

Michigan Water Polo Association Spring Business Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2004

1. Call to order at 4:07 p.m. by Steve Bowyer.

Present: Kelly Quin (Troy), Mark Zuckowsky (Troy), Mike Weaver (Haslett), Michael Winkleman (Troy Athens), Deb McMurray (Dexter), Rick Clement (Chelsea), Will Hart (Pioneer), David McWatters (Rockford), Doug Wilson (E. Kentwood), Sacha Barnes (Grand Blanc), Megan Wilson (Grand Haven), Bill Dekoff (Portage Northern), Dave Weick (Hudsonville), Dan Brandenburg (B. Groves), David Vrugink (Zeeland), John Neeb (Zeeland), Ryan Wyatt (Saline), Brad Leedy, (Okemos), Rick Edwards (Official), Stavros Lee (Dexter), Rich Magner (Dexter), Eric Lancaster (Portage Central), Doug Vanderjagt (EGR), Brian Fickies (Okemos), Pete Hewett (Jenison), Amy Zeef (Grand Haven), Todd Losey (Troy), Julie Christie (MSU), Chris Keenan (Huron), Chris Burnett (Huron), Amber Peters (Mason), Tom Parker (Holt), Kyle Lauterer (Holt), Joel Wallace (B. Seaholm). 34 present.

2. Treasurer's Report, Doug Vanderjagt (EGR).

All monies have been collected from boys' state tournament. In the process of purchasing awards and game balls for post season tournaments. MWPA has \$12,800.00.

3. Director of Officials Report, Steve Bowyer (East Kentwood) reporting for Jim Silverman.

a. Rules Changes - Following a time-out, the ball may be put in play at, or at any point behind, the half-distance line (Rule 12.3). *Note: if the time-out is called before a corner throw or penalty throw, the game is restarted with that throw.*

b. MWPA Exceptions to NFHS Rules

(i) The interval between the second and third quarters is 5 minutes for dual contests, and 3 minutes during tournaments (Rule 11.2). See below.

(ii) In a shallow-deep pool, teams shall always switch ends after each quarter (Rule 5.2). NFHS Rules specify that the coaches may request that this be done; MWPA requires that it always occur.

(iii) Note that the Rules page at the MWPA Web site still indicates that teams are entitled to only 2 timeouts during regulation time (Rule 12.1). This modification was never implemented, and is incorrect on the Web page. The NFHS rule allowing 3 full timeouts during regulation is in effect.

(iv) Tournament directors have the right to change the number of Time Outs for tournaments to allow for time constraints.

c. Reporting Incidents (Officials responsibility)

As was done during boys' season last fall, I must be notified immediately following a contest in which any of the following incidents occur:

- Game ejection for athlete misconduct, disrespect, violence, or brutality
- Game ejection for coach misconduct or disrespect (red card)
- Game warning for coach (yellow card)

In each case, I'll need the following information:

- Date and location of the contest
- Teams participating in the contest
- Team and cap number(s) of the athlete(s), or team of the coach, involved
- Officials working the contest
- Brief description of the incident

Recall that an athlete or coach ejected under any of the above circumstances is ineligible for her next contest. In addition, an athlete receiving 3 such ejections, or a coach receiving 2, is ineligible for the remainder of the season.

d. Officials' Clinic - A clinic will be conducted in conjunction with the pre-season 5-on-5 tournament at Rockford on Saturday, March 13. I'm searching for a clinician to conduct this event. If none is available, I may have to do so myself

e. Rules Test - I'll be administering a rules test during the girls' season. It will be an open-book, take-home exam. All clinic attendees will receive a copy of the exam. Those not able to attend can obtain a copy by requesting it of me at any time thereafter. It will be available in paper and electronic form.

All officials who wish to be considered for post-season assignments must take this exam at some point during the season and score at least 75% correct (45 of 60 questions).

f. Post-Season Assignments - Coaches are encouraged to provide evaluation throughout the season regarding officials' performance. Such feedback will be one factor in determining post-season assignments.

4. 5-on-5 Tournament / Officials' Clinic, Doug Vanderjagt (EGR).

This event will be Saturday, March 13th at Rockford High School. Time Schedule will be posted on MWPA website as soon as it is announced.

