

Illinois Water Polo
Board Meeting
22 March 2009
4:15P.M.
Fenwick High School

In attendance: Angie Caffarini, Beto Garcia, Miriam Hollenbach, Perry Korbakis, Carol Macola, Rick Marsh, Mark Menis, Rahul Sethna, Jennifer Stapf, Sally Stelnicki

Treasurer's Report: no change

All State Selection Process: Rahul presented a plan with the following differences to the present process that was prepared by Chad Ganden and updated several times after Chris Tomsheck noted the time and politics involved in our previous method. Rahul's plan would allow the 16 coaches (2 each from the 8 sectionals) to vote for their own sectional players. Automatic berths would be given for the top teams—the coach specifying who would fill those spots, thus taking those top players out of the voting process. All-State teams would be expanded to 12 players on each of the 4 teams. The Player of the Year would be voted on—1 vote for a player. **Rahul is to prepare a document identifying the differences in the two plans to present. This should be posted on line, as well as emailed to all the coaches.** At the All-Sectional meetings (which we have requested, even though the seeding process is done on-line), the coaches will vote on the method they want—with documented voting. This is to be a coaches' choice. Chad was unable to attend this meeting, but has sent information as follows:

As a coach, I do not like this format at all. I also have had other coaches review this proposal to obtain their opinion. All are in agreement that this is not the ideal way to determine an All State Team. If you are looking for a way to reward just the teams that went to state, then you should call it the State Tournament Team. However, if you want to reward the individual Water polo players that excelled throughout the state (All State Team), then this is definitely not the option. The people that should be on the All State Team, are those athletes that proved they were at the top of their game, regardless of their team state finish. The proposed format would penalize the gifted athletes at smaller schools that will never be able to go to state. In addition, it gives too much recognition to the top placing team, regardless of how talented their individual members actually are. I don't want to see a stellar athlete forgotten while a mediocre athlete who happened to be a member of a great team rewarded. This method does not allow for the coaches to vote for the players they would want to vote for.

Current plan is in place for this year. Chad has requested coach-input with the process he devised, with many discussions. The various points made need to be worked out, and all the coaches need to be involved to address these discrepancies.

Banquet: The flyer is done and will be posted to the website. Banquet book—Mark is gathering the information for the book. **Dan is in charge of the ads—he solicits the ads—a due date needs to be set.** Certificates—we need to purchase the program for the certificates; we borrowed a computer with the computer program for last year and it is no longer available. Awards—Jeff. Andy will be the MC again; Mark will provide Andy with a readable version of the agenda/

Coaches' Clinic: 30-40 coaches in attendance.

Communications: new list of coaches is up and posted.

Summer: Rob Lindgren is checking on the insurance from USAWP. 8 coaches have signed up thus far. **He should update the flyer for the website and email it to Mark for posting. Also, have it posted on Aaron's website.** Contact Rob to let him know of entry plans: Robert.lindgren@d214.org. \$350/team for entry in the summer league. The same agreements with Joe Linehan (USAWP) are in effect this year--\$25/person. AWP will not be involved in this—CWP, however, is taking over the Big Ten. Rick was to speak to AWP about a summer proposal. As it stands, we will not be involved in their State Championship Tourney.

Age Group: Will be run similar to the summer league. It will be a fun league—with the Speedo Cup in the fall. Three groups: 14 and under boys, 14 and under girls, and 12 and under co-ed. There will be 5 games + the championship. **Information will be distributed at sectionals and on-line with the registration date.** Currently the fees for officials is still un-set with plans for \$20/official/game. Who will collect the money is not yet determined.

Website: Aaron will work with us. **Rick will speak with Aaron about fees and what implementation will occur.** We can pay a fee for IWP logo on his site. Mark—our information button has generated hits, asking questions which he has forwarded to the appropriate person/direction.

New business: Can we recruit college students (players) for summer leagues to get them involved? USAWP has on-line training—the first step.

Merchandising: Selected the zipper pull for the banquet item—Miriam will get the information on cost per item with 500 and with 1000 ordered. The flat circular ornament with the IWP logo was selected as a selling item. Miriam will set up at the Banquet with merchandise she has. **Rick will make the decision on how many of the zipper pulls we will purchase for the banquet, based on the costs.**

Next meeting: Sunday, April 26th, 4:00P.M. at Fenwick. Finalize Summer league and Age group.