

Michigan Water Polo Association

Meeting Minutes

Feb. 13, 2005

Members present:

S. Boyer, D. Vrugink, B. Fickies, D. VanderJagt, J. Silverman, J. Wallace, J. Backus, M. Zuckowsky, C. Keenan, M. Karjala, R. Magner, T. Parker, A. Peters, V. Finney, B. Silverman, J. Marley, E. Lancaster, D. VanderJagt, D. Wilson, M. Westgate, A. Briggs, D. Weick, P. Hewett, B. Norden, R. Edwards.

Agenda Items:

1. Director of Officials report: (J. Silverman)
 - Ann Arbor won bid for 2007 JO's, working on finding pool sites.
 - Spring Referee Clinic will be conducted by Rick Marsh and will be conducted in correlation with the East Grand Rapids Early Bird Tournament, Mar. 18-19.
 - District Tournament weekend conflicts with Woman's NCAA water polo championships hosted by University of Michigan. Districts should possibly look into rescheduling dates so that there is no conflict.

2. State Tournament hosting and financial concerns: (P. Hewett)
 - Board needs to justify advantages of hosting State Tournament. Currently MWPA gets to keep all gate collected at the State Tournament. Regional and Districts gets to keep all gate. I propose later down the road that host sites keep some portion of the gate at the State Tournament.
 - D. VanderJagt: As of right now, State Tournament only makes what they sell in concessions and T-shirts.

3. State Tournament change: (M. Westgate)
 - There are problems with the current way we run our State Tournament; Expenses with officials, overnight stays, and high number of games played in two days, athletes missing exams and graduation. No other Championship tournament is run the way we run ours.
 - Propose a Tournament that resembles this year's NCAA woman's tournament. Benefits include lower official cost, lower number of games played over a weekend, goal differential not an issue, smaller teams have an equal chance with not playing so many games in a day.
Discussion: R. Edwards: This used to be the format of the State Tournament many years ago. This format allows you to find a true champion, but not necessarily allows you to find a "middle" champion. R. Magner: In stronger Districts this format does not help smaller teams. C. Keenan & E. Lancaster: This format moves more towards MHSAA vision of a single elimination

tournament. R. Edwards: Regional goal should be to get the 4 best teams from each Region to States. States goal is to find a Champion. C. Keenan: Regional and States will not have the same format, our by-laws say we need to have Regional and State tournament to have same format.

Final proposal: Adopt new State tournament format. Seconded by P. Hewett. Passes~ unanimously. *See attached file for format.*

- Proposal for game times for new State Tournament format: D. VanderJagt: Start at 4 pm on Friday and 9 am on Saturday. Games run 1:15 apart. Seconded by D. Weick. Passes ~ unanimously.
- Proposal to adopt new State Tournament format for Regional Tournament with the exception that the winner of the loser bracket (winner game 10) plays the loser of the 3rd place game (loser game 11) for the fourth place spot at Regional to advance to States. Seconded by P. Hewett. Passes ~ 20 to 4. *See attached file for format.*
- Regional will be 7 minute quarters with full OT.
- J. Silverman: Propose having Regional and States playing an early round game, earlier in the week, to help get around geographical issues, find enough referees to work games.

Discussion: D. VanderJagt: All Regional and State games should be played at the same site. No further discussion.

4. MWPA website: (B. Fickies)

- Website has become an important tool in the growth of our organization. The duties and expectations have expanded. We need to come up with responsibilities for webmaster and compensate the position that is more equitable for the amount of hours put into updating website. The MWPA board will come up with guidelines and compensation for position. Will inform association at June meeting.
- Seconded by E. Lancaster. Passes ~ unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report: D. VanderJagt.

- You must write a personal check for tournament fees if your school does not provide a check for "end of the year" tournaments. You are responsible for getting reimbursed from your school. MWPA takes no responsibility in collecting from your school or helping you get your reimbursement.
- If you are a Co-op school. Make sure you have filed your team with the MWPA 10 days before the start of the season. MWPA needs to know what teams are combining. Your team will not be recognized by the organization if this does not take place.
- Proposal for MWPA to create a scholarship for student athletes. Two boys and two girls. D. VanderJagt and R. Edwards will form a scholarship committee.

6. Elections: S. Boyer.
 - Co-President position up for re-election. Nominations: Jeff Hardy ~ Declines. Adam Briggs ~ accepts nomination. Seconded by D. VanderJagt. Passes.
 - Director of Officials. Nominations: J. Silverman ~ accepts. Seconded by B. Fickies. Passes. Note: J. Silverman would like to form a committee to help with Directors position, R. Edwards joins committee.

7. Proposal to standardize cost for Regional and State Tournament: (D. VanderJagt)
 - Propose Regional site pays MWPA \$500.00 to host and State site pays MWPA \$1,500.00 to host. Seconded by P. Hewett. Passes.
corrected 2/28: State Fee was incorrectly listed as \$1000.

8. Bids for the 2005-06 Districts, Regional and States seasons will be accepted at the June 5th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.