

## Michigan Water Polo Association

Summer Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2006

**Members Present:** Ron Marsh, Joe Scully, Rick Mida, Brad Sikverman, Joe Dummer, David Weick, Ed Willison, Heather Willison, John Neeb, Chris Keenan, Will Hart, Brent Richards, Chris Garcia, Dave Swank, Rebecca Godek, Brian Semple, Jane Visser, Jen Crisman-Coffey, Pete Hewett, Mike Westagte, Al Reickard, Jake Miller, Gil Segovia, Doug Vanderjagt, Michelle Caie-Brandon, Larry Winkelman, Rick Edwards, Jim Silverman, Dave Vrugink, Doug Wilson, Adam Briggs, Steve Boyer, Tom Parker.

1. **Call to Order at 1:07pm.** (East Lansing High School Cafeteria)
2. **Treasurer's Report** - Collected money. \$3800 in checking and \$4100 in money market.
3. **Re-Districting** – Must add in Walled Lake. Discussion to take place in 3 to 4 weeks with the Board members to place Walled Lake.
4. **2006 Post-season Sites** – DISTRICTS: North – Birmingham Groves, South – Ann Arbor Huron, East/West – East Kentwood. REGIONAL: East – TBD (*Okemos tent.*), West – TBD (*Zeeland tent.*), STATES: Jenison.
5. **2007 Post-Season Sites** – DISTRICTS: North/South - Ann Arbor Pioneer, East/West - TBD, REGIONAL: East - Saline, West - East Kentwood, STATES: Jenison.
6. **Elections** – Co-President up for reelection. Doug Wilson nominated; passes unanimously.
7. **Director of Officials** – New rule changes for next season. *All will be adopted except Shot clock and Game clock. Shot clock will remain :35 seconds and Game clock will remain 7 minute quarters. (Proposal: Westgate. Passes unanimously).*

Lane line color: Red/Yellow. (W. Hart) – Not necessary to change lane line color to Red/Yellow if you can use alternative color combination that will save programs money. Example; Red/Green. *Discussion only.*

Officials balancing games between different skill level teams. (Fickies) – Addressing concerns from coaches that officials need to stop balancing games. This is not good for the sport in all areas, players, coaches and referees. Leading to different rule interpretations from game to game and causing major inconsistencies. *Proposal – Implement a mercy rule after the half if the goal differential is 10 or more goals. Coach of the losing team has control of starting the mercy rule. The rest of the game is to be played 5 min. quarters, unless facility has the capability to go running clock, that wont interfere with the shot clocks. Passes, two opposed (B. Silverman, Vanderjagt).*

Implement Referee evaluation forms via that MWPA website. *Proposal – Form a committee to look into setting up referee evaluations. Committee members will be: Fickies, Briggs, J. Silverman, Westgate, Edwards. Passes.*

3-Second Rule. (W. Hart) – Discussion of when the ball is put in play and the different interpretations by officials. Putting ball in play is not as important as other play around the ball. (Murden) – At higher levels players know when the ball is in play, lower levels when players are still learning there are more factors that effect the 3-second rule. (Hart) – If there is no defense around to impact the game a 3 second violation should not be called. (Hart) – *Moves to table discussion. –Passes.*

*Proposal – Teams switch at quarters and officials at halftime in a Shallow/Deep pool. – Passes.*

### **8. Other Business**

All-Star Game. (D. Wilson) – Doug Wilson and Doug Vruggink will form a committee to look into doing an All-Star game.

Hall of Fame. (P. Hewitt) – Our association has been around long enough that forming a Hall of Fame and honoring coaches, referees, members, teams that a Hall of Fame would be a very good thing to do.

Special thanks to Mike Westgate and Doug Vanderjagt for their years of involvement with high school water polo.

*Meeting adjourned*