

## **MWPA Meeting Minutes 2 Feb 2003**

Meeting called to order at 4:10

All-State Awards, Spring 2002

- Mike Westgate mentioned that the awards are here; coaches with athletes who were to receive medals should pick them up.
- Joe Tristan recommended that the team hosting state tournaments make it clear, a priori, which teams will get medals. Mike Westgate replied that for States, MWPA will order and manage awards – 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for team awards; 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> all-state awards. The reason for only 2 team awards is that it is consistent with MHSAA procedures for team sports. For any other tournaments (e.g., Regionals), the host site can handle it however they want.
- Chris Burnett asked Doug VanderJagt to keep a record of what EGR does while hosting Girls' States this spring that other schools can use for future reference.

Treasurer's Report

- Doug VanderJagt distributed a spreadsheet detailing income and expenses.

Spring Officials Clinic

- The clinic will be held during the 5-on-5 tournament at Rockford, Fri/Sat 2/28-3/1; clinic on Saturday only. Cost will probably be \$10.00.
- Please try to let Vaughn know if you intend to be there, just for planning. It is not necessary to pre-register.

Meeting Attendance

- Followup discussion from last meeting. One thing that had been previously decided was that if a coach doesn't attend the post-season meeting, their athletes don't get included in all-state voting.
- Doug VanderJagt suggested that the Executive Board get a stipend, which would be forfeited if the individual doesn't attend a meeting. This is consistent with other sports (e.g., swimming). Something on the order of \$75/year (i.e., \$25/meeting, which is forfeited if the member doesn't attend).
- Dan Jacobs moved that a stipend of \$50/member/meeting be paid; motion seconded. There are 5 members (2 co-presidents; treasurer; secretary; director of officials); represents up to \$750/year. Motion passes with one dissenting vote.
- Chris Burnett suggested that an attempt be made to encourage more "citizens" to become involved in MWPA. Perhaps another board position, perhaps encouraging that one or more current positions be filled by a non-coach, referee, etc.

Open Coaching Position

- This item was included just to publicize open positions in an attempt to keep teams from folding. Examples include Lake Orion/Clarkston girls; Hudsonville girls and boys; EGR Boys; West Ottawa Girls.

#### Sites Set for 2003

- Sites listed on agenda are official.
- Dan Jacobs asked about the bidding process. Mike Westgate responded that if anybody is interested in hosting an event, they should let the Executive Board know. The issue of when such bids should be entered was discussed.
- This may be spelled out in the Bylaws. Pete Hewett had a copy, and read that no specific timeline is included.
- Doug VanderJagt moved that all bids for regionals or states be submitted to the Executive Board by the November meeting for the following calendar year. The Executive Board will then consider all bids and announce their decision at the Spring meeting. Motion seconded. Doug volunteered to develop a bid form and to ask the Secretary to post it on Web site. Motion passes.

#### Elections

- Co-President (Mike W)
  - Steve Boyer was nominated and seconded.
  - Vote passes.
- Director of Officials
  - Jim Silverman was nominated and seconded.
  - Vote passes.
- Secretary
  - N. B. The current position is not up for election at this time. However, Bruce Murden notified the Executive Board that if anybody else were interested in the position, he would be willing to forego the remainder of his term due to personal and professional commitments.
  - Dan Jacobs was nominated; Dan declined due to other obligations.
  - Brian Fickies was nominated; accepted. Seconded.
  - Vote passes. (N.B. Bruce will continue managing the Web site.)

#### Open Items

- It was recommended that the position of Webmaster be separated from that of the Secretary. Doug VanderJagt asked Joe Tristan to investigate (a) whether he would be willing to take over this position, and (b) how much it would cost to host our own domain name. Joe agreed to do so over the next couple of weeks.
- Curt Pfister had asked Doug VanderJagt if he (Curt) could set up a table to sell shirts, etc., at state tournaments. Doug had told him that it would probably be OK, as long as they don't explicitly include the tournament name, location, etc. (e.g., Girls 2003, etc.). Joe Tristan objected, stating that this would likely cut into school's revenue.

Doug replied that Curt had said he would be willing to pay the host site up to 20% of his take. After some discussion, it was decided that the MWPA takes no official position on this issue; it's up to each host site to work out any such arrangements with vendors.

- On April 19, Dave McWatters will be hosting a Jr. High (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades) clinic. The clinic will start following the club's Saturday morning games – about 1:00 – and will be supervised by Matt Anderson, the U-M women's varsity coach.
- There will be a PACE clinic conducted at Canham Natatorium, conducted by Guy Baker or one of his assistants or athletes. The probable dates for this event are August 24/25, the same Saturday as Pioneer's Early Bird tourney.
- Brian Fickies is running a Junior High girls' program at Okemos. Brian also reported that Mike Weaver is starting a girls' program at Haslett; this new team will probably play in the East Region (North District).

The meeting was formally adjourned at 5:22.

#### Scheduling and Regionals

- An opportunity for coaches to meet and set up schedules, as well as for individual regional representatives to discuss regional issues, followed the formal meeting.