

MWPA Business Meeting Minutes
8/11/08

Meeting began at 8:30.

1. Role Call:

Dan Brandenburg, Rick Mida, Dave Riddle, Derek Zokoe, Doug Wilson, Dan Command, Adam Briggs, Beth Klinger, Jason Alga, Brian Post, Joe Syzmanski, Pete Hewitt, Jane Brown, Jennifer Coffey, Ron Marsh, Matt Latham, Dave McWatters, Jeff Hardy, Mike Westgate, Ananta Fetters

2. Treasurer's Report:

Dan Brandenburg reported the checking balance is at \$1,101.61 and the CD balance is at \$4,682.87. Currently all expenses are paid, all teams are paid in full and we are only waiting on Rissley's contribution.

3. Director of Official's Report:

Mike Westgate talked about the 2008/2009 NFHS Rule Changes for the upcoming season. Mike addressed his interpretations on a few rules and there were some discussions over the assistant coaches addressing officials and a 5M shot and shot blocking defense of a 5m shot after a foul.

The MWPA did adjust one of the new rules. In the new rules it states that one team may choose to replace a full timeout in place of a 30-second timeout. In the previous spring meeting the association elected to add one 30-second timeout in addition to the three full timeouts. After discussions, we decided to keep the previous ruling and have three full timeouts with an additional 30-second timeout.

Pete Hewitt also inquired about 8 minute quarters and after some discussion we agreed to continue operating with 7 minute quarters in post season championship tournaments.

Also, there was some discussion in our past meeting about the tie break system. Below is the tie break rule:

USWP/FINA TIE BREAK SYSTEM

BL6.4.1.2.1 If two teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

BL6.4.1.2.1.1 The team winning the game between the two teams shall be placed higher.

BL6.4.1.2.1.2 If the game between the two teams resulted in a tie, a further classification shall be established based on their results against the other teams in order of their ranking; first based upon goal difference, and next, based on goals scored. The comparison shall be made first, compared to the highest team, and then, if still tied to the next highest team, and so on.

BL6.4.1.2.1.3 If they are still tied, the tie shall be resolved by each team shooting five penalty shots at its opponent's goal in alternate succession. The first team shall take its first penalty shot and then the other team shall take its first penalty shot, etc. If a tie shall exist after that procedure, each team shall then take alternate shots until one team scores and the other misses. Different members of the team must shoot each shot. The procedure shall be conducted following the final game of that round or at the first practical opportunity.

BL6.4.1.2.2 If three or more teams shall have equal points, further classification shall be established as follows:

BL6.4.1.2.2.1 Any time during the application of this BL6.4.1.2.2, when the number of the then tied teams is reduced to two BL6.4.1.2.1.1, BL 6.4.1.2.1.2 and BL6.4.1.2.1.3 shall be followed.
BL 6.4.1.2.2.2 The results among the tied teams shall determine the placing. The comparison shall be made upon first, the points of the games among them, next the goal difference, and next, based upon goals scored.
BL 6.4.1.2.2.3 If more than two teams are then still tied, a further classification shall be established based on their results against the other teams in order of their ranking; difference, and next, based upon goals scored. The comparison shall be made first, compared to the highest team, and then, if still tied, to the next highest team, and so on.

4. Kap7 agreement:

Over the course of the summer the Board agreed to enter a deal with Kap7 water polo for the next three seasons. The deal includes that Kap7 will be the official ball of the MWPA and will have some exposure on the MWPA website and in tournament programs. Kap7 will also have the right to have a merchandise booth at post season tournaments, if they choose. In return, Kap7 will donate about a \$1,000 worth of balls for post-season tournament and a percentage of sales from the booths. The MWPA will provide them with a list of email and normal addresses for coach’s to receive pre-approved MWPA messages 3-4 times a year.

5. 2008 Boy’s District Alignments:

Grand Ledge announced that they will have a team for the upcoming season and will be added to the East Region South District. Holland will not be able to have a varsity program this year but will be able to participate in games and regular season tournaments, except for post season tournaments. Due to them dropping out the Board had to re-district the West Region. After the re-districting was announced Pete Hewitt asked if this would be a permanent change or if this is a temporary change if a team such as Holland is varsity again next year. Adam Briggs told Pete that the Board will evaluate districts on a case by case basis and that the Board will take Pete’s concerns under advisement during future district alignments:

West Region		East Region	
<u>West District</u>	<u>East District</u>	<u>North District</u>	<u>South District</u>
Grand Haven	East Grand Rapids	Birmingham Groves	Ann Arbor Huron
Hudsonville	East Kentwood	Birmingham Seaholm	Ann Arbor Pioneer
Jenison	Grandville	Grand Blanc	Dexter
West Ottawa	Portage	Troy Athens	Grand Ledge
Zeeland	Rockford	Troy High	Holt/East Lansing
		Walled Lake	Okemos
			Saline

6. Proposal: Rissley Photography Contract Renewal

There was discussion about renewing Rissley’s contract. The revenues help offset the MWPA post-season awards. After discussions the proposal was moved to a vote and passed unanimously.

7. 2008 Boys’ Post-Season Sites

- o Districts –

- North/South – Birmingham Groves (May not be able to host, Seaholm is back-up)
- East/West – West Ottawa
- Regionals –
 - East - Ann Arbor Huron
 - West – Jenison
- States – East Kentwood

8. Additional Items:

Adam Briggs announced on behalf of Pat Clarin the MWPA webmaster that there is a new template for the website at www.michiganwaterpolo.com/new and to view it and give him any feedback. Also, please forward all your teams schedules to Pat at webmaster@michiganwaterpolo.com so that he can update them on the website.

9. Next meeting – Saturday, November 8, 2008 at East Kentwood.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10