

MWPA Business Meeting Minutes  
5/30/09

1. Role Call at 1:00 by Doug Wilson

In attendance: Dave Riddle, Steve Bowyer, Andy Terrien, Brian Semple, Joey Szymanski, Al Reickard, Larry Winkelman, Jarod Lane, Shannon Clay, Derek Zokoe, Ron Marsh, Matt Latham, Rick Mida, Doug Wilson, Dan Brandenburg, Pete Hewitt, Brad Silverman, Mike Westgate, Dave McWatters, Scott Voltz, Pat Clarin, Eric Lancaster, Josh Ahrendt, Justin Thoersen, Will Hart, Evan Koorhan, Chalmers McGillivray, Greg Jenkins, Brad Silverman, Kelli Russell, Jeff Barnett, Heather Steven, Beth Klinger, Ian Townsend, Jen Coffey, Dave Vrugink, Luke Ortego

2. All-State Voting (Wilson)

First Team:

Lauren Dudley – Okemos  
Paige Walters – Pioneer  
Hannah Clyde – Huron  
Mary Keeley – Rockford  
Clio Finnegan – Pioneer  
Marly Andrews (G) – Hudsonville  
Chelsea Vandermolen - Hudsonville

Second Team:

Sam Crichton (G) – Saline  
Paula Finnegan – Pioneer  
Kelcy Barott – Huron  
Amanda Teske – West Ottawa  
Laura Kuzma – Saline  
Lea Allen – Saline  
Alli Littlejohn – Saline

Third Team:

Molly Wooldridge – Rockford  
Lydia Roth – Okemos  
Dena Visser – Jenison  
Kaci Swieter – East Grand Rapids  
Kelsey Vermeer – Rockford  
Elisabeth Bradley (G) – Huron  
Annie Tamblyn - Huron

MVP: Lauren Dudley

Coach of the Year: Brad Silverman

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Dan Brandenburg reported the CD balance at: \$4,752.86 and checking balance at \$3,437.10. Dan is still waiting on host site fees for East Regional – Seaholm and West Regional – Zeeland.

### 4. Director of Official's Report

Mike Westgate had nothing major to report. Doug Wilson thanked Mike for the great job he has done as Director of Officials over the past two years.

#### a: Election of Director's of Officials

Pete Hewitt nominated Pat Clarin, seconded by Dave Vrugink. Clarin accepts. Brad Silverman nominates Scott Voltz. Voltz declined nomination. Evan Koorhan nominates Larry Winkelman, Will Hart Second. Winkelman accepts.

Will Hart proposes official with most votes is head official and the official with the second amount of votes in co-director. Rick Mida seconds proposal and passes unanimously.

Pat Clarin is the new Director of Officials and Larry Winkelman is co-director.

### 5. Discussion:

Dan Branddenberg wanted to remind all teams to report their game results in a prompt manner. Both home and visiting team need to report all dual games scores along with tournament results so that the website can be up-to-date.

### 6. Proposal to end contract with Rissley Photography:

Brad Silverman voiced concerns about the trouble to accommodate Rissley's demands (food consumption, deck access, photo stand, setting up tables, etc.) Dave Vrugink agreed with Silverman after Rissley excluded members of the press from deck access as they didn't have proper identification. Al Reickard discussed the money they bring to MWPA, but that they did not accommodate the host site with money nor did they live up to their end of the bargain with a free picture for the host site. Greg Jenkins asked what the alternative would be if we canceled on Rissley. Al Reickard proposed charging each team \$100 (or so) to provide access as that would create similar revenues and less hassle. Brad Silverman agreed with the idea and proposed that it should be up to the discretion of the host site. Rick Mida expressed that the revenues generated by Rissley help pay for the post-season awards and there should be guidelines to make them uniform so the MWPA doesn't lose that revenue. Pete Hewitt suggested forming a committee to look at the issues and recommended that possibly the host site get a small kickback. Doug Wilson reminded everyone that the contract with Rissley will expire before next season and mentioned that they re-write the contract voicing these issues. Ron Marsh wants MWPA (not Rissley) to issue and control press and deck passes. Larry Winkelman suggested that the MWPA rewrite a proposal that they should leave promptly after tournament. Scott Voltz reminded everyone that a few years ago there was a concern about people posting images of the student athletes in their swim suits over the internet and that part of the idea behind Rissley was to possibly prevent random photographers with deck access.

