

## Illinois Water Polo Meeting Agenda for 9/13/20

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
  - Good to see everyone and we are glad to be having a meeting again even if we can't be together for it.
2. Treasurer's Report – Heather Serrano
  - We have accounted for our monthly website fees in the account.
  - This time was used to take care of some bills.
  - We are currently up to date with the state and accounting firm that does our taxes.
- a. Plan to finalize the closing of old IWP accounts at TCF to consolidate all accounts.
  - We are currently still working to get the funds from our other account.
    - The goal is to have this money so it can be put to good use for those who might need it to get up and running again after this long break if we are able to have a season.
    - Currently we have a plan to work with Ron to get the funds moved, but if this is not taken care of by the end of the week, Heather will start the process to consolidate all the IWP accounts.
3. Board of Director's Report
  - Nothing to report at this time.
4. Reports:
  - A. All State Banquet – Elizabeth Timmons
    - Diplomat West understood that we canceled and would be happy to work with us again in the future.
    - If there is a season, we want to figure out something for how we can run this within the limits of the state due to Covid.
    - Depending on what is allowed, we might not be able to do a centralized banquet. Instead, we might need several small banquets in various locations to keep numbers aligned with what is allowed.
    - Heather posed the idea to host everyone virtually on WebEX so we could still have only 1 banquet.
    - Sponsorships could possibly help with something like meal delivery.
      - This was done by LT and worked fairly well although our event would be much bigger if we are trying to include everyone at one banquet.
  - B. All-State Banquet booklet organizer- Heather Serrano
    - This year everything came to a halt because it is hard to solicit donations when we didn't have a season or banquet.
  - C. Player Recognition – Chris Cloy
    - Our goal would be to give out player recognition awards if we have a season.
    - For this past year (2020), the general consensus was that we just couldn't give out awards because there were some teams that didn't have games and the maximum played was about four.
    - Depending on what type of competitions we are allowed to have, the awards handed out (All-Sectional and All-State) might have to look different and we all need to be flexible.
    - End goal is that we want to be able to honor our athletes.
  - D. Photography – Tom Musch
    - Nothing at this time, but the site continues to run.
  - E. Fundraising – Kyle Perry
    - Nothing really happening at this time, especially because without a season there wasn't anything to raise money for this year.
  - F. Referees – Perry Korbakis
    - According to Beth Sauser, the season is on. Currently scheduled for the 2nd week of Feb through the 1st week of May.
    - At this time, there is no indication of what any type of championship would look like.
    - For officials, they have developed masks that allow them to whistle still.

- Perry had some plans for summer for training and recruiting for officials with AWP, but all of that has been put on hold.
  - These plans will be considered again once we get up and running.
- Perry is concerned about who will come back to officiate after this long break.
- At this time we don't know what all the changes will be because of Covid. Some include possibly having only one level. Don't know for sure, but there will most likely be restrictions on numbers.
- Perhaps we will get more officials because there won't be spectators so it's a way for parents to watch the sport. Officials also don't have to worry about parent interference.

#### G. Website – Jesse Zien

- With no season taking place, fewer people were checking the information on the website so traffic was down.
- Currently reduced costs by changing the platform for hosting.

#### H. Hall of Fame – Jeff Wimer

- Last year's nominees were chosen but they were not publicly announced so they will be used for this coming year (2021).
- Last May, the Hall of Fame Committee didn't think it was fair to announce the winners and then not be able to honor them in the normal way, so we will, hopefully, be able to celebrate them this spring!

