

Illinois Water Polo Meeting Minutes for 9/19/21

Attendance:

Kyle Perry - President
Beto Garcia - Vice-President
Heather Serrano - Treasurer
Elizabeth Timmons - Secretary
Jeff Plackett - BOD
Rose Wimer - BOD
Carlos Ceja - BOD
Jimmy Heard
Damon Newman
Megan Brownley
Tim Daniel
Jesse Zien
Tom Musch
Everardo Leon

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
 - Welcome to this school year! We are hopefully heading in the right direction.
2. Treasurer's Report – Heather Serrano
 - a. Training Required for insurance - read letter capture in meeting minutes
 - b. All registering with AWP - non-officials/coaches register as Coaches -AWP covering cost for background.
 - c. Meeting to determine 2022 Budget will be in January; adopt in January Meeting
- Treasurer's Reports
 - Officially changed the name to Illinois Water Polo
 - Still need to change with the bank.
- Insurance to cover the Board of Directors
 - 2nd step is to cover anyone that volunteers with us
 - Because water polo just had a large payout recently
 - 2 things we have to do to keep our insurance
 - All volunteers must have a background check
 - 101 basic training on molestation and abuse
- 3 scholarships given out this year.
 - 3 different high schools going to 3 different colleges
 - Need to continue to get donations from across the water polo community.
 - In the past, Catholic League has done a lot of fundraising so we are looking to expand this in the future as things get back to normal.
 - Need to fundraise for this during this year
- Partnered with AWP for the summer league
 - Helped us
- 2021 outlook
 - Need to pay AWP for summer league
 - 2022 budgeting
 - All reimbursements for 2021 due by 12/15 so the year can get caught up.
- Thank you to Jesse!
- Thank you to AWP for covering the fees and logistics in paying officials for the Summer League.
- Board of Directors and Officers will meet to discuss the budget before the first meeting of 2022.
- Background checks for each volunteer

- AWP is willing to cover the cost of background checks for volunteers - can join AWP as coaches (or maybe they will create a section for volunteers)
- Managed through AWP and will have a centralized list
- No extra cost for the person
- Need to do an annual training. We should pick a meeting and then will only need to train anyone who joins later
- Budget is missing a few things still so should be caught up by the end of the year. Need to get the last checks from the summer league and last reimbursements from people who completed jobs.
- For 2022 - we need to bring in some balance. Need to fundraise in general to get some more funds in, instead of just paying out.

3. Reports:

- A. All State Banquet – Elizabeth Timmons
 - Hoping to get certificates out by the end of September.
 - Envelopes will be sent to schools.
 - Nothing to really report at this time on the banquet for 2022.
- B. Photography – Tom Musch - <https://illinoiswaterpoloimages.wordpress.com/>
 - nothing at this time
- C. Website – Jesse Zien
 - email with numbers
 - No real increase or decrease compared to last year.
 - Waiting for the approval for the re-design.
- D. Player Recognition - Chris Cloy, Kyle Perry, and Mike Cashman
 - willing to do this the way we have in the past, but if we aren't having a full season, we can use the same system we did in 2021.
- E. Communications - Mike Cashman and Megan Brownley
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- F. Hall of Fame - Jeff Wimer
 - will have a big class this year if we have a real banquet in 2022 because the committee waited until we could celebrate in person

4. Liaisons Report

- a. USWP Liaison – Midwest Board Members Present & ODP - Tim Danie
 - new software for USAWP and there have been some glitches
 - October 9 & 10 - zone ID tournament
 - Smaller scale
 - 10/20&21 - first camp for boys at Fremd
 - NOVEMBER DATE
 - First camps for boys, girls and coed
 - 1/8 & 9 - regionals
 - 3/4 & 6 - National championships for boys
 - March 19 & 20 - girls
 - July 9-16 - Uana championships will be in Indiana
 - Looking for members and volunteers in the area to help out.
 - More information to be coming in the future months.
 - February 5 & 6 - USAWP coaches clinic at Fremd
 - Itinerary coming. Adam Cocoorian, Daniel Larson
 - Skills in the water and classroom time
- b. Chicago Park District - Beto Garcia
 - coaches clinic went pretty well
 - Just wanted to launch and direct toward 14U age group