Ultimately Doug Wilson will rework the proposal and submit to Rissley a new contract. Coaches with suggestions on the new contract should email those issues to Doug Wilson. Rick Mida seconded the proposal.

7. Proposal to change the order of District Championship games by Brad Silverman. As it is (at least in the East), the first round is all South District games followed by all North District games, and Saturday is similar. The proposal is to alternate games by district, so that there are a maximum of two same district games in a row. This will increase excitement throughout the day as we build towards two championship games in a row, as well as keep things a bit more varied during the day of competition. Brad passed on the proposal in favor of addressing Pete Hewitt and Eric Lancaster's discussion item which could possible effect his proposal.

9. Pete Hewitt and Eric Lancaster discussion, eliminating the 5-8 games at Regionals:

Eric Lancaster said that if they don't play the 5-8 games at District then why play them at Regionals. He also said that dropping the 5-8 games is more consistent with MHSAA sanctioned tournaments. Eric continued to say that most teams have trouble playing those early games with scheduling, financial (travel) and emotional letdowns for these games and really does not see a point to playing them. Doug Wilson said the State Championship Tournament should be different because of the travel concerns and hotel issues from the teams on the opposite side of the state. Will Hart wants symmetry between Regionals and States so that all games times should be similar to help coaches and athletes prepare mentally and physically. Dave Riddle discussed the potential loss of admission fee for the host sites as fewer games would be played. Brad Silverman expressed the displeasure of playing one game for \$125 and Doug Wilson said that the MWPA would explore adjusting the entry fee price. Pat Clarin brought up issues of paying officials as there would be fewer games. Will the MWPA have fewer officials for tournaments or pay officials less?

After much discussion it was decided that Pete Hewitt and Eric Lancaster will develop a proposal and submit at the next Business Meeting in August. If coaches have any concerns please email Pete and Eric so that they can be reflected in their proposal.

9. Note of events/clinics:

Steve Hamann goalie clinic will be held at Groves June 26-27<sup>th</sup>. For more info contact [rickmida@msn.com](mailto:rickmida@msn.com) or check out [www.wpgoalie.com](http://www.wpgoalie.com).

Also, the Hungarian Water Polo Camp put on by MSU coach Laszlo Hruza will be held at Birmingham Groves the week of July 6-11.

Jenison will also host a tournament the weekend of July 24-26; for more details check out [www.jenisonaquatics.org](http://www.jenisonaquatics.org) or email tournament director [Jennifer@jenisonaquatics.org](mailto:Jennifer@jenisonaquatics.org).

10. 2009 Boy's Post Season Sites

Districts- (Oct. 23-24)

North/South – Groves/Seaholm

East/West- Rockford

Regionals- (Oct. 30-31)  
East – Birmingham Groves  
West – East Kentwood  
States - (Nov. 13-14)  
Birmingham Seaholm.

11. Start Date for boys: Aug 12, 2009

12. Next Meeting – Phone Conference on 8/11/09. Board will email call-in details and agenda a month prior to the call.

13. Additional Items

Brad Silverman said that he would make a proposal to change the standard post-season format similar to his proposal for the August meeting.

Greg Jenkins made an announcement about JO's and if anyone is interested in playing with Spartan Club to contact him, [gregjenkins@gmail.com](mailto:gregjenkins@gmail.com).

Scott Voltz mentioned June 19-21<sup>st</sup> tournament at Grand Haven hosted by 616. Talk to Voltz for info.

14. Wilson called to meeting to close, Will Hart Seconded meeting adjourned at 1:53.