5. MWPA Website Improvements and Updates, Eric Lancaster (Portage Central).

Send any ideas you may have for improving our website to webmaster@michiganwaterpolo.com

6. Co-operative Teams, Steve Bowyer (East Kentwood) and Doug Vanderjagt (EGR).

All teams who are applying to the MWPA to co-op with another school must fill out the MHSAA Co-operative team forms and submit them to Doug Vanderjagt (EGR) at dvanderjagt@rockford.k12.mi.us 10 days before season start date (March 8th for this season). Vanderjagt will submit form to an A.D. for third party approval. All Co-operative teams must re-apply every two years.

7. Playing Rules and Policies, Election of Director of Officials, Larry Winkleman (Official).
Not Present, no discussion.

8. MWPA Manual/Directory, Brian Fickies (Okemos)

Proposal to create a document for the association that will inform members of addresses, procedures, by-laws, district and regional alignments, etc. Motion to a vote by Pete Hewett (Jenison); second by Amber Peters (Mason). Passed. Brian Fickies will head this committee; anyone with school information should contact him by e-mail bfickies@yahoo.com

9. District Alignment and Seeding, Brian Fickies (Okemos).

District alignment was based on two criteria: Geographical location and number of teams in one location. Girls' season has been aligned and the boys' season will be announced in the June 6 meeting. Seeding for the District tournament will be based on regular season game. Every team in a District must play each other at least once. If teams are playing each other more than once they must declare which game will be counted as the District game before March 15. The results of the regular season game will determine the seeding for the District tournament. Teams will report results to the District representatives.

Girls' Districts

East Region, North District

1. Birmingham Groves
2. Birmingham Seaholm
3. Grand Blanc
4. Troy
5. Troy Athens
6. Okemos
7. Haslett/Willamston

District Reps:

Dan Brandenburg (B. Groves)
Brian Fickies (Okemos)

East Region, South District

1. Ann Arbor Huron
2. Ann Arbor Pioneer
3. Chelsea
4. Dexter
5. Saline
6. Mason
7. Holt/East Lansing

District Reps:

Will Hart (Pioneer)
Chris Burnett (Huron)

West Region, East District

1. East Grand Rapids
2. Forest Hills
3. Kalamazoo Central
4. East Kentwood
5. Portage Central
6. Portage Northern
7. Rockford

District Reps:

Mike Westgate (Rockford)
Steve Bowyer (East Kentwood)

West Region, West District

1. Grand Haven
2. Grandville
3. Holland
4. Hudsonville
5. Jenison
6. West Ottawa
7. Zeeland

District Reps:

Dave Vrugink (Zeeland)
Pete Hewett (Jenison)

10. Confirmation for Districts, Regionals and States for 2004, MWPA Board.

All sites were recommended by the MWPA Board.

There were two bids for 2004 Girls State Tournament: Ann Arbor Huron and Michigan State University. Ann Arbor Huron was recommended by the Board because Michigan State hosted more recently than Ann Arbor Huron. Members concurred.

Bids for 2005/06 seasons are due at the June meeting.

2004 Spring (Girls) Tournament Sites

East & West Districts	East Grand Rapids	May 14-15
North District	Birmingham Groves	May 14-15
South District	Dexter	May 14-15
West Regional	Rockford	May 21-22
East Regional	Ann Arbor Pioneer	May 21-22
State Championship	Ann Arbor Huron	June 4-5

2004 Fall (Boys) Tournament Sites

East & West Districts	West Ottawa	(tbd)
North District	TBD	(tbd)
South District	TBD	(tbd)

North & South District tournaments will be assigned after these districts are determined at the June meeting.

West Regional	Rockford	(tbd)
East Regional	Ann Arbor Huron	(tbd)
State Championship	East Grand Rapids	(tbd)

2005 Spring (Girls) Tournament Sites

East & West Districts	Grand Haven	(tbd)
North District	Okemos	(tbd)
South District	Ann Arbor Pioneer	(tbd)
West Regional	East Grand Rapids	(tbd)
East Regional	Dexter	(tbd)
State Championship	Jenison	(tbd)

11. Meeting Adjourned.