

## Minutes, MWPA Spring meeting

10 February 2002

See the MWPA website at: <http://www.provide.net/~mwpaweb>

Meeting called to order at 5:40pm.

26 members in attendance: Westgate (Rockford), VanderJagt (EGR), Meyer (Saline), Peters (Mason), Donnan (Troy), Burnett (Huron), McMurray (Dexter), Heller (Seaholm), Heritage (Forest Hills), Roelle (Grand Blanc), Zeeff (G. Haven), Rant (G. Haven), Bowyer (E Kentwood), Hart, Rower (EK), Fickies (Okemos), Dummer (Holland), Donehoo (Hudsonville), Clement (Chelsea), Lee (Chelsea), Hardy (W. Ottawa), Silverman, Murden, Cooper, Edwards (Referees), McWatters (Rockford).

Treasurer's report: VanderJagt. One team's payment for 2001 Boys States is still outstanding, which is inexcusable, and now, by MWPA regulations, prevents future State Tournament participation until payment is submitted.

Also, 2001 Boys' States lost \$523, which was the first-ever net loss for a boys' tourney.

Murden, Article 3b, re: Voting Requirements. Will be an agenda item for the June meeting.

Proposal M2 for the Bylaws, Submitted by Bruce Murden. To be Article 3, Section B.

"For matters requiring a vote that affect only one high school competition season, only coaches of teams participating in that season, and the elected officers of MWPA, or the written, designated proxy of the above members may cast votes."

Purpose: To assure that only coaches involved in a particular season may vote on issues for that season.

Silverman: NISCA All-American application process. Each coach that wishes to submit an application on behalf of their athlete must be a NISCA member, or must pay \$10. Submit applications directly to Dave Perry (Chicago, Zone chairman). 18 slots each for the Zone for Boys and Girls, and a subset of these are directly awarded to Michigan athletes.

Discussion regarding who would collate and submit the All-America applications ensued. Jim Silverman volunteers himself, members approve with grateful enthusiasm.

Discussion, led by Silverman, Cooper, and McWatters, of the rules we wish to follow, as an organization (National Federation versus USWP rules).

Particular MWPA exceptions noted:

- 1) 3x2 minute timeouts versus 2x2min timeouts. Chosen: 2x2 minute timeouts (no change to current rules), plus one (and only one) 2 minute timeout in OT.
- 2) Halftime is 2 minutes, instead of 5 minutes.
- 3) Minor act of disrespect.

The National Federation versus USWP rules debate was extensive, and will be a voting item in June meeting.

Motion to accept the NF and NCAA rule, to permit referees the ability to exclude a player (ordinary ejection) for a "Minor act of disrespect" carries for the Spring 2002 season, unanimously.

**Wording: 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 pushoff?" 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.**

VanderJagt proposes that all rules changes should be made in the June meeting. Will be voting item in June.

Murden led discussion regarding the Code of Conduct, on MWPA website, will be voting item in June. See: <http://www.provide.net/~mwpaweb/Conduct.html>

Westgate announced 5 on 5 clinic, at Rockford HS March 9.

Games will be 5 four-minute periods with each player taking one period as goalkeeper.

Other rules follow MWPA.

Entry fee: \$10 per player, \$50 per team.

Format dependent on # of teams who enter.

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Cooper announced referee clinic, which will be held concurrently with the 5 on 5 clinic.

- All of the clinic will be held on Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8am.
- Classroom sessions will be held from 8-10, followed by game evaluations.
- All officials are encouraged to attend, especially new officials.
- Entry fee is \$10.
- USWP registration is optional; NASO (liability insurance) registration strongly encouraged.
- Coaches: please pass the word on to any interested members of your local community, and especially anyone with collegiate playing experience.

10-11 May 2002, Ann Arbor Huron HS wishes to host JV invitational tourney (end of season). Portage also has offered to host a similar tourney.

Tourney info:

Grand Haven needs "random" dual meets.

1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May, EGR wants to host Class B only tourney.

19 and 20 April, New Player tourney at AAP.

19 and 20 April, Varsity/JV at AAH.

26 and 27 April, Groves invite

27 April @ Dexter, B-team tourney.

Regionals and States of 2002:

OK Conference, 10 and 11 May, Rockford.

Spring East Regional: Dexter, or AAP? 17 and 18 May.

Spring West Regional: EGR, 17 and 18 May.

Spring State: AA Pioneer

Fall East: ?? STRONG possibility of other E. Michigan pools

Regionals/States: continued:

Fall West: EGR

Fall State: Rockford

Discussion re: Cranbook and Clarkston, and EMU, all all-deep E. Michigan pools.

Proposal to use 6 min quarters for all games at Regional/State tourneys.

Open items:

- Next meeting, 8 days after State tourney: Sunday, June 2, 2002. 4pm.
- Discussion regarding meetings with athletes prior to 11 March deadline.
- Rockford/Forest Hills middle school team?
- Potential problems with MHSAA suit.
- Referee midseason ranking. Cooper will send out emails asking coaches to evaluate MWPA officials to assist in postseason assignments.
- Discussion regarding endangerment and protest.

Elections:

-Co-President, Eric Lancaster, unanimous.

-Secretary, Bruce Murden, unanimous.

-Treasurer, nominations: Doug VanderJagt, and Dan Brandenburg. Vote in favor of VanderJagt, 25-1.

Proposed voting item for June meeting: Amendment to bylaws that we modify membership requirement for officer requirements, so as to enable non-coaches to hold office.

Rick Edwards expressed his sincere appreciation for the award given to him by the MWPA.

MWPA Water Polo District Proposal (Jeff Donehoo and Matt Skavnak, co-authors), details below. Voting item for June.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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**

#### District One

Ann Arbor Pioneer  
Ann Arbor Huron  
Chelsea  
Dexter  
Mason  
Saline

#### District Two

Birmingham Groves  
Birmingham Seaholm  
Grand Blanc  
Okemos  
Troy  
Troy Athens

### **West Region**

#### District Three

East Kentwood  
Grand Haven  
Grandville  
Holland  
Jenison  
Rockford  
West Ottawa

#### 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.  
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.
5. June meeting: District Head will decide tournament format and location.

Additional information after the meeting:

Proposal M1 for the Bylaws  
Submitted by Bruce Murden

replace existing Article 3, Section A, Paragraph 4 with

"4. Elected officers of MWPA who do not already have a vote per 3.A.1 through 3.A.3."

Purpose: this statement assures that all officers who are not coaches still have a vote in general matters. Without this change, only the Director of Officials had been guaranteed this right in the previous 3.A.4.