

Illinois Water Polo Board Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2008 7: 00P.M - Fenwick High School

IWP Board Meeting was called to order at 7: 30P.M by Vice-Chairman Luke Payette.

Board Members Present: Perry Korbakis, Carol Macola, Mark Menis, Bill Mulcrone, Luke Payette, Dave Perry, John Riley, Sally Stelnicki

Others: Doug Eichstaedt, Beto Garcia, Daniel Jackovich, Debbie Wills

Committee Reports

Player Development – no report

Coach Development – no report

USAWP – National Convention coming up

Attending: Beto Garcia - Athlete Rep; Perry Korbakis - Referee Rep; Rick Marsh - Zone Chair; Luke Payette - Women's Development; Doug Eichstaedt

Player Development – zone tryouts have been held

Men – announcement on zone team will be done at the end of January

Women – this Saturday and a February date at Wheaton College

Goal is to send teams in May to a national experience. Trying for a year-round calendar for training—to see and work together with teammates prior to going to a national event.

Holiday Clinic was held at Carthage College in December

CHECK www.midwestwaterpolo.org for further information/dates for all player events

Coaches' Clinic – March 1st at Fenwick HS 10^{A.M.} to 6 ^{P.M.} \$45 registration by February 15th; \$55 after that date. Checks payable to ISA Water Polo Fund, c/o Dave Perry, 505 Washington Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60304

Stan Sprague will present basic skills, tactical skills, and more

Dr. Peter Tonino, with Tony McCormick and Dana Sible will do a session on stretching and exercises to prevent shoulder injuries

IHSA Rules interpretation (+ Referee Clinic—see below) – 1st presentation at Fenwick, January 19th at 2P.M.

CHECK www.IHSA.org and www.illinoiswaterpolo.net for further information, dates, and times

Referee Development – Clinic following Rules Interpretation meeting on January 19th, starting approximately 3:30P.M. Dr. Loren Bertucci, who has developed an on-line training which will be addressed at the USAWP convention, is providing the lead on officials' training.

Communication – a continuous problem. Bill Mulcrone and John Riley will prepare a flyer for the Rules meetings to instruct coaches how to update their information on the website.

Banquet – date confirmed; disk needed for certificates; budget should be prepared to identify fundraising needs. Sally Stelnicki will prepare an informational flyer for distribution at the Rules meetings.

All State – no report as such. Unless further discussion is presented by coaches, the selection will remain the same as done last year. More information needs to be done at Sectionals

to make the sectional representatives aware of the players and their performances in their section for presentation at the selection meeting.

Fund Raising – donations by IWP Board members through their various organizations and connections to set example: \$75 ads up through sponsorships. Information is available at www.illinoiswaterpolo.net

Kap7 – Mark is going to check/reconfirm the contract for 2008 season, as official supplier of balls, caps, goals with a banner at tournaments (not State Tourney) and a showcase/table at events.

Did we get anything back from Kap7/Keiffer in 2007? Assuming this contract is renewed for current year, this sponsorship needs to be presented again to coaches/remind them for purchases

Bill Mulcrone is going to send out a query to coaches for identifying a company for teams to use for t-shirts. Once a company/several companies are identified, proposals can be solicited with a potential rebate to IWP or sponsorship for the banquet. Responses will be sent back to Luke. COMMITTEE: Dan Jackovich, Bill Mulcrone, Mark Menis, and Luke Payette

Treasurer – position open

Summer League – 18 and Under League Rick Marsh sent a proposal for the summer league program. Via cell-phone, he responded to various questions. The \$100 per team deposit for a spot in the league is for each, boys and girls teams. The \$100 would cover costs associated with the league: officials, awards—further delineation of this is requested. This is a high school level league associated with American Water Polo. Week day games will be set up, with invitational tournaments on weekends (as they have been). Rick will be meeting on January 15th with Tom Tracy and Dan Sharidan from American Water Polo to further discuss this. It was suggested that a specific date, such as March 15th, be put in place to identify interested and committed teams for organization purposes. The Board did vote to go ahead with this proposed summer league program, as proposed by Rick Marsh. He will have a hand-out on this at the Rules Interpretation meetings. 14 and Under League starting in the summer and leading toward Speedo Cup will be addressed at the next meeting when Jeff Wimer will be present. According to Joe Linehan at the last meeting, the Speedo Cup is planning to return to the Chicago area—pools are still being discussed.

