

## Minutes from 11/18/01 MWPA meeting

1. Called to order at 4:14pm by Dan Brandenburg. Present: Vaughn Cooper, Dan Brandenburg, Mike Westgate, Doug VanderJagt, Eric Posthumus, Scott Richardson, Matt Zandstra, Derek Whittington, Jeff Donehoo, Pete Hewett, Brad Leedy, Joe Dummer, Ethan Roelle, Toben King, Chris Burnett, Joe Tristan, Bill Clegg, John Jackson, Dave McWatters, Bruce Murden, and Jim Silverman (21 total).
2. State and Regional Hosting responsibilities (DB)
  - a. Written proposal required (timing, budget, first aid/trainer)
  - b. Prior invoicing required
  - c. Schedules
  - d. Press Releases
  - e. EGR proposes to host West Regional
  - f. UM and MSU both indicated interest in hosting the 2002 Girls States.
  - g. Dan and Doug will compile Regional/State bid form; check bid package at <http://www.usawaterpolo.com>
3. Regular season tournament etiquette
  - a. Immediately notify attending teams of payment required.
  - b. Maintaining commitments is critical; late withdrawal remains too frequent. Commitments should be financially binding.
4. Postseason tournament requirements: teams MUST pay \$\$ prior to start of first game. Schools with chronically late payment processing are instructed to prepare well in advance.
5. Treasurer's report (DV). Balance is \$2,042.30, without Fall Boys' State tourney information. This information is required; Pioneer HS is instructed to notify the treasurer at once.
6. East Regional Seeding. (DB). 12 teams or 9 teams will be reduced to 8 teams in some manner (pre-regional tourney). Contact Dan Brandenburg (<mailto:dbrandenberg@yahoo.com>) to voice your input about the format. Issues concern how the tournament is seeded, and voting by email is a strong possibility.
7. Officials Report (discussion led by VC)
  - a. An official's clinic will be held in conjunction with Rockford's 5-on-5 tournament on Friday 3/08/02 (classroom) and Saturday 3/09/02 (game experience). We discussed making attendance to at least one clinic per year mandatory for MWPA referees. Such a policy will become a voting item at our next meeting.

- b. Silverman and McWatters will co-chair a committee to evaluate the possibility of using National Federation rules (NF) for MWPA games in Fall '02, with possible exceptions (such as timeouts, conduct, etc). This will be a voting agenda item in Spring '02.
- c. McWatters moves to award minor exclusion foul for minor disrespect (in line with the new NCAA interpretation). Motion seconded and carries unanimously.
- a. This rule, #21-12, reads:

### **D i s r e s p e c t**

SECTION 12. To refuse obedience to or show disrespect for a referee or official. The offending player shall be excluded from the remainder of the game, with substitution after the earliest occurrence referred to in Rule 21-3.

*Note: The penalty for disrespect, no matter when committed, and the penalty for misconduct are the same. If disrespect or misconduct are committed prior to the restart of play after the opposing team has scored a goal or during the interval between periods, the offending team restarts the game a man down.*

Interpretation: If the act of disrespect or misconduct occurs in the interval between periods, the period starts with a sprint with a player in the exclusion area. If the act of disrespect or misconduct occurs by the team scored upon after the opposing team has scored a goal, the ball is awarded to the opposing team and play is started with a player in the exclusion area.

**A 20-second period of exclusion will be awarded for minor acts of disrespect that are not sufficient to warrant exclusion for the remainder of the game. Examples of this type of foul include a player directing minor comments to a referee such as, "Call the foul," or "Where is the push-off?" or "He's inside the two," or making minor gestures to the referee. The player will be removed for the remainder of the game if that player commits a second minor act of disrespect during the game.**

- e. Discussion followed about the use of MWPA money to sponsor/promote new Michigan referees to travel outside of state for better game exposure.
- f. General agreement about paying clinicians for running MWPA clinics.
- 8. Lake Orion for East Regional '02 and Boys States '03? Dan Brandenburg advocates study of these possibilities.
- 9. Open Items: Donehoo's District Proposal for Girls season (**see below**).
  - a. McWatters voices concern about how districts will be administered.
  - b. VanderJagt suggests that districts be reallocated into OK Rainbow and Red conferences.
  - c. Vote on commitment to move to district format for spring 2003. 8-1 in favor.
  - d. Necessary items: Talk to AD's, shallow/deep?, who's in charge, tournament format, director, rankings, awards.
- 10. Discussion regarding voting requirements in MWPA business matters. Murden will word the proposal for the Feb meeting.

