

Illinois Water Polo Meeting Agenda for 3/8/20

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
 - a. The IHSA water polo season has started! First games will be tomorrow. Good luck to all!

2. Treasurer's Report – Heather Serrano
3. Board of Director's Report (old business)

4. Reports:

A. All State Banquet – Elizabeth Timmons

Keep cost at \$25/35

Can take credit at the banquet and add to paypal account which will add to the Chase account

Bring Jesse in the loop to make sure that people can use paypal to register

\$25 on time/35 no reservation/ 40 credit card without reservation

Perry is working an estimate for backpacks

- no finding people to hand out awards later
- 2 opportunities (banquet and all-star game)
 - Continue to figure out what prizes are (backpacks, water bottles, towels and balls)

B. All-State Banquet booklet organizer- Heather Serrano

- a. Ad sheet has been updated and will be sent out to all coaches and officials in the coming weeks.
- updated ad book form for people to fill out with prices, sponsorships, etc with 2020 information
 - Leave address as Fenwick for this year in the ad book information
 - Try to get info out to do school pages
 - Contact coaches from teams that traditionally make it to state
 - Also reach out to other programs b/c we could send out a booklet with certificates for the schools.
 - Senior recognition

C. Player Recognition – Chris Cloy

- a. Chris will be compiling the information need to give out awards for multi-year all-state selections
- Started compiling the numbers for 1st time, 2nd time and etc All-State
 - About halfway done (almost finished the girls)
 - Not super difficult but time consuming process
 - Will hope to finish up by the next meeting
 - planning to send out an email to contact list to update coaches now that season has started
 - Player rec is ready to go this year but will not do anything for a while

D. Photography – Tom Musch

- keep everything the same as in the past
- Promote the website on the your tournament programs

E. Fundraising – Kyle Perry

- scholarship awareness week info and get that out soon

F. Referees – Perry Korbakis

- a. Successful Two Daves tournament at Fenwick last month. At our next meeting, Perry will give us an exact update.
- looking for more officials

G. Website – Jesse Zien

H. Hall of Fame – Jeff Wimer

- a. Jeff and the Hall of Fame Committee will be taking on the Phil Stelnicki award. Jeff has asked for a complete list of previous award winners. If anyone has a list, please sent it to Jeff.

- Elizabeth will start digging through the old ad books
- Start with 2018? Might be a list in one of the ad books

5. Liaisons Report

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

- coaches clinic was a big success
 - Want to do it again next year and bring in some new topics
 - Looking for suggestions to improve
 - Got good feedback
 - Need to change things up so people will want to come back
- ODP boys national championship last weekend
 - Boys Midwest team had worst showing
 - Tim thinks maybe getting more 14u involved would help to improve the caliber of player at the next level
 - More coaches and clubs coming up
 - Natural ebb and flow of talent
- ODP girls are going this weekend
 - Hoping to have a better outcome
- Midwest has the most applicants to be coaches than any other places
- All ODP positions are open and they are taking applications
- Tim is hoping to get a 4 on 4 festival atmosphere going on with 12U or never played before athletes in the summer
 - 2 courses at Conant or Fremd
 - Working on the details right now and will finalize soon

b. Chicago Park District - Beto Garcia

c. College Programs Liaison - Ryan Castle (Carthage)

- April 17-19th at Carthage - CWPA is looking for workers. If interested, contact the CWPA at commissioner@collegiatewaterpolo.org
 - **April 24-26 = NCAA championship**
 - **Is this Eastern Championships in Ann Arbor???**
 - **NCAA = May 8-10**
- Augustana and Millikan adding programs for 2021
 - Will be looking for coaches - remember that this was what AWP was struggling with as they worked to increase programs

Fina is May 1-3 in Indianapolis

- might need workers

6. League Updates – Jesse Zien

7. Old Business

- a. Thanks to Jeff Plackett for organizing the NCAA recruitment talk and the new coaches clinic in February.
- 160 registered but only 25 showed up
 - New coaches had a bunch of registers but there were only 4 that showed up

- Both went well for those who were there
 - Will do it again next year
 - Maybe looking into doing something that rotates but right now not enough interest to host in other places
 - Is there anything we can do to promote this to players more? Or coaches?
- b. In an effort to make everything more transparent, Kyle has reached out to Perry Korbakis and Rick Marsh. If there are any questions regarding officiating, how officials are chosen, trained, retained, or anything that has to do with officiating, please send those questions to Kyle. The end goal is to have a place on our website where all aspects of officiating in Illinois are available for everyone to see.

Questions:

Could we have an avenue to voice grievances about inappropriate conduct or dress and another to discuss call discrepancies?

Why are the CWPA officials that are living in IL not working in high school?

Why is it that every other sport has multiple assigners and we only have one?

- CWPA has one assigner as well so we follow their design

Can we get more coaches to come to the officials clinic?

Can we have a meeting to go through what went well and what needs to be improved for the next season

DISCUSSION?

Can we start building kids into the reffing?

- can start reffing at 17 so we can bring some kids into this at this young age

Can we run a clinic in June to recap and improve on the season before going into the club season?

- could be a way to get some young people to start reffing in the summer league
- College kids home for the summer that might continue to ref after college

Everything must be productive!!! We want it to be good!

Can we have someone willing to collect data on officials that can create a report to put out at the end of the season?

Can officials evaluate coaches?

- what are you hoping for? Education and recruitment
- How do we get more people to officiate?

Parent education slide show - official comes to your school and presents the rules to bridge the community and provides connections between the coach, parents and official

- what do you see from the stands, what does the rule book say, what do you normally see in the pool

8. New Business

a. Chicago Blackhawks Host USA Water Polo! on March 22

- flyer to go with this? Email Hannah Meyer???

10. Next meeting will be at the Fenwick Library: Sunday, April 26 7pm, Sunday, September 13 7pm, and Sunday, November 15 7pm

11. Closing Comments & Adjournment