### 5. Liaisons Report

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

- In an attempt to reduce costs for families and make the program more accessible, any USAWP membership is accepted at this point to join ODP.
- Currently, all events are dependent on pool availability because many places don't want anyone outside of school or club in the building.
- The plan is to host smaller, 4 hour camps divided up between IL and St. Louis instead of having everyone together for one group training.
  - Right now, everything is fluid and depends on availability and what stage of re-opening we are in and go to over the next few months.
- If there is an opportunity to create a team or travel, ODP will be looking for a lot of input from high school coaches since there will be so few opportunities for coaches to see the players.
- Current plan:
  - ODP Clinics will be
    - either 4 hours @ \$100 or 6 hours @ \$150 or Shieldy Pricing \$35
    - Open to all levels of membership, including Bronze. Clinics are one day events.
  - All Stars: 2002 High Schools seniors and 2003 athletes
  - Youth: 2004
  - Cadet: 2005 and 2006
  - Dev: 2007, 2008, and 2009
  - Very tentative dates are November 21-22 and December 5-6.
  - Currently they are looking for pools to host
- Currently, the program is feeling more at the mercy of facility rules (and everywhere is different) than what USAWP says.
  - For example, working at Fremd, there is a limit of 30 (including coaches) and no physical contact. There are other rules at other pools.
  - As of now, San Diego and Utah, Florida/Atlanta have had trainings. All have followed strict protocols for the pandemic.

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

- The parks have nothing to report right now because all park pools are closed and were closed all summer.
  - There were only 3 pools with water, and they were forced to do dryland workouts instead of using a pool facility.

- Players are going elsewhere to train since they don't have an opportunity to play right now with CPD.
- Beto is wondering who is up and running right now and how did you convince your school/facility to let you get going?
- Tim Daniel - At this time it seems like anyone open is limited to just their team or club.
  - Safety requirements:
    - Masks on until in the water, 6 feet apart, no contact
    - Limit of 30 people
    - Same passing groups every day
    - Soon they can do intersquad scrimmages - per IHSA rules
    - Superintendent was responsible for making rules.
- Kyle - Only allowed to use his contact days through October 31st and only for his high school kids.
  - He gave the school a list of everything he would be doing to keep kids safe.
- Rose - Info about intersquad scrimmages comes from IHSA:  
<https://www.ihsa.org/documents/Fall%202020%20Contact%20Days.pdf>

c. College Programs Liaison - Ryan Castle (Carthage)

- Current NCAA fall season is postponed and will be played in spring.
- Women's season will be shortened to accommodate the boy's season.
- Augustana's new coach is Ryan Prior. Ryan is originally from Michigan and coached at Connecticut College and Virginia Military Institute.
- Over the course of the last few months, covid has hit a lot of college budgets really hard but luckily, only 2 schools have cut water polo.
  - Urbana College (Ohio) transitioned to an all online university and decided they didn't need to have athletics. Their program was supposed to start this year.
  - George Washington (DC) has eliminated their women's team.

6. League Updates – Jesse Zien

- Currently planning that we might be able to run something, but at this time we don't have enough information about what the future will look like to know exactly what to be planning.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

- Additional IWP Meeting in October?
  - The April meeting was cancelled due to covid.
  - At this meeting (September) we normally take nominations for the positions up re-election.
  - Extra meeting added for Sunday, October 18th at 7pm.
    - If for some reason we don't have this meeting, we will take electronic nominations.
  - This year President and Secretary are the positions available. Please think of anyone who might want either of those positions so they can be nominated at the meeting in October.
    - Elections will take place in November regardless of whether or not we have the October meeting.
- 20 IHSA Contact days through October 31
  - Anyone who is running something right now, please be sure to take any precautions necessary to keep your players as safe as possible.
  - Kyle is encouraging all high school coaches to take advantage of this opportunity, especially because the possibility exists that we will not have a season.
- Jimmy Heard from East Side Water Polo
  - Jimmy is interested in running an instagram for IWP. He currently runs some for USAWP and East Side and is doing a good job.
  - Once this gets all set up, be sure to send Jesse information so we can add it to the website.

9. Next meeting will be via zoom on Sunday, October 18 at 7pm.

- If there is anyone not interested in continuing in their role (liason or committee member) please let Kyle know ASAP so we can find nominations for a replacement.

11. Closing Comments & Adjournment

- "See" you in October!