11. Proposal to move Girls State tourney to 1 week after Regionals (Memorial Day weekend) from 2 weeks post-Regionals (Westgate). If site is available, vote in favor 8-0.
12. The new MWPA website is at <http://www.provide.net/~mwpaweb>. Email Bruce Murden (<mailto:mwpaweb@provide.net>) with suggestions, content, etc. Send record of past champions. Also email schedule, tournaments, team web links to Murden.
13. USWP meeting information: held 12/09/01 in Ann Arbor. Notable offices: Rick Marsh was re-elected Zone Chair, Bruce Murden elected Referee Chair. No HS coaches or athletes were in attendance to voice their opinion in support of representation of Michigan water polo at the National convention.
14. Voting problems for All-State; discussion concerned the announcement of All-State teams after the State tournament. This motion passed at the previous meeting, following the logic that most All-State teams are announced after championship's end, and to encourage attendance of the meeting immediately following the State tournament.
15. All-State team announced, see below.

Next meeting: ~~first Sunday in February. Feb 3, 2002, 4-6pm.~~

(NOTE: Board of Directors moved this meeting to February 10, 2002, 5:30 - 8:00 pm)

Note added in proof: Deb McMurray has agreed to coach the Dexter Girls this spring of 2002. For scheduling information, please contact her at [dmcurray@mail.mac.com](mailto:dmcurray@mail.mac.com).

MWPA Water Polo District Proposal (Jeff Donehoo and Matt Skavnak, co-authors)

- All Girls teams in the state remain in two regions (East and West)
- Each region is divided into two sections based on geographic location, ease of travel, and existing conference alignment.
- The top four teams from each division will compete at the Regional using the existing format. Each team will play each other at least once inside their division. All other dates are at the discretion of the team.

Proposed Format:

**East Regional**

**West Region**

District One

Ann Arbor Pioneer

Ann Arbor Huron

Chelsea

Dexter

Mason

Saline

District Three

East Kentwood

Grand Haven

Grandville

Holland

Jenison

Rockford

West Ottawa

District Two

Birmingham Groves

Birmingham Seaholm

Grand Blanc

Okemos

Troy

Troy Athens

District Four

EGR

Forest Hills

Hudsonville

Kalamazoo Central

Portage Central

Portage Northern

Zeeland

Notable changes:

1. Move Portage Central, Portage Northern, and Kalamazoo Central to the West Region.
2. Add a district tournament sometime prior to the regional tournament; top 4 teams from each district will advance to the regional.

3. Geographic, numerical, and conference criteria will be used to place new teams into districts.
4. State tourney remains unchanged.
5. Seeding for the district tournament will be based on regular season games. Teams are responsible for their own regular season schedules, but should make every attempt to play each team within their division.

## 2001 MWPA Men's All-State Teams

### First Team

Senior Jay Fantone	Ann Arbor Pioneer
Junior Kyle Moblo	Rockford
Senior Chris Posthumous	Grandville
Senior Matt Schaffer	Birmingham Groves
Senior John Stover	Ann Arbor Pioneer
Senior Anatol Tolchinsky	Ann Arbor Huron
Senior Ben Zolnierек	Rockford

### Second Team

Senior Tom Grant	Jenison
Senior Brian O'Rourke	Birmingham Groves
Junior Peter Simon	Ann Arbor Pioneer
Senior Mark Snyder	Grand Haven
Senior Justin Thoresen	Birmingham Groves
Frosh Steve Weinberg	Ann Arbor Huron
Senior Steve Workman	Rockford

### Honorable Mention

Junior Andy Callam	Ann Arbor Pioneer
Senior Greg Heimlich	Birmingham Groves
Senior Craig Hoogerwerf	Grand Haven
Soph Ben Hovarter	Rockford
Junior Zac Rodney	Birmingham Groves
Senior Andy Schwenk	Ann Arbor Pioneer
Junior Jon Thomas	Troy

Coach of the Year: Don Packard Ann Arbor Pioneer

Player of the Year: John Stover Ann Arbor Pioneer