

IWP Meeting - 3/5/26

Attendance:

Jesse Zien - Treasurer

Elizabeth Timmons - Secretary

Carlos Ceja

Christopher Mulcrone

Edward Prystalski

Eric Fischer

Joe Linehan

Joe Trickey

Megan Brownley

Maddie Burrell

Tim Daniel

1. Season is about to start games next week. Officials need to make sure they have their tests completed.
2. AWP invoices that have been unpaid.
 - a. IWP is going to pay the bill but we are looking to get money from those who need to pay.
 - b. IWP will be trying to track down the clubs to recoup these fees.
 - c. Assuming most of this is just emails that have been lost in translation.
3. Communication program to start talking through how to improve participation
 - a. Joe Linehan wants to discuss how we can improve numbers.
4. Rafferty is having a coaches clinic
 - a. ODP people are looking into developing coaches and having coaches clinics in the next cycle
5. Joe and Jesse have been discussing what the main goals of IWP are
 - a. Keeping the IHSA sanctioning is at the top of the list
 - i. This should be our main objective
 - b. Joe Trickey - who helps the IHSA and Beth Sauser?
 - i. We want to make water polo as easy as possible for IHSA to try to keep the sanctioning
 - ii. Finding out what is important to the IHSA in order to make this "easy" for IHSA - ex. Financial goals? What is the product that we are delivering as a sport? Ex. table errors and issues at the state tournament
 - iii. Joe would like to help on this committee. Officials have a two year officiating and one year administration role cycle.
 - iv. Tim Daniel - how do we create a document about this? What is the process in the by-laws? Wants to create more awareness about these calls and mobilize water polo people and utilize their resources (ex. lawyers)
 - v. Awareness - social media and who wants to take it over?
 - vi. Stuck right now with Twitter email. Jesse can make an alias that would connect to admin@illinoiswaterpolo.org
 - vii. We already have access to the instagram

- viii. A lot of new coaches so we can get the meetings on the calendar on IWP website and blast out on weekly IWP emails. Jesse wants to have a schedule for the rest of the year.
- 6. Schaumburg got a new coach after all of our discussion last meeting.
 - a. Job openings are sometimes sent by ADs to admin email so we can blast it out
 - b. 250 Lincoln Park area adults in a linktree that Christopher Mulcrone has access to. These are recent alums returning to the area and looking to get involved.
 - i. Goal is to do a masters style water polo league for the summer. Need coast guard approval to move forward and finish the planning. Only 4 on 4
 - ii. They might have a donor to financially support the league. This is designed to be a fundraiser for his club to allow more people to access water polo. Thinking it could be \$35000 to run this league.
- 7. Feeder programs
 - a. Need to get an idea of who is doing this and make sure we are working on increasing numbers so we can get back to what we were.