

**MWPA**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**6/1/2003**

1. Called to order 4:17 p.m. by Eric Lancaster. Present: Eric Lancaster, Jim Silverman, Jen Crisman, Jane Visser, Pete Hewett, Brian Fickies, Warren Hunt, Doug Wilson, Chris Keenan, Sacha Branes, Theresa Donnan, Eric Posthumus, Steve Boyer, Doug Vanderjagt, Mike Westgate, Dan Bradenberg, Will Hart, Chris Burnett, Joe Dummer, Starros Lea, Dennis Neat, Jason Torrente, Amy Zeeff, David Vrugink, Ryan Wyatt, Todd Losey (26 total).
2. New Officers: Steve Bowyer (EK) Co-President, Brian Fickies (OK) Secretary, Jim Silverman (Off.) Director of Officials.
3. Treasurers Report: Doug Vanderjagt (EGR). Girls State Tournament brought in \$4,256.00. Recommends changes to State Tournament costs.
  - a. Motion: Mail Vaughn Cooper a stipend of \$150.00 for his services at Girls State Tournament. (Passed)
  - b. Motion: Raise State Entry fee from \$125.00 to \$200.00. (Passed)
  - c. Motion: Raise State official payment from \$25.00 to \$30.00 per game, pay goal judges \$10.00 per game and provide a "reasonable" transportation stipend for all officials based on their individual travel expenses. (Passed)
4. Sites for Boys Conference, Regional and State Tournaments.

Conference: Rockford  
West Regionals: East Grand Rapids  
East Regionals: Ann Arbor Pioneer  
State Tournament: Ann Arbor Huron

Girls State Tournament: University of Michigan ?

  - a. The rest of Girls sites determined at the Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.
5. MHSAA Update: Eric Lancaster (PC). Informed Mr. Jack Roberts, President of MHSAA of all the happenings in MWPA. Invited Mr. Roberts to the Girls State Tournament, he could not attend, but was impressed on how the organization was running. Mr. Roberts shared with Eric a current survey handed out to Middle school students about new sports, water polo ranked last. Discussion took place on some of the reason for water polo ranking so low.
6. Regional Tournament Format: Amy Zeeff (GH). Discussion on how Regional Tournament should be run by both Regions. Eric Lancatser (PC) stressed the importance of East and West following same format. Doug Vanderjagt (EGR) discussed how lower seeded teams would enter a playoff pool to fill final seeds at Regionals.
  - a. Motion: Doug Vanderjagt (PC); Girls Regionals will be an 8 team tournament for both the East and West. (Passed).
  - b. Note: Boys Regionals will remain the same until number of teams change.
7. Girls Junior Varsity Invitational: Lots of Discussion from multiple coaches to keep your Varsity and JV rosters separate. The responsibility is left to the coaches, if there is a problem report to MWPA executive board.

- a. Motion: Eric Lancaster (PC); Discontinue the JV championship game between East and West Regional winners. (Passed)
8. Referee Eligibility: Chris Keenan (AAH). Referee eligibility for State, Regional and District tournaments should be based on objective and selective criteria. Main focus is referees not connected to other current programs, high school and college.
  - a. Jim Silverman will write a code of conduct and formal evaluations for officials for Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be approved by the Executive board.
9. Communication problem with East Districts: Eric Lancaster (PC). It is responsibility of the coaches to know what is going on with tournaments and games. Make sure that you maintain an active communication with colleagues. E-mail is very important way to keep up with communication. If you have an obligation to another school as far as participating in tournaments make sure you give enough notice before canceling. Two week notice is appropriate.
10. Summer Water Polo:
  - a. Doug Wilson – East Kentwood is hosting an age group water polo tournament on June 21<sup>st</sup>. Boys, Girls and Co-Ed.
  - b. Pete Hewitt – Jenison is looking for 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders to help fill spots on his age group team. Practices are taking place Mon. and Wed.
  - c. Brian Fickies – Capital Area Water Polo Club. Looking for summer games, all ages. [bfickies@yahoo.com](mailto:bfickies@yahoo.com)
  - d. Eric Pothumus – Grandville area. Summer water polo program.
  - e. West Ottawa – Summer water polo program.
  - f. Rockford – Summer water polo program.
  - g. Troy Athens – Summer water polo program; contact [Kelmerme@yahoo.com](mailto:Kelmerme@yahoo.com)
  - h. Eric Lancaster – Portage Area Summer water program.
11. All-State balloting: Dan Brandenburg (BG). Reminder coaches, you need to submit for All-State: 7 players for teams that qualify to State Tournament and 2 players for teams that do not qualify.

(results on next page)

### **2003 Most Valuable Player**

Allison Gregorka, Center Forward, Ann Arbor Pioneer

### **2003 1st Team All-State**

Sarah Diekevers	Jenison
Judy Emaus	Okemos
Alison Gregorka	Ann Arbor Pioneer
Michelle Keelley	Rockford
Nicole King	Birmingham Groves
Sharon Warner    Goalie	Saline
Ally Wyatt	Ann Arbor Pioneer

### **2003 2nd Team All-State**

Erin Bailey	Ann Arbor Huron
Eli Lescovar	Rockford
Annie Lloyd	Ann Arbor Huron
Suzannah Merte	Ann Arbor Pioneer
Sarah Rigby	Birmingham Groves
Corey Ulmer	Portage Central
Carrie Willison	Grandville

### **2003 3rd Team All-State**

Chris Barrot    Goalie	Ann Arbor Huron
Jamie Bowman	Jenison
Kara Lane	East Kentwood
Caitlin O'Rourke	Birmingham Groves
Lauren Snyder	Jenison
Kathryn Taylor	Ann Arbor Pioneer
Kristen Wilutis    Goalie	Okemos

### **Coach of the Year**

Dan Brandenburg, Birmingham Groves