ALL FLYERS/INFORMATION HAND-OUTS for distribution at the Rules Interpretation meetings have to be prepared and to Perry Korbakis prior to the meetings.

Next meeting: Monday, February 11th, 7:00PM at Fenwick.

[Sally and Mark will be responsible for getting the minutes taken by someone in some manner at that meeting.]

Illinois Water Polo
Board Meeting
July 8, 2008 7:00P.M. Fenwick High School

In attendance: Dan Jackovich, Perry Korbakis, Carol Macola, Rick Marsh, Mark Menis, Dave Perry, Tiffany Ruiz, and Sally Stelnicki. Jeff Wimer was brought in on a telephone conference.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Menis

Summer League 18 and under: Rick Marsh

- Revised budget excluded trophies, plaques, and medals
- IWP providing up to \$1000 for the league (\$250 per tournament)
- Budget includes air fare for the national tournament for official, coaches' hospitality, and the team entry fee (\$475)
- Total \$3825, equating to \$125 entry fee for each team for the tournament [championship and consolation – boys and girls]
- 32 teams are involved—all paying \$100 fee to participate in the league + \$125 for the tournament
- At the conclusion of the season, a survey/comment form will evaluate the program
- A steering committee will be formed to guide next year's summer league
- Championship team (male) will participate in the National tournament—8 states, at this point, are involved.
- If for some reason the championship team does not attend, then next year Illinois will send an all-star team

IWP thanks Rick Marsh, Perry Korbakis, and Rob Lindgren for their work on this program

Family Festival in Michigan: Illinois had a poor showing at this event. One team (Mundelein?) was in attendance. Check American Water Polo for results. Poor communication, late information on who was attending the tournament led to many teams not considering the trip. AWP has wanted to move this to Chicago—having two pools that can run games concurrently has been a problem. Also the early date this year (end of June) appeared difficult for Chicago team commitment.

Fall Recreational League:

- AWP registration will be required for all the recreational league participants [Jeff to check with Tom Tracy that USAWP members may participate in AWP games/tournaments]
- October 18th weekend for the 11 and under championship (recreational league)
- October 25th for the 14 and under championship (recreational league).
- Budget—estimate for fall league involvement needs to be completed/presented—Jeff will distribute information to coaches/teams. Five weekends (10 games) +

championship tournament (2+ games).

USWP Qualifier:

- Each team will identify up to 5 elite or developing players for consideration. Athletes must be willing to provide funding and travel to national events and attend all team practice sessions.
- Other top players may be identified throughout September competition by a selection committee.
- Identified players will be invited to a developmental camp and competition at the end of September. All will be required to register as USAWP players.
- Saturday afternoon and Sunday will be used for competitions for these teams — after girls' high school swim meets are over for the day.
- Teams (one boys', one girls') will compete to produce a Champion who will represent the Midwest Zone at USWP National Speedo Cup Championships.
 - Fundraising will be pursued to outfit these teams with uniforms.
 - Events will be scheduled to train Coaches and Players between the months of September and November.
 - Tiffany will send an outline of the proposal to Jeff. Jeff will distribute the information to the team coaches. A conference call will be arranged for interested/involved team coaches.
- Christmas Camp selection will be done in conjunction with September camp.

USWP Speedo Cup:

- USWP Speedo Cup National Championship will be the 1st full weekend in November—Nov. 7th, 8th, 9th at the University of Michigan. We will follow a three day format—Friday 8A.M. to 9P.M., over by 4 o 5P.M. on Sunday, using two courses. Midwest Zone will pay approx. \$9400 in rental for the pools; USAWP has indicated it would provide about 1/3 of the cost. Only 1 boys and 1 girls team from Zone will attend [Michigan as host can also have teams].
- Qualifying tournament participants must all be USAWP registered (seasonal membership not sufficient).

Communication:

Major problem. Are we communicating effectively? Our coaches list on the website is out of date. Possibly identify 4 non-high school coaches from each region (maybe 4 regions?) to assist Bill Mulcrone and John Reilly with collecting and updating information, to include club and age-group coaches, as well as high school coaches. Each Board Member is asked to seek out interested people to assist with this. In addition, we need a communication rep for our summer club and age group programs.

