

MWPA Business Meeting Agenda
May 31, 2008
@ Saline High School

1. Role Call, meeting called to order at 1:00, in attendance:
Adam Briggs, Doug Wilson, Mike Westgate, Rick Mida, Michelle Caie-Brandon, Jeremy Brandon, Pete Hewitt, Dave Weick, Brad Silverman, Chalmers McGillivray, Dan Brandenburg, Krista McComas, Steve Bowyer, Brian Thomas, Ian Townsend, Marty Pohl, Jeff Drews, Luke Ortega, Derek Zokoe, Al Reickard, Larry Winkleman, Chris Keenan, Brian Semple, Greg Jenkins, Scott Voltz, Pat Clarin

2. All-State Season Voting Results, posted on website.

3. Treasurer's Report
Checking balance after awards: \$2,520.36 and CD balance: \$4,636.99.

4. Director of Officials Report:
There was a motion to set formal policies for tie-breakers. Please refer to updated MWPA policy for tie-break procedures.

5. MWPA Website Updates
The Board reported that the webmaster is still not getting information on a prompt basis from coaches. The webmaster is also going to completely re-design the website over the summer making it more user-friendly. Chris Keenan asked if the webmaster is getting paid enough to handle the website duties and there was some discussion as to what amount to pay. The board and specifically the treasurer will investigate increasing the fee.

6. Cooperative Team Announcement:
The Board announced that Walled Lake and EGR/GR Catholic proposals for co-ops have been approved for two years for the fall. Holland has applied for an extension until July 7th to save the program. Grand Ledge is looking to start a boy's program in the fall.

Skyline (new Ann Arbor public school) is starting a team with 8th and 9th graders but will not be part of the MWPA. The following fall they will look to enter the MWPA with 9th and 10th graders.

7. Proposal: *Have district tournament entry fees be paid to the host site prior to the start of the season, regional entry fees to be paid at the end of districts and state entry fees to be paid at the end of regionals. (Dan Brandenburg)*

There were various discussions about Athletic Department not floating checks months in advance. Pete Hewitt discussed making sure Tournament

Directors send a delivery receipt and better communicate with coaches. Proposal was ultimately not voted on.

8. Proposal: *Re-align the districts for the girl's season on the East Side, so that either Grand Blanc or Saline is moved into the Central District creating 8 teams for each district on the East Side of the state. (Brad Silverman)*

The Board will examine the issue for both Guy's and Girl's seasons after the summer in case another team(s) join the MWPA.

9. Proposal: *Add standardized tie-breaking procedures to MWPA Policies. (Board)*

The MWPA will adopt the USWP/FINA guidelines. Will Hart seconds proposal and vote passes unanimously. Guidelines will be part of updated MWPA policy.

10. 2008 Boy's Post-Season Sites.

Districts –

North/South – Birmingham Groves

East/West – West Ottawa

Regionals

East – Ann Arbor Huron

West – Jenison

States – East Kentwood

Girl's postseason sites will be voted at the next weekend.

11. Officer Elections

Treasurer – Chris Keenan nominates Dan Brandenburg. Brandenburg accepts nomination. Brandenburg passes unanimously.

12. Scott Voltz mentioned that the CWPA is sponsoring the Kap7 ball. www.kap7waterpolo.com. The Board will look into a sponsorship with Kap7.

13. Scott Voltz brought up a proposal to add one twenty-second timeout; in addition to the three two-minute timeouts. Silverman moves to vote, Reickard seconds the vote. Vote passes unanimously.

14. Al Reickard wants the board to be more proactive and expose the state of Michigan to College Varsity and Club coaches. The Board executed a committee to investigate the legality and structure of the issue: Al Reickard, Pete Hewitt and Adam Briggs will look into this. Jeremy Brandon raised the issue of providing statistical information on the website.

15. Brian Thomas pointed out that an official database be instituted on the MWPA website and also discussed the possibility of working with the AWP to bring in officials.
16. Larry Winkleman brought up the NCAA's twenty second timeout policy and how it slightly defers from the USWP/FINA policy. Also, he proposed to clarify on the mercy rule; in that the losing coach can request running time at the end of the 2nd or 3rd quarter. Al Reickard moves to vote, Dave Weick seconds the vote. Passes unanimously.
17. Mike Westgate brought up the idea of moving to 1:10 between instead of 1:15. Will Hart proposed that each time have the opportunity to have 15 minutes of warm-up time in the actual game pool. The topic started a great debate and will be brought up again at the next meeting.
18. Next meeting Sunday August 10, 2008. Adam Briggs looking into a conference call to save on money and travel expenses.
19. Meeting adjourned 2:20.