

Illinois Water Polo Meeting Minutes for 2-5-23 7:30pm

Attendance:

Kyle Perry - IWP President
Heather Serrano - IWP Treasurer
Elizabeth Timmons - IWP Secretary
Rose Schiavone - BoD
Ed Prystalski - BoD
Christopher Cloy - liaison
Tom Musch - liaison
Paulina Pappas
Jeff Plackett

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
 - a. We are looking for a new treasurer to fill Heather’s position because she has moved and is up for re-election in November
2. Treasurer’s Report – Heather Serrano
 - a. Treasury role is not super difficult. Need the ability to work with spreadsheets as the accountant handles a lot of stuff.
 - b. She is hoping whoever is interested can work with her over the next few months.
 - c. 2022 - Financial flows were back on track. Awards, banquet and scholarship were up and running. This will provide a good baseline for moving forward.
 - d. There was a slight loss from last year so we need to focus on fundraising efforts to avoid this again.
 - e. Unfortunately, our classification as a non-profit is suspended until we re-file because of the lack of filing taxes. We are currently working to fix this and have paid all taxes but need to re-apply to the IRS and pay fees to be approved as a non-profit.
 - f. Heather will keep working on our 2022 taxes and the paperwork/finances for re-applying for the non-profit status. For whoever takes this job, we need to file taxes on time.
 - g. We did get a big donation to the scholarship fund from the Beached Whales tournament.
3. Reports:
 - A. All State Banquet – Elizabeth Timmons
 - Date will be 5/31/23 and I will be calling this week to confirm that date with them.
 - a. Banquet Booklet - Kyle Perry
 - Kyle is hoping to have Steve and anyone else interested in helping work on this project. Please contact him if you are interested in helping.
 - B. Photography – Tom Musch - <https://illinoiswaterpoloimages.wordpress.com/>
 - Will be in the weekly newsletter and blasted to coaches.
 - This is also what we will use to put up on the new website.
 - If anyone is interested in taking pictures at the IHSA State tournament, they should reach out to Kyle.
 - C. Website – Jesse Zien
 - Kyle saw a template of the new website and it looks really cool.
 - We are hoping to see it debut around the end of the high school season.
 - Will keep anything that we needed from the old website.
 - D. Player Recognition - Chris Cloy, Kyle Perry
 - Chris will begin working on this once the season gets rolling.
 - E. Communications - Mike Cashman and Megan Brownley
 - Emails are running and please be sure to share any important updates/information with Megan or Mike to have it put in the newsletter.
 - F. Hall of Fame - Jeff Wimer
 - Please contact Jeff if you know of anyone who should be considered for the Hall of Fame.

- G. Fundraising - Kyle Perry
 - We need to cover expenses associated with re-applying for non-profit status.
 - a. Dave Perry College Scholarship - Beached Whales made a sizable donation, about one third of a scholarship, from their tournament.
- 4. Liaisons Report
 - a. USWP Liaison – Midwest Board Members Present & ODP - Tim Daniel
 - Nothing to report at this time.
 - b. Chicago Park District - Beto Garcia
 - Nothing to report at this time.
 - c. College Programs Liaison - Ryan Castle (Carthage)
 - Good luck to all Illinois players and colleges competing this season for female athletes.
 - d. League updates - Jesse Zien
 - Jesse will be sending out information about the high school leagues before anything gets too crazy.
 - AWP is going to run the 14u and 10 leagues again.
- 5. Old business:
 - a. Nothing to report at this time.
- 6. New Business:
 - a. IHSA HS Sectional Changes
 - All coaches should check their emails to see the changes for Sectional format starting in the spring of 2023. They have changed the format and number of games for each day during Sectionals.
 - See attached file
 - b. Illinois Water Polo New Coaches Orientation, February 6, 2023 7:30pm via zoom. Register at:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpY1waidu8-zXDNqdXlaBwXYwglivo3sfGs5AQAKCHzZaDUQ/viewform>
 - Free event that will be great for first and second year coaches.
 - Covers what should be done in the next 3 weeks, practice planning, season planning and etc.
 - c. Chicago Coaching Academy
 - This weekend was the Chicago Coaching Academy at Deerfield. USA WP was the organizer and Tim Daniel had been spreading information about it.
 - d. Good luck to all teams as we start the HS season next month!
- 7. Next meeting will be on Google Meet (possibly more than usual): Schedule coming soon. Expect meetings in April, May, August, October, November. Specifics coming soon.
- 8. Closing Comments & Adjournment