- Want to keep doing the next couple years with the same coach coming in
- Start specializing the skills that are discussed
- Parks are open to the public and allowing swim classes and team sports
 - Not allowing regular competition between the parks.
 - Restrictions on traveling outside of the state.
 - Kids are in the pool and practicing. Don't know when things might open up.
- c. College Programs Liaison - Ryan Castle (Carthage)
- d. League updates - Jesse Zien
 - Fairly successful summer league
 - Not as many cancellations as he expected.
 - One instance - girls double booked and needed to switch a night, one team didn't show up.
 - 110 games and 8 were not able to be played for one reason or another.
 - Lower number of teams overall.
 - Tried to stay flexible and just wanted to get games and play for the kids!
 - Officials are viewed as employees of who is paying them.
 - In the end, AWP paid officials and therefore assumed liability.
 - Moving forward - less leagues this year
 - E is helping out with the league administration. More communication side.
 - Looking at how leagues developed in the future.
 - Spreading the knowledge to make sure if something happens to someone or they leave the organization, IWP can continue carrying on.
 - High school boys and 14U games for the fall have started.
- e. American Water Polo - Damon Newman and Dan Sheridan
 - leagues are starting back up. Fall league is a little bigger than the summer was.
 - Built in within the leagues (\$25/team) which goes back to IWP. Starting this summer, AWP will match that fee.
 - Portage coaches clinic will happen every year and bring Eric Gordon back.
 - 26 coaches this year.
 - All coaches are welcome, whether or not they are registered with AWP
 - Officials clinic this past weekend to go through rules.
 - Looking to improve attendance at these to help improve officiating.
 - Officials were questioning about whether or not this would count for their required training for IHSA.
 - Maybe not enough information shared originally so people might have benefitted from more specific information provided.
 - Working on coaches and officials education.
 - Dads from Lyons were looking to officiate - can we highlight what the path is to become an official
 - How can we get people to want to go to something even if it can't get them credit? How can we get them motivated to improve for the kids?
 - IWP needs to work on getting officials to be present for these kinds of opportunities.
 - Would be helpful to show people looking to get involved what the process would be for them.
 - Is there a way that IWP can mandate something like this?
 - What are the numbers of officials? How many did we have for the summer?
 - Where should people send officials, especially those people who are interested in getting started?
 - Need to do a better job of promoting and expanding the network to make sure we are reaching more people. Some people don't feel like it was sent out enough. Can we get this information to assistant coaches and coaches down south? Want to reach people who might have been missed.
 - Can we get CPDUs or some sort of credit because for some coaches this will be better motivation to get them there.

- How can we generate the emails of assistant coaches if the head coach is not sharing information?
Need to figure out how to get to people more directly instead of going through other people?

5. IHSA updates

6. Old business:

- a. Dave Perry Scholarship for 2022
 - went out in July/August
- b. American Water Polo Coaching Clinic held at Portage Park, August
- c. American Water Polo Officials Clinic held at Fenwick, September
 - Letter from KP - what AWP is doing to help us
 - Hoping these AWP events will become annual.

7. New Business:

- a. Nominations for open positions are being accepted for the following positions: Vice President (two year term), Treasurer (two year term), Board of Director (six year term), Board of Director (six year term). The current people filling these roles are all eligible for re-election. Committee and Liaison positions are voluntary (AND APPRECIATED!). If you want to help out, please let us know!
 - i. Nominations can be emailed to Kyle Perry at kperry@fenwickfriars.com or presented at the September meeting.
- b. Voting will take place at or immediately following the Sunday, November 14 meeting. Voting to fill officer and director positions is open to all IWP members who have attended at least three (3) meetings leading up to the elections that year and are in attendance at the November IWP election meeting. There is only one vote per person, even if holding more than one position and with only one vote per school or per club.
- c. Chicago Wolves Swimming and Water Polo Week - Saturday, November 13 7pm and Sunday, November 14 3pm

Jimmy Heard:

- opportunity in late October
- Water polo clinic on Sunday, 10/31 for high school athletes at FMC
- 10/30 for 14U at Evanston
- Daniella Jackovich - one of the clinicians, from Lincolnway, Stanford and now playing in Spain
- Amanda Longan
- Looking for a male Olympian too
- Coaches can be in the stands as of now but maybe on deck too
- Information to come as soon as the contracts are finalized.

8. Next meetings will be on Zoom: Sunday, November 14 7:30pm. Elections will be held in November.

9. Closing Comments & Adjournment