The only mandated time high school coaches are present for gathering contact information is at IHSA rules interpretation meetings in January and February (and last ditch effort at the March Coaches' Clinic). H.S. Coaches' Scheduling meeting: Monday, September 15th, 7.P.M. at Fenwick.

Next meeting: Monday, August 11th, 7 P.M. at Fenwick.

Illinois Water Polo
August 11, 2008 at 7P.M.
Fenwick High School

Present: Doug Eichstaedt, Chad Ganden, Beto Garcia, Dan Jackovich, Carol Macola, Rick Marsh, Andy McWhirter, Mark Menis, Dave Perry, Tiffany Ruiz, Jen Stapf, Sally Stelnicki, Jeff Winer

IWP formally thanks

- Rick Marsh and Rob Lindgren for their well run Summer HS league
- Dave Perry for his efforts in the Summer HS league program
- Garrin Kapecki for running the Senior Open
- Perry Korbakis for the officials for the HS league who provided additional playing time to further develop playing

Rick: HS Summer league

- Survey is to be sent to coaches for further feedback
- Feedback will be reviewed with Rob and Dave to have a proposal for next year's league set-up by January (coaches want an earlier identified schedule)
- More active summer participation = more growth, more opportunities
- LAW represented Illinois at the National State Challenge, placing 3rd
- Joe Linehan (USAWP) has asked about getting involved with our summer league—need a national championship for our consideration
- Add 14 and under side to AWP and extend the season

Rick: JO participation

- Teams involved were Lyons, West Suburban, Windy City, Great Lakes (MI), Rockford (MI), and St. Louis
- Zone only filled the 18 and under boys slots

Mark: Treasurer's report

Jen: Website/fundraising

- add PayPal onto IWP website following the free set-up plan which costs 1.9% per transaction/ise
- administered by Jen with Mark
- can be used for fundraising and banquet ads
- can be used to market items
- Rick will inventory IWP items he has stored—photos for online sales
- can be set up for the banquet tickets

Chad: All-State selection

- Coaches want to go back to the old system
- Coaches aren't voting for all-sectional players
- Non-voting coaches affect other teams' players

Revise the directions for all-sectional for sectional coordinator—more specific

1. make sure everyone votes
2. make sure that two coaches show up for the all-state meeting (have alternates)
3. have a specified timeline

Next meeting review procedures and directions for all-sectional/all-state

Communications:

Tiffany will work on the information for the website

We need to identify new people to help on the support staff

Jeff: Fall league

USAWP league – Age Group/Speedo Cup (Nov. 8-10 at Ann Arbor, MI)

- league champion, representing the zone at Speedo Cup, must move all players/coaches up to full status in USAWP—pay the difference
- for US league, all club, coaches, and officials fees are free SEE USAWaterPolo.org and click on US leagues
- if we make a multi-year commitment to US league playing, what can USAWP offer us? –a clinic? --donations of balls? --what will players get when they pay their \$25 to join?
- Entry fee for US league playing is \$250/team for a 10 game league season + \$25/athlete to USAWP
- Championship entry fee (additional for those teams competing) will be \$150 to \$175 /team
- Speedo Cup—all must be full members in USAWP + entry team fee of \$400
- League champion will go to Speedo Cup (St. Louis will be sending a team to participate—Jeff will communicate with Corey Miller)
- Fall league coaches in teleconference on 8/10/08 voted 6 for all all-star team, 2 against, and 1 abstention. Questions involved selection of coaches, players, who doing the selecting. Results—concept dropped. Boys team for Speedo Cup is the league champion. If clubs with too few girls to field a team want to coordinate to give those girls an opportunity to play on an all-girls team (versus a co-ed team which then cannot be considered for the championship playing), they are encouraged to do so.
- Playing starts the weekend of September 6th-7th
- Championship tournament will be October 24th-26th
- 12 and under championship will be October 18th-19th
- Rick Marsh will set aside rooms at the Hampton Inn in Ann Arbor with the understanding that they will be used by the teams selected
- IWP had discussed picking up the entry fee for a Chicago Area girls team
- IWP had proposed fundraising for uniforms for the teams

Next meeting: Monday, September 15th at 6P.M. at Fenwick prior to HS coaches scheduling meeting.