

Michigan Water Polo Association
November 7, 2004
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 4:05pm

Representatives Present: Doug VanderJagt East Grand Rapids Girls/Treasurer, Jim Center Portage Boys, Megan Wilson Grand Haven Girls, Adam Briggs Grand Haven Boys, Eric Posthumus Grandville Boys/Girls, Joel Wallace Seaholm Boys/Girls, Dan Brandenburg Groves Boys/Girls, Pete Hewett Jenison Boys/Girls, Brad Leedy Okemos Boys, Will Hart Ann Arbor Pioneer Boys/Girls, Sacha Barnes Grand Blanc Boys/Girls, Alfres E. Lynn Troy, Mark Zuchowsky Troy Boys/Girls, Jason Sweedyk East Grand Rapids Boys, David Weick Hudsonville Boys/Girls, David McWatters Rockford Boys, David Vruggink Zeeland Boys, Rick Edwards Capital Area Boys/Official, Chris Keenan Ann Arbor Huron Boys, Jim Silverman Official, Steve Bowyer Co-President

All State Voting: Results posted on website.

Treasurer's Report (Doug VanderJagt): MWPA is doing well – balance of checking and money market account about \$1300.00.

Clarification of Cooperative Teams (MWPA Board): Must use MHSAA form, submitted to board 10 days prior to the start of your season. The MWPA board will determine to accept or decline cooperative team.

Clarification of Rules Concerning Middle School Players (MWPA Board): No middle school player may play in a Junior Varsity or Varsity game (based on MHSAA rules). If an issue arises please contact the MWPA board, your AD, and the other teams AD.

Director of Officials' Report (Jim Silverman): Question regarding a player entering early after an ejection - prior to the ejected player entering the *designated* ejection area. Is it a game misconduct? Jim will report on this situation next meeting.

Jason Sweedyk asked that outside officials are not brought in to help the assigned official make a call during an official's conference. MWPA and Director of Officials agreed.

Proposal for Online Referee Rating System (Mark Zuckowsky): The MWPA will use the online referee rating system on a *trial basis* as a guide for selecting postseason officials. The referee rating system will be accessed confidentially via the MWPA website.

Second – Doug VanderJagt
Favor – All

Proposal to Duplicate the US Water Polo Code of Ethics (Mark Zuckowsky): Tabled

Boys' District Realignment (MWPA Board): Districts will be realigned (if necessary) every 2 years. If a new team joins within the 2 year period they will be placed in a district based on geographic boundary not number of teams. It is this boundary that is realigned every 2 years based on both location and team numbers.

Team Eligibility for Postseason Play (MWPA Board): Proposal that a team must be aligned in a district prior to the start of season (10 days) to be eligible for the district tournament.

Second – Jim Silverman

Favor – All

Game Caps: Rule under advisement.

Proposal to Pay State Tournament Entry Fee Prior to State Tournament (Doug VanderJagt): State tournament fee must be paid prior to start of state tournament. All checks will be cashed immediately (will not hold personal check until official payment arrives – all personal checks will be cashed)

Second – Will Hart

Favor – All

Zone Team Tryout Information Posted on Website (Dave McWatters): Reminder that information for zone teams is posted on the MWPA website.