as they worked to have schools add water polo programs.
 - If you know of anyone who would be a good fit for coaching position of a new program at a University (often free classes!), please let them know about these opportunities.

6. League Updates – Jesse Zien

- IWP has FINALLY gotten the last check from 2018 summer!
- We are still getting the last of the 2019 payments finalized.

7. Old Business

- Nothing to report at this time.

8. New Business

- a. 2020 Meeting schedule: Sunday, January 26 7pm, Sunday, March 8 7pm, Sunday, April 26 7pm, Sunday, September 13 7pm, and Sunday, November 15 7pm
- b. We received the following email from a new team in the St. Louis area: Coaches, I hope you are doing well. One of our St. Louis coaches, Jamie Waeckerle, has reached out to me about getting some games for his girls when he brings his high school team, Lafayette, up to Chicago in the spring. We have finally been able to make some headway in getting our AD's to rally around the idea of girls' water polo and Jamie has been one of our leaders in the area in doing this. I have cc'd Jamie on this email and any help you can provide him would be greatly appreciated. James Waeckerle, waeckerlejames@rsdmo.org 636-733-4125
 - Coaches, please reach out to him if you are interested in setting up a game.
 - In order to play this team, please make sure it is a school team and not a club. This means that the team must be sponsored (recognized as a sport) by their Athletic department of the school. It is ILLEGAL to play a club during the high school season.
 - The boys' team that is also coming up with them is going to Hinsdale South tournament.
- c. Aquatics Night at the Chicago Wolves - Saturday, November 30. Information is available at the IWP website.
 - Game is at 7pm vs Manitoba Moose.
 - Everyone going on the group tickets will get a free hat.
 - All athletes will receive a free swim cap.
 - Please pass this information on to your clubs, coaches and high school teams so we can make it a great aquatics night.
 - This could be a good opportunity to interact with your athletes during the seasons swings with girls swimming ending and boys swimming starting.
- d. Dave Perry Classic - Water Polo Tournament hosted by the Beached Whales
 - Senior men and coed teams will be competing.
 - This year there are 2 teams from Michigan, 1 team from Wisconsin, 1 team from Minnesota, 1 team from Des Moines and all of the big clubs in IL.
 - Saturday, November 23rd and Sunday, November 24th at Fenwick.
 - This has transitioned into a fundraiser for the Dave Perry College Scholarship because from the \$425 entry fee, \$25 goes directly to the scholarship.
 - Also encourages the clubs participating to contribute to the scholarship if they want to do more.
 - Last year we made about \$600 from this tournament.
- e. Coaching clinic @ Stevenson (Rose)
 - This will take place on Sunday, December 1st from 10am-12pm in classroom, 12pm-1pm will be lunch and Q & A, and 1pm-3pm will be the water portion.
 - Currently there are 37 signed up and Ashleigh Hill and Ryan Castle coming in.
 - There will be a portion that covers counter attack.

9. Voting nominations and results: Treasurer - Heather Serrano. Vice President - Beto Garcia
- Heather and Beto have been confirmed as our new officers.

10. Next meeting will be at the Fenwick Library: Sunday, January 26, 7pm

- Please remember that we will hold elections in November for the President and Secretary officers and 2 positions on the Board of Directors.
- Just like this year, nominations will be taken in September so make sure you follow the guidelines if you or someone you know would like to be considered for one of these positions.
 - Requirements include attending meetings in order to vote and be eligible to be nominated in September.

11. Closing Comments & Adjournment