

## MWPA Business Meeting Minutes 10 June 2001

- 1) Meeting called to order, 4:10pm. In attendance: Dan Brandenburg (Co-President), Mike Westgate (Co-President), Doug VanderJagt (Treasurer), Erika Orns (Secretary), Vaughn Cooper, Brad Leedy, Jim Silverman, Matt Skavnak, Veronica Ten Cate, Dave McWatters, Eric Posthumus, Jeff Donehoo, Toben King (total of 13 members).
- 2) Treasurer's report. \$4,000 recently moved to CD, \$1466 in checking prior to the deposit of the revenue from the Girls State Championship.
- 3) Secretary's report. Note changes to MWPA contact information. E-mail changes to [eorns@themac.org](mailto:eorns@themac.org).
- 4) Director of Officials nominations. Vaughn Cooper nominated, seconded. Jim Silverman nominated, declined. Larry Winkelman, nominated, seconded.

Discussion follows: we need to publicize the means by which teams can hire officials. Do we need regional liaisons for officiating assignments? There was consensus that the Director of Officials need not be an assignor (other than for Regionals and States), but they should be in contact with the assignors.

Additional discussion regarding Rick Edwards' resignation, and the necessity to recognize the efforts who labor on behalf of the MWPA.

Further discussion about the behavior of parents and the need to instruct parents about the rules of the game. We need to clarify the code of conduct for officials, and emphasize the need for separation between "on deck" and "stands."

Voting for Director of Officials. Vaughn Cooper, 11. Larry Winkelman, 0. 2 abstentions.

- 5) Potential for re-districting the regions, prompted by the fact that there are now three teams from the Kalamazoo area.

Proposal from Jeff Donehoo and Matt Skavnak regarding districts:

- East I (Southeast): AAP, AAH, Saline, Dexter, Mason, Chelsea
- East II (Northeast): Grand Blanc, Groves, Seaholm, Troy, Troy Athens, Okemos
- West III (West): Jenison, Grandville, Holland, Zeeland, Grand Haven, West Ottawa, Hudsonville
- West IV (East): Rockford, E. Grand Rapids, Forest Hills, E. Kentwood, Portage Central, Portage Northern, Kalamazoo Central.
- The top four teams from each district would go to Regionals, and the top four teams from each region would go to States.

VanderJagt suggests that we go to District format when total team # reaches 25. Until this point, we should follow the precedent. Thus, the new Portage Central boys team should play in the East Regional this fall.

No decision on this proposal will be made until the Fall meeting.

- 6) Executive Board voiced the necessity for 3 meetings, not 2. These will be the Sunday following Girls' season, the Sunday following Boys' season (unless there is a Thanksgiving conflict), and on the Sunday in February prior to the start of Girls season. Next meeting will be the Sunday following the Boys' State Tournament, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm, at the usual Holiday Inn Lansing location.
- 7) JV Tournament Issues. The approved motion from the previous meeting was reiterated: "Only JV players play at JV States (though we are not supposed to use the word "States"). We should also clarify the nature of the tournament in the program, especially for the benefit of the parents. A clear decision should be made by the coach whether the player attends JV States or Regionals. The possibility of a "B team" label was raised. Motion to rename this tournament tabled for decision by the Executive Committee.

Location: E. Kentwood and Pioneer both nominated themselves as hosts for the fall boys' tourney. The possibility of multiple locations was raised by Brandenburg, potentially defusing the overemphasis on "championship."

- 8) Regional and Tournament sites for the boys Fall 2001 season. Regional: Rockford/Pioneer. State: Huron. Possibility of MSU or UM (Eastern, Oakland) hosting was raised.

- 9) Clarification: Tournament fees MUST be paid by the first game of the tournament, regardless of particular school policies on payment.
- 10) All-State Awards, and voting for Regional and State teams. Approved motion:
- The All-State Team will be not be an All-Tournament team, but rather a season-long award.
  - All-State Ballots are due during the State Tournament.
  - Nominations for All-State: If a team qualifies for the State Tournament, a maximum of seven (7) nominations are permitted. If a team fails to qualify, a maximum of two (2) nominations are permitted.
  - Nominations for All-State are due at the Regional Championship tournament and should be submitted to the Regional Tournament Director. Coach of the Year voting will also be on the All-State ballot.
  - All-State awards will be announced and distributed at the MWPA meeting the weekend after the State Tournament.
  - The only awards announced at the State Tournament is the All-Academic Team.
  - Clarification of voting: 1) Referees get one collective ballot for All-State and for Regional All-Tournament. 2) Teams will vote for 14 players and 14 only, and they may NOT be members of their own team. 3) The first team shall consist of an MVP, one and only one goalie, and number seven players total. The second team will consist of seven players of any position. Points: MVP = 3, 1<sup>st</sup>-team = 2, and 2<sup>nd</sup> team = 1.
  - Awards will be for First-Team (seven), Second-Team (seven), and Honorable Mention (seven, given voting cutoffs).
  - If a team fails to submit a ballot, players from that team will be excluded from awards.
- 11) Jim Silverman's JO Report. 201 teams registered. 16Us and 18Us have waiting lists. There will be h32 teams per bracket. Qualified table workers are needed! Contact David Taylor ([David.Taylor@pfizer.com](mailto:David.Taylor@pfizer.com)) to volunteer.
- 12) Veronica Ten Cate will not be coaching the Saline girls next season; they are looking for a coach. For info, contact Carl Chambers (734) 665-8758.
- 13) Doug VanderJagt recommends that MWPA members stay off MLive. Seconded with enthusiasm.
- 14) Doug VanderJagt raised the previous issue of prom conflicts in the spring. He proposed that no Regional game start after 4pm. Seconded, motion carries.
- 15) Doug VanderJagt also raised the issue of the maximum number of competitions, especially in the context of District play. The current limit is set at 22 days of competition, not including postseason. Proposal to raise the maximum to 25 was raised, but tabled.
- 16) MWPA Rules Update. Motion to follow USWP exclusively (even though TWPC won't meet until after this meeting). Other options: National Federation, which is close to NCAA rules, or FINA. Reasoning in favor of USWP: players follow these rules outside of HS season. Members should be aware that MWPA has previously adopted a Regional and State Tournament format that includes sudden-death overtime for bracket play games. Motion seconded, carries unopposed.
- 17) Mike Westgate and Dave McWatters proposed extending the State Tournament to prevent playing five games over two days. The option of Thursday night play was raised. Motion for 7 minute quarters, beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday night, games on the 1:15, if Huron or boys' State Tournament host can accommodate it. Motion carries.
- 18) A masters' league is being organized by Toben King of Grand Blanc. For details email [tobeking@aol.com](mailto:tobeking@aol.com).
- 19) Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.