

MWPA Business Meeting Minutes  
Winter Meeting  
February 2, 2009

Adam Briggs starts the meeting at 8:00 pm.

1. Roll call:

Will Hart, Rick Mida, Dan Brandenburg, Krista McComas, Dave Riddle, Brian Thomas, Derek Zokoe, Doug Wilson, Brian Miller, Adam Briggs, Ian Townsend, Kelly Russell, Brian Post, Marty Pohl, Joe Szymanski, Pete Hewitt, Jennifer Coffey, Ron Marsh, Matt Latham, Greg Jenkins, Jim Center, Dave McWatters, Brad Silverman, Dale Mills, Jeff Drews, Steve Bowyer, Jeff Hardy, Jeff Leiderbach, Mike Westgate, Larry Winkelman, Brian Fickies and Joe Linehan

2. USWP Presentation:

Joe Linehan from USWP discussed the new program initiative for US League, [www.usleagues.org](http://www.usleagues.org). The program offers cheap alternatives that target middle school age groups in order to get them involved, insured and equipped to play the game of water polo. For more information on what US Leagues can do for you contact Joe Linehan at [joelinehan@usawaterpolo.org](mailto:joelinehan@usawaterpolo.org).

3. Treasurer's Report:

Dan Brandenburg reported the checking balance to be: \$2,000 and the CD balance: \$4,500. Dan is working to the account changed into his name from the previous Treasurer. Currently all expenses have been paid and we are waiting on a check from Rissley Photography for our portion of the revenue earned at the State Championships.

4. Director of Officials Report:

Mike Westgate announced that Loren Bertocci is going to host a clinic the weekend of March 14<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow and Mike will be in contact with officials on the final details. Mike also said that there will be no major rules changes since the guy's season and that the MWPA will continue to use Kap7 balls for post-season tournaments.

5. Website Update:

Pat Clarin reminded coaches to send in schedules as soon as possible so he can update the website ([webmaster@michiganwaterpolo.com](mailto:webmaster@michiganwaterpolo.com)). He also requests that coaches send in all individual and tournament results immediately after they concluded so he can update the website.

Larry Winkelman asked if the By-Laws and Policies along with dead links will be updated and Pat said he is currently updating the website to fix those issues.

6. District Re-alignments:

The girl's season official start date is Monday, March 9, 2009. Doug Wilson announced that the Board approved the following district alignments as was sent previously to all coaches:

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North District:

Birmingham Groves  
Birmingham Seaholm  
Grand Blanc  
Haslett  
Okemos  
Troy  
Troy Athens  
Walled Lake

South District

Ann Arbor Huron  
Ann Arbor Pioneer  
Chelsea  
Dexter  
Grand Ledge  
Holt  
Mason  
Saline  
Ypsilanti

Note: West Region districts remain the same.

7. Proposal One:

Ron Marsh proposed that a Committee to be formed to investigate District and Region alignments to help facilitate the growth the sport and report to the MWPA during the Spring MWPA Business Meeting. The Committee is to be formed by 2 West Side coaches, 2 Mid-Michigan coaches, 2 East Side coaches and 1 Board member. Proposal passes unanimously. Interested participants should email Doug Wilson.

8. Discussion:

Ron Marsh proposed discussion of taking new teams and putting them into their own division for up to 3 years to get the acclimated were postponed and will be discussed in the committee that was formed.

9. 2009 Girl's Post Season Sites

Districts – May 8-9, 2009  
ER – Central/East – Saline  
WR – East/West – Rockford  
Regionals – May 15-16, 2009  
East – Seaholm  
West – Zeeland  
States – May 29-30, 2009  
Jenison

10. Elections

Co-President to replace Adam Briggs

Nominees – Will Hart and Ron Marsh

Schools are allowed one vote per boy's and girl's season. Send email to [rickmida@msn.com](mailto:rickmida@msn.com) by 5:00 pm February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.

Will Hart received the most votes. Congratulations Will.

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11. Open Items

There was a great deal of discussion over the redistricting of the East Region Districts. Ultimately Larry Winkelman nominated that the MWPA hold an emergency meeting on February 9, 2009 to discuss and vote on the best course of action. The proposal was seconded and there was an emergency meeting held on February 9, 2009. At the conclusion of the Emergency Meeting the districts remained as was currently proposed as of February 2, 2009.

Next Meeting will be Saturday May 30 at 1 p.m. at Jenison High School.