

MWPA Business Meeting Minutes

11/14/09

1. Role Call

Matt Latham, Ron Marsh, Luke Ortego, Jeff Drews, Brian Semple, Dan Command, Derek Zokoe, Jeff Hardy, Pete Hewitt, Joe Szymanski, Adam Briggs, Dave Vrugink, Beth Klinger, Chris Groenhout, Will Hart, Pat Clarin, Dan Brandenburg, Jarod Lane, JR Vanderwall, Dave Riddle, Scott Voltz. Justin Thoresen, Chad English, Brad Silverman, Craig Peterman, Eric McComas, Andy Zimmer

2. All-State Voting (Wilson)

1st Team

Johnny Suttorp - EK
David Hasegan – Huron
Sam Schulze – Grand Haven
Derik Bothma – Rockford
Sam Marsh - Okemos
(G) Kevin Smith – Ann Arbor Pioneer
Mike Mestdagh - Groves

2nd Team

Noah Veach – Grand Haven
Nick Crosthwaite – Groves
Mike Wynalda – Grandville
Kyle Anderson – Ann Arbor Pioneer
(G) Pat Fase – Rockford
(G) Marc Granzotto – East Kentwood
Grant Vole – Ann Arbor Pioneer

3rd Team

Michael Ferrara – Ann Arbor Pioneer
Keeley Maher – Ann Arbor Huron
Josh Jackson – East Kentwood
Cory Herring – East Kentwood
Kyle Peterson – Rockford
Dakota McCaw – West Ottawa
Jason Vanderplaats - Zeeland

State Player of the Year:

Johnny Suttorp – East Kentwood

Coach of the Year:

Doug Wilson – East Kentwood

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3. Treasurer's Report (Brandenberg)

CD: \$4,800.28

Checking balance: \$6,310,42.

Still waiting on host site for States. Still have to pay for All-State season plaques and officials.

4. Director of Official's Report (Clarín)

Pat Clarín stress that we need to get more officials on the East Side. They want to run an officials clinic to train newer officials specifically on early season tournaments. Officials would receive classroom instruction and a more experience officials shadowing their calls. The official's clinic will be free and open for any officials, coaches and people interest in becoming an official. Also, please encourage all seniors to be an official to promote greater numbers.

There also was discussion of a fee for spring and future seasons for all officials. The fee would entitle them to referee MWPA games and will also probably get them a rule book & whistle. There will be more information on the fee amount and what officials would receive upon paying that fee at the winter meeting.

5. Election of Secretary - Rick Mida's Position – (Wilson)

Will Hart nominated Rick Mida. Dave Vrugink seconded. Rick Mida accepts and passes unanimously.

6. Co-op Update (Wilson)

Boys:

Zeeland's co-op valid through 2010 season.

Walled Lake expired at the end of boy's season.

East Grand Rapids expired at the end of boy's season.

Girls:

Holt/East Lansing expired and is needed before this season.

Zeeland is good through 2011 season.

Grand Ledge expired and is needed before this season.

Forest Hills expired and is needed before the season.

Walled Lake good through 2010 season.

Ypsilanti expired and is needed before the season.

Also, Walled Lake girls will be varsity this season. Skyline girl's might be varsity this season and boy's will be varsity next season. Therefore, we might have to redistrict the girl's district sites.

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Rick Mida mentioned that he has a meeting with the Bloomfield Athletic Director and is looking to start a co-op with Andover and Lasher schools.

7. Proposal: Run Regional Tournament like Districts with no games for the teams that lose their first game. (Pete and Dave Vrugink)

Eliminating the teams that lose Friday night will save money by cutting out travel expenses. Elimination of 2 games will not be detrimental to a program. There are no MHSAA sports that allow to consistently continuing play after they have been eliminated from the Regional tournament.

Current cost: Team - \$125 Host \$1500 Officials \$40/game (\$960)
Proposed cost: Team - \$85 Host - \$1200 Officials \$40/game (\$640)

Brad Silverman brought up the issue that the host site might be in a financial burden in the proposed cost breakdown. Dan Brandenburg said that MWPA is fine and can absorb they financial change.

Dave Vrugink mentioned that we should vote on the proposed game eliminations and discuss the final cost in the February meeting. Ron Marsh seconds the Proposal. 21 for and 3 against, including Joey Szymanski who strenuously opposed the format change. Therefore, the Regional Tournament will no longer play the 5-8 games and the final costs will be voted on in the February MWPA Business Meeting.

8. Proposal: All officials have background checks (not fingerprinting) through the MWPA. Most schools on the west side of the State are making all volunteers (i.e. timers at swim meets) have background checks and I feel that we need to be proactive about this before it becomes a bigger issue down the road.

Doug Wilson needs to find out if we are a not-for-profit status in order to determine the cost of the background check as it is discounted for NFP organizations. It will be tabled until the February meeting to verify the information.

9. 2010 Girls' Post-Season Sites
 - Districts – May 14-15
 - North/South – Birmingham Groves
 - East/West - East Grand Rapids
 - Regionals – May 21-22
 - East - Ann Arbor Pioneer
 - West – East Kentwood
 - States – June 4 – 5
 - Saline

10. Next Meeting – Phone Conference on 2/8/10

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11. Additional Items

- A. Doug Wilson's Co-President position is open in February.
- B. Pat Clarin has Kap7 orange balls for post-season host sites.
- C. Ron Marsh brought up that the Zone team tryouts for both U-18 & U-16 will be at East Lansing Sat after Thanksgiving 8:30 – 5:30. The fee will be to register with USA Waterpolo. There will be a follow-up e-mail shortly.
- D. Dave Riddle will handle scheduling for the Seaholm girl's schedule even though he won't be coaching.
- E. Pat Clarin discussed that goal line judges should be used for all post season tournaments. Goal Line judges are \$10 a game. Rick Mida seconded the idea and the topic will be voted on in February.

Meeting Adjourned.