

IWP Meeting Agenda - 11/12/23:

Attendance

Elizabeth Timmons

Beto Garcia

Heather Serrano

Jimmy Heard

Eddie Prystalski

Rose Wimer

Everardo Leon

Jesse Zien

Carlos Ceja

1. Opening comments – Heather Serrano, Treasurer
 - At the moment - Kyle has resigned. We need a president immediately.
 - Jimmy could be the interim until March or we find a replacement.
 - Heather is looking for someone to replace her as her term is up now.
 - Didn't file taxes for 4 years. Finally, fixed it, but IL Attorney General said we weren't a non-profit. Got a form in late but now we need a letter signed by Kyle and Heather. We need a president and treasurer who will work together for issues like what came up.
2. Resignation, Kyle Perry – President
 - Kyle's resignation was accepted.
3. End of Term, Heather Serrano – Treasurer
 - With Heather's term ending and Kyle's resignation, IWP needs to name 2 new signing authorities for IWP Banking Accounts (Chase)
4. Officer Election Nominations – President, Treasurer, Vice President
 - Elections were held at the meeting.
 - Joe Kamper was elected president to replace Kyle.
 - Jimmy Heard will remain as vice president (term was up).
 - Jesse Zien will be treasurer (Heather's term was up).
5. Treasurer's Report – Heather Serrano
 - Update as of November
 - Taxes have been filed and paperwork signed
 - Banquet was operated at a loss of about \$300.
 - \$115 to get reinstated hasn't been cashed yet so it is not reflected in the treasurer's report.
 - Currently expenses are outpacing our income which is something we need to fix if we want to continue to operate.
 - We need to actively find someone who is interested in fundraising to fill the fundraising position to make sure that we bring in some new funds.
 - Major expenses - banquet and insurance, referee payouts

- Need to get information out to coaches about needing more people to join the organization.
- Transition plan for new Treasurer
 - Heather and Jesse will work this out together.

6. Reports:

- Website – Jesse Zien
- Communications - Mike Cashman and Megan Brownley
 - Weekly emails going out.
 - We need to include information about IWP in the weekly email to get more people involved.
- Fundraising (Open)
 - Dave Perry College Scholarship
 - Has a few more years left, but need to fundraise to keep it running.

7. Liaisons Report

- USWP Liaison – Midwest Board Members Present & ODP - Tim Daniel
 - Nothing to report at this time.
- League updates - Jesse Zien
 - 2 checks outstanding from the league.
 - Overall went well but hoping to avoid having any teams fade out in the future.
 - Officials increase in pay is making it more difficult to make as much profit for IWP.
 - These are the AWP leagues and for the summer, we had 8 boys teams and 7 girls teams.
 - There was only 1 team for each league that struggled with numbers.
 - Most teams dropped off at the end because of ODP stuff.
 - Many places are trying to make pools a revenue center and that makes it more difficult to host and practice because it is becoming more expensive.
 - There are some teams that play both US AWP and AWP leagues.
 - Combining leagues would be challenging for us to raise revenue off the leagues. AWP is willing to do this but USAWP will not share incoming funds with IWP.
 - AWP also deals with tax documents and payment for officials so this is a huge benefit for the treasurer. If we pull out from AWP, this would be a huge detriment to our leagues.
 - Can we find a way to make our leagues more appealing to coaches so that we can keep the money from our sport in Illinois instead of sending it out to USAWP?
 - This is something IWP needs to work on in the future.
- Officials Update - TBD
 - Trying to keep growing the pool of officials.
 - Working on various tournaments in the off season (February) and working to increase numbers.
 - Trying to do 3 training sessions in February before the high school season.

- Looking to put something together mid-season as well to make sure new rules and expectations are getting out to all officials.
- Want to get a group dedicated to just the leagues in the future.
- Chicago Park Update
 - Beto will have someone at the next meeting for the parks.
 - The boys were 8th and the girls were 12th at the Champions Cup.

8. Old business:

- League wrap up – Jessie Zien
 - See above

9. New Business (Open)

- Need to come up with ideas to increase participation in these meetings in addition to participation in leagues.
- Use the constant contact email to help increase interest.

To operate the banquet in a way that it will be profitable, we need to change the following:

- Don't print the programs or print and charge separately for them.
- Don't print as many of them.
- Awards cost was very high this year- almost \$1000.
- Ad book and awards added up to about \$1700.
- The general consensus was that we should NOT get rid of the banquet and Jesse has ideas for who might want to host the event and by the next meeting we will determine the location.

10. Next meeting - TBD

Monday, December 11th online at 7:30pm.

11. Closing Comments & Adjournment