

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

Attendance

Kyle Perry - President
Jimmy Heard - Vice President
Elizabeth Timmons - Secretary
Carlos Ceja - Board of Directors
Beto Garcia - Board of Directors
Eddie Prystalski - Board of Directors
Paulina Pappas
Megan Brownley - Liaison
Keith Yavitt
Everardo Leon - Liaison
Jeff Placket

1. Opening comments – Kyle Perry
 - It's championship time!
 - Sectional schedule re-cap
 - Wishing everyone a successful end of the season.
2. Treasurer's Report – Heather Serrano
 - Renewing our non-profit status
 - Everything should be good by the end of the summer.
 - Taxes for 2022 are ready to be sent out.
 - 4 things: generating income, get back non-profit status, manage finances,
 - We are looking for a treasurer to be elected in November. Anyone interested or know of anyone interested?
3. Reports:
 - A. All State Banquet – Elizabeth Timmons
 - Wednesday night May 31
 - a. Banquet Booklet - Kyle Perry
 - we are getting started on this and looking for ads
 - B. Photography – Tom Musch - <https://illinoiswaterpoloimages.wordpress.com/>
 - Lots of people are posting photos here.
 - These photos are used in a slideshow at the banquet and on the IWP website.
 - C. Website – Jesse Zien
 - D. Player Recognition - Chris Cloy, Kyle Perry
 - Senior Scholastic and Phil Stelnicki award nominations are due this week.
 - Procedures will be sent out to coaches this week.
 - E. Communications - Mike Cashman and Megan Brownley
 - Weekly emails have been awesome.
 - F. Hall of Fame - Jeff Wimer
 - Mike Cashman and Eddie Prystalski will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.
 - G. Fundraising - Kyle Perry
 - a. [Dave Perry College Scholarship](#)
 - Fundraiser at O'Sullivan's on the evening of 5/6/23
 - Raised about \$800 for the scholarship
 - Please keep promoting the scholarship with your athletes and we would love any help with fundraising.
 - The scholarship has gone to players from 14 different high schools attending 14 different colleges.
 - Deadlines for applications are 5/15 and the awards will be given out at the IWP banquet.

4. Liaisons Report

- a. USWP Liaison – Midwest Board Members Present & ODP - Tim Daniel
 - Information will be coming through email for this.
- b. Chicago Park District - Beto Garcia
 - Leagues finished for the spring season. About half the teams for 12U and 14U leagues.
 - CPD is looking for lifeguards so they can open the beaches and pools.
 - Lots of opportunities for employment with CPD.
- c. College Programs Liaison - Ryan Castle (Carthage)
 - Augustana hosted the USA WP D3 NCAA national tournament.
 - Pomona won the tournament. Elyssa who had coached at various places here before going to CA.
 - Several IL players at the tournament
 - Pomona-Pitzer: Kit Bennett (Wilmette, IL / New Trier High School), Bella McGowan (Chicago, IL / Lincoln Park High School), Paulina Correa (Chicago, IL / Fenwick High School) Lauren Valentin (Chicago, IL / The Latin School of Chicago)
 - Augustana College: Lanie DaSilva (Glenview, Ill. Glenbrook South HS), Maggie Caliendo (Orland Park, Ill. Carl Sandburg HS), Jersey Merrick (Chicago, Ill. Chicago High School of Agricultural Sciences), Carli Udovich (Mokena, Ill. Lincoln-Way Central HS)
 - Pomona-Pitzer was 1st, Claremont-Mudd-Scripps was 2nd, Augustana was 3rd, and Austin College was 4th
- d. League updates - Jesse Zien
 - Email will be sent out at the end of sectionals about availability for the summer high school league
 - Dan Sheradin (AWP) will be sending out an availability form for the 14u leagues.

5. Old business:

- a. Dave Perry College Scholarship Fundraiser at O'Sullivan's
 - Fundraising in a very low key environment so please know if you are interested in adding a fundraiser, it doesn't have to be something huge.

6. New Business:

- a. Good luck to all teams as we head into the playoffs!
- b. New Sectional Schedule
 - Goal was to limit the number of games/site/day. AP testing was also factored into this as well. Looking to have more separation of boys and girls which would allow play-in games to be in the same week and 2 girls/2 boys games on Wednesday/Thursday, semifinal games at 2 sites on Friday, championship games on Saturday.
 - Some have conference championships the week before Sectionals so it made it tricky with play-in games the week before.
 - Niles West had conference games after sectional play-in games and it was awkward since they lost the play-in game.
 - There are 2 sectionals that don't have 2 all-deep facilities to host games. This could also be a financial challenge for some places as well.
 - Can we send out a google doc about this to get coaching feedback.
 - On the hosting end, how many schools are ok with 5pm and 6:15pm start times? With school ending around 3/3:15pm, you really only get 1.5 hours of practice before the pool needs to be opened for the teams playing the games or you aren't practicing until after 7pm.
 - To get on this committee, you are contacted by IHSA to join or you can email Beth Sauser.
 - Meeting minutes are posted online from each of these yearly meetings. You can find them on the IHSA website.
 - Officials have to travel to a Sectional site and now have to travel for 6 days instead of just 3 or 4. Some of the officials were assigned to places farther away from their house. Won't see all sectional officials

at each day of sectionals because they are making it so they only have to travel a few nights instead of every night.

- officials are only paid \$35/game

- Can you play in games (regular season, Conference, etc) after Sectionals have started?

7. Next meeting will be on Google Meet (possibly more than usual): Schedule coming soon. Expect meetings in August, October, November. Specifics coming soon.

8. Closing Comments & Adjournment