

Illinois Water Polo Meeting Agenda – May 6th, 2024 at 7:30pm

Attendance

Everardo Leon - IWP Vice President

Jesse Zien - IWP Treasurer

Elizabeth Timmons - IWP Secretary

Ed Prystalski - Board of Directors

Megan Brownley - liaison

Colleen Lyons

Frank Mulchrone

Joseph Kochlefl

Kristine Donegan

Mac Varilla

1. Opening comments – Joe Kamper

1. Everado Subbing IN

- Notes from the president
 - Sectionals underway
 - Proposed new schedule of maybe doing play-in games friday, quarter finals saturday, semis on Monday and championships on tuesday going into state so there isn't a week cut off
 - Ongoing training of officials
 - Decorum between officials and coaches
 - Who is not on the email reminder for the meetings? Update that list now.
- CPD liaison
 - Brian Ruiz
 - nothing to report at this time
- College-level liaison
 - Seth if on call
 - nothing to report at this time
- Subcommittees – **ONLY PARTICIAPTE IN 2 MAX**
- **LETS SET UP COMMITTEE MEETINGS TONIGHT FOR THIS WEEK**
 - Training (Officials and Coaches) – **Eddie, Joe, Josh, Everado, Jim Caliendo, Mac Varilla, Chris Mulchrone**
 - Starting to being summer planning training
 - AWP and USA WP working together now that Andy and Trickey are heading USA Elite Officials
 - Looking for pools to do these trainings at
 - Fundraising – **Jim Caliendo, Eddie, Joe, Sean**
 - **Be specific on where money is going**

- 2x Golf
 - Meeting next week to get dates together with prices
 - Private Events (replicating MCAC)
 - 5K Run -
 - Need to raise money for the banquet, awards, renting pool spaces for clinics
 - Waiting for Joe to work on this
- All State Banquet – Liz Perry, Keith Yavitt, Jeff Weimer, Colleen Lyons
 - Liz and Jesse can elaborate
 - Tom Musch for slide show
 - Jesse has been working with the caterer
 - menu submitted and waiting on confirmation and it will be family style
 - Going to meet this week to finalize anything left for the banquet
- Online Marketing – Megan Brownly, Mac Varilla, Brian Ruiz
 - What can we do here in the offseason?
 - Reaching out to our masters programs
 - Any luck with those athletes?
 - Reaching out to the dude that runs ILLPOLO.COM
 - Anyone have his contact?
- Taking the next step in IWP
 - New Mission Statement: IWP is here to grow the sport of water polo in Illinois through training, engagement, and encouragement.
 - Next steps with sales pitch
 - “Illinois Water Polo exists for the development of student athletes from child-age to adult and beyond. We are here to grow the sport of water polo in Illinois through training, engagement, and encouragement. To support our student-athletes, coaches, and officials, we put together regular clinics and trainings to elevate everyone’s understanding and implementation to the next level.”
 - Our mission is to work on IL first and then deal with nearby areas as well
 - We want to be the powerhouse so that we can make the framework but other areas can join in as we grow and they grow
- Goals 2024
 - Bridge gap between USA and AWP
 - Working on training officials in tandem
 - Build out fundraising programs
 - Banquet is number one making sure its buttoned up
 - Then summer outing
 - Any trainings
 - Onboarding: Officials, Coaches and Teams

- Summer Polo
 - We need to start reaching out to teams to make sure they have teams play or start giving them ideas on how to get their kids involved
 - What else?
 - Update Social Media
 - Website – Megan
 - LinkedIn – Joe
 - Other used platforms
0. Treasurer’s Report – Jesse Zien
- working on getting the CD taken care of
 - Jesse is working with the Secretary of State to get everything squared away
 - financials are the same as usual
0. All State Banquet – Elizabeth Timmons
- Banquet locked down
 - Food confirmed
 - All-sectional lists submitted to Chris
 - Next steps
 - Ad book? Other sponsorship opportunities?
 - Jeff Wimer will order the awards and give a call tomorrow.
 - Hall of Fame and Phil Stelnicki awards will be finalized this week!
 - Elizabeth will finish the invitation and information sheet to send to Joe, Wimer and the sectional hosts.
0. Fundraising - Need team
1. Dave Perry College Scholarship
 - Any luck with tournament donations?
0. Liaisons Report
1. USWP Liaison – Midwest Board Members Present & ODP - Tim Daniel
 - Will have report by meeting
 2. Chicago Park District – Brian Ruiz
 - - wrapping up the winter leagues
 - - spring everyone is coaching
 - - late spring/summer details are still being worked out for CPD
 - - Usually do JOs but might decide to do the NSC. Looking into options
 - - Would the park district be open to having their leagues open to other park districts? This would need to be run through Andy Walsh to see if this would be something that the Parks could do.
 2. College Programs Liaison – Augustana and Carthage opportunities

Old business:

- a. Dave Perry College Scholarship Fundraiser
 1. Any other updates needed here
 2. Other things that need to be brought back to life?

b. Banquet

c. Summer

1. 12U and 14U
2. High School Leagues

6. New Business:

- June 4th at 10a for Advisory Committee
 - Changes to sectionals for next year
 - Sectional Pay
 - Potential for Boys season to move to Fall
- Add a poll to the player recognition information so we could get data to share with the advisory committee – Chris Cloy
 - Want to set up a survey to get feedback from coaches about the schedule for Sectionals
 - June 4th is the committee meeting so we need to get feedback before this and we need to submit this properly
 - Got All-Sectional Nominations from almost all schools
 - Highest participation we have had yet!
- What else can we get ready for end of season and summer?

7. Next meeting will be: Monday, June 3rd at 7:30pm

8. Closing Comments & Adjournment