

Illinois Water Polo Meeting Minutes for 3/13/22 7:30pm

Attendance:

Kyle Perry - President
Heather Serrano - Treasurer
Elizabeth Timmons - Secretary
Rose Wimer - BOD
Beto Garcia - BOD
Jesse Zien - Liaison
Tom Musch - Liaison
Tim Daniel - Liaison
Keith Yavitt
Eddie Przystalski
Kelly Bartosz

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
 - Season has started and seems to be almost normal.
 - Exciting to see fans and many schools are currently mask optional.
2. Board of Directors - Kyle Perry, Carlos Ceja, Rose Wimer, Beto Garcia, Ed Prystalski
 - nothing at this time, but update at May meeting
3. IWP Sexual Harrassment training and Code of Conduct -Kyle
 - Training is coming and will include reading and a signature.
 - Training is a requirement for us to keep our insurance policy.
 - Will be a yearly training.
4. Treasurer’s Report – Heather Serrano
 - Posted on the website
 - 2021 Taxes have been sent to the accountant to begin the filing process.
 - No new income but expenses are for the BOD and officers insurance
 - Other policy will renew in spring.
 - Heather is hoping that there will be a 2022 budget coming soon. She believes having an operating budget will help with expenses.
 - Kyle and Heather will be opening a separate account for the scholarship shortly.
 - All late taxes were accepted, except for 2017. Heather will need to dig into that and is trying to figure out if there will be any penalties for this specific filing.
5. Reports:
 - A. All State Banquet – Elizabeth Timmons
 - June 1 at the Diplomat West
 - About 10 days after the end of the season
 - B. Photography – Tom Musch - <https://illinoiswaterpoloimages.wordpress.com/>
 - Promote this to your teams/parents so that your photos can be used in the All-State ad booklet and the on the website.
 - We will put a blurb in the next IWP blast that goes out about how to do this.
 - C. Website – Jesse Zien
 - Metrics are on par with what we usually see at this point in the season.
 - Any news on the proposed redesign?
 - The Board of Directors will be working on this and have an update next time.
 - D. Player Recognition - Chris Cloy, Kyle Perry, and Mike Cashman
 - More at the end of the season, but we will be working on this for the banquet.
 - E. Communications - Mike Cashman and Megan Brownley
 - Hopefully all coaches are getting the game and season updates.

- F. Hall of Fame - Jeff Wimer
 - Jeff Wimer takes nominations.
 - This year we will have a big class of people have been waiting since 2020. We will let the committee decide if there will be classes of 2020, 2021 and 2022 and be recognized this year or just have one bigger 2022 class.
 - G. Fundraising - Kyle Perry
 - a. Dave Perry College Scholarship
 - Dave Perry College Scholarship week will be coming a little later in the season. The first week of April is what Kyle is looking at this year.
 - Website will have the correct submission information for the scholarship shortly.
 - We want the website to reflect that we want all athletes playing in college to apply and we are interested in highlighting that people can donate to it.
 - b. All-State Ad Booklet
 - This is another way that we fundraise for the banquet.
 - Ads can be purchased and everyone at the banquet gets a booklet.
 - Kyle will be sharing an updated version with Heather to get started on this.
6. Liaisons Report
- a. USWP Liaison – Midwest Board Members Present & ODP - Tim Daniel
 - We have a website for midwest zone: midwestwaterpolozone.com
 - This is going to be a place for people to be able to get information about USA WP tournaments, playing opportunities and clubs.
 - JO Qualifier is looking to be June 18 & 19 in Bloomington, IN
 - Teams do not have to play in the qualifier to go to play in session 3 in Texas.
 - ODP boys competed last weekend and were very competitive.
 - ODP girls are next weekend.
 - Anyone looking to get involved with USA WP or the zone/ODP program, please reach out to Tim Daniel. There are committee opportunities.
 - Chicago Showcase will take place on June 25 and 26.
 - b. Chicago Park District - Beto Garcia
 - Winter leagues are running, but there are only 1/3 of the teams compared to what they have had in the past for 14U and 10U.
 - There are some concerns about pool (all indoor, but still questionable) closures that might impact their upcoming seasons.
 - Reasons for closures include covid and insufficient staff to be able to have them all open.
 - c. College Programs Liaison - Ryan Castle (Carthage)
 - A great college for our female athletes to look at playing.
 - Currently 11 players from Illinois are on the team and he is interested in our players.
 - Augustana (in IL) is also doing well with our players from Illinois.
 - McKendree is currently the only other IL school.
 - d. League updates - Jesse Zien
 - E and Jesse are working on generating an announcement to provide updates about the leagues in the next 2 or 3 weeks.
 - Looking to combine lists with Mike and Meghan to make sure it reaches as many coaches as possible.
5. Old business:
- a. Training for officials
 - i. Joe Kamper - December and February
 - February training included some on the deck experience with games.
 - ii. Rick Marsh, Perry Korbakis, Victor Raru - February
 - Level 1 and Level 2 clinic at Fenwick. There were 20 officials in attendance.

This year we had more trainings than we have in the past. Still working on getting the information out to both officials and people who might have connections to get people interested in officiating.

- b. IHSA Water Polo season has started!
 - Games started this week so there is a lot of work happening all around for coaches and officials.
- c. AWP HS Girls league
 - The league is still smaller than pre-covid, but we are heading in the right direction.

6. New Business:

- a. National State Challenge - Chicago, IL - July 7-10
 - AWP is bringing the tournament back to IL and using Portage Park and Fenwick.
 - Tennessee, Florida, Connecticut and Illinois teams in attendance the last time we hosted and hopefully this will be the same this summer.
- b. AWP Age Group Summer league
 - Information will be coming out soon and we hope to be able to play 14U, 12U and 10U.

7. Next meeting will be on Zoom (possibly more than usual): 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