

## MWPA Business Meeting Minutes 12 February 2001

- 1) Meeting called to order, 7:07 p.m. In attendance: Bill Royce, Brad Leedy, Brian Fickies, Chris Becker, Chris Burnett, Chris Keenan, Dale Rahn, Dan Brandenburg, Don Packard, Doug VanderJagt, Eric Lancaster, Ethan Roelle, Heather Becker-Hulswit, Heather Heritage, Jacqueline Dyball, Jeff Donehoo, Jeff Hardy, Jeff Rohrer, Jock Ambrose, Joe Dummer, John Jackson, Julio Pinto, Marc Taft, MaryAnn Vining, Matt Roelle, Matt Skavnak, Megan Rant, Mike Westgate, Pete Hewett, Rick Edwards, Vaughn Cooper, Will Hart (32 in total).
- 2) Secretary Report. Vaughn Cooper, representing Erika Orns (Secretary), noted that the MSU Women's Water Polo club will be hosting a Girls High School Clinic on Friday, February 23 4-8pm @ Jenison HS (Skills), and Saturday, Feb. 24, 3-7pm @ Grand Haven HS (Positional Work and Team Concepts). Charges are \$25 per person, or \$40 for both days.
- 3) Treasurer Report. Doug VanderJagt announced that MWPA has in excess of \$6,000, much of which should be put in a CD. The Fall, 2000 boys State Tournament made ~ \$1000, all other details are unclear
- 4) Scheduling and site items:
  - Girls 2001 States. Nominees: U of Michigan, Grand Haven, AA Huron. Teams must submit a bid by February 28 to the board. Fees to be considered include: maintenance, pool rental, insurance, security, tournament director and table worker fees, awards, admissions, concessions, t-shirts, officials lodging, officials fees @ \$25/game, officials accommodations.
  - Women's 2001 Regionals: Rockford. AAH? May 18 and 19.
  - Men's 2001 Regionals: Rockford/Grand Haven? East side?
  - Girls' JV State Tourney, Portage Central nomination, May 11 and 12. Motion carries. E-mail Jim Schaeffer for contact info, [jschswim@aol.com](mailto:jschswim@aol.com).
  - Boys' JV State Tourney, October 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>. Pioneer?
- 5) JO's Report. Dan Brandenburg stated that David Taylor has been his local Ann Arbor contact thus far. Important information includes: a) Entry form, plus \$250 per team, must be received no later than June 1, 2001. b) Birthdate cutoffs: 14/U: 1987, 16/U: 1985, 18/U: 1983 or later c) Tournament dates: Girls: August 5-8, Boys: August 8-12.
- 6) Director of Officials Report. Rick Edwards spoke of the following:
  - Concern about limited # of officials. Get "more stable elements" involved.
  - March 23 and 24<sup>th</sup>, officials clinic, Grand Haven HS. Bruce Murden, organizer, Julio Pinto, clinician, [julio3@aol.com](mailto:julio3@aol.com). See also [www.greatlakeswp.com](http://www.greatlakeswp.com)
  - USWP has produced a useful rules video. See [www.usawaterpolo.com](http://www.usawaterpolo.com) for more information
  - There are no rules changes for the upcoming season.
  - Concern about excess of "conduct unbecoming." In the Fall, 2000 boys season there were 12 game ejections warranting letter to/from AD.
  - Motion for "two and you're done." First brutality/game misconduct: player is ejected for the next game; second brutality/game misconduct: player is ejected for the season. Rick will chair the committee to discuss this motion, which was tabled, and Don Packard was "volunteered."
- 7) New Business:
  - [www.statmaster.com](http://www.statmaster.com) / [www.schoolathletics.net](http://www.schoolathletics.net) (ihigh.com). Jeff Donehoo is our MWPA contact. (e-mail: [donehooj@river.it.gvsu.edu](mailto:donehooj@river.it.gvsu.edu)). Mike Westgate moved that all coaches should try to update website, discussion followed.
  - Bylaws, Art. 4A, time of MWPA meetings:  
Girls Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in February @ 4pm. Motion carries, unopposed.  
Boys Meeting: Eight days following the conclusion of Girls State Tourney (Sunday at 4pm). Motion carries, unopposed.

- JV States / "Invitational." To avoid potential conflict, we are to avoid the use of the word "States" in the tournament title. Regarding player eligibility for this tournament, Doug VanderJagt moves to require the "Ethical decision by coaches such that only JV players play at JV States." Motion carries.
  - MISCA-related news from Rick Edwards on promoting the sport. Doug VanderJagt argues that MISCA isn't the appropriate audience for promotion. Idea of new team clinic/tourney proposed. Doug moves to skip MISCA, invest resources into specific new program promotion, motion carries. Motion to eliminate Battle Creek tourney carries unopposed.
  - All-America information, see Rick Edwards. During the boys season 8 names were turned in for 8 slots. For the girls season, coaches must make nominations by State Tournament.
  - Chelsea report (Jeff Rohrer). Auburn Hills/Avondale report (Heather Becker). Discussion followed (led by Brandenburg and Ambrose) about how to present the case for varsity status.
  - Out of season coaching. Jock Ambrose notes that MWPA agreed to the MHSAA season limits. Example: girls season begins March 12, ends at State tourney. Coaches may not coach more than 3 players at a time out of season, summer excluded. Conditioning is a different matter.
  - Vaughn Cooper offered to collect and publish all tournament dates for the upcoming Girls season. Information should be directed to [vcooper@umich.edu](mailto:vcooper@umich.edu)
- 8) Elections: Office of President: To replace Pete Hewett, Mike Westgate was nominated and elected unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by Vaughn Cooper.