

MWPA Business Meeting Minutes

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1. Role Call (Mida) Meeting called to order at 8:03 pm.
 - o Will Hart (Pioneer: Co-President), Doug Wilson (East Kentwood; Co-President), Rick Mida (Groves; Secretary), Dan Brandenburg (Treasurer), Pat Clarin (Director of Officials), Chris Keenan, Austin Myers (Groves), Chalmers McGillivray (Seaholm), Brian Thomas (Chelsea), Kelly Swieter (EGR), Philip Dezern (Forest Hills), Beth Klinger (Grand Haven, Troy Athens), Kelli Russell (Haslett), Brian Post (Holt/EL), Pete Hewett (Jenison), Greg Jenkins (Okemos), Ron Marsh (Okemos), Matt Latham (Okemos), Dave McWatters (Rockford), Scott Voltz (Rockford), Jeff Drews (Troy), Mark Klinger (Troy Athens), Matt Skavnak (West Ottawa).

2. Treasurer's Report (Brandenberg)
 - Checking Balance- \$1,195.59
 - CD Balance: \$4,076.38

3. Director of Official's Report (Clarín)
 - Pat will open up an official's clinic at the EGR Early Bird tournament. There will be a seminar for both coaches and officials to discuss the rules.

New coaches email schedules and tournaments to webmaster@michiganwaterpolo.com.

4. Election of President - Doug Wilson's Position – (Hart)

Matt Latham nominates Ron Marsh. Brian Post seconds the nominations. Email Will Hart and Rick Mida tomorrow by 5:00 pm. Ron Marsh is new Co-President replacing Doug Wilson.

5. Co-op Update (Hart)

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.

Haslett expires at the end of the 2010 season.

6. Proposal: Costs for regional tournaments (Vruggink and Hewett)

Reminder that regional tournaments will not be playing the 5-8 games on Saturday of regional play.

Old: Regional Tournament \$1,500 host site fee, \$125 entry fee

Proposed: Regional Tournament \$1,000 host site fee, \$125 entry fee and with

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goal judges for all post-season tournaments at \$10 a game. Ron Marsh seconds the motion. The vote passes by a 2/3 vote.

Discussions prior to the vote:

Ron Marsh wanted to look at the total number of teams and come up with a season fee, to replace the individual fees.

McWatters asked if the game times and more specifically rest in between games would stay the same. Doug Wilson clarified timing in between the first round and second round games on Saturday would still be the same in order to give rest to the championship games.

7. Proposal to limit tournaments to 3 per year per team based on team and school finances (Dahlmann)

The question that was brought up was whether the limits would be placed on both Varsity and JV tournaments. Will Hart mentioned that he was against limiting the number as schools themselves tend to limit the days that they can host games/tournaments so that would almost count on doubling up restrictions. Ron Marsh mentioned that there are still open issues with every school district and if they can pay then they should play. He mentioned maximizing the playing time for all athletes involved. Dave McWatters mentioned that the quality of the game has increased in Michigan and it's directly attributable to the amount of games played. Chalmers mentioned that some sports limit the number of games and not the tournaments themselves. Chris Keenan mentioned that tournaments have a varying level of quality within numerous tournaments and tournaments are non-standard. Ultimately there was no proposal and it was more of a discussion topic.

8. 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

9. Next Meeting – June 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Saline High School

10. Additional Items

- Co-Op Proposal. Existing Co-ops have to be submitted into the MWPA Board before the February meeting for the girl's co-ops and the boy's co-ops need to be submitted by the June meeting. If existing C-Ops do not meet the deadlines

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then they are not eligible for Post-season play. Ron Marsh seconds the vote: The proposal passes and will be updated in the by-laws and effective for the boy's season in the fall of 2011.

11. New Coaches need to submit their schedules to webmaster@michiganwaterpolo.com.
12. Rick Mida mentioned the AWP Family Festival, July 9-11 at Groves and Seaholm. You must be registered with AWP to participate. There will be U-18 and U-15 team for both genders. If you need more information please check out AWP's website, www.americanwaterpolo.com.