

MWPA

June 5, 2010

Meeting Minutes

1. Roll Call – Will Hart (Pioneer), Ron Marsh (Okemos), Rick Mida (Groves), Dan Brandenburg, Scott Voltz (Rockford), Austin Myers (Groves), Ben Dahlmann (Skyline), Patrick Lowman (West Ottawa), Dave Vruggink (Zeeland), John Neeb (Zeeland), Josh Gonzales (Zeeland), Matt Latham (Grand Blanc), Dan Command (Grand Blanc), Luke Ortego (Troy), Jeff Drews (Troy), Bryan Bennett (Walled Lake), Pat Clarin, Mark Klinger (Troy Athens), Greg Jenkins (Okemos), Justin Thoresen (Huron), Evan Koorhan (Huron), Brian Semple (Dexter), Beth Klinger (Grand Haven), Jarod Lane (East Kentwood), Chalmers McGillivray (Seaholm), Shannon Clay (EGR), Joe Szymanski (Hudsonville), Brad Silverman (Saline), Jeff Barnett (Saline), Jane Brown (Jenison), Kelly Swieter (EGR), J.R. Vanderwall. Gary Henderson (Haslett), Jason Algra (Grand Ledge), Brian Post (Holt), Chris McKoy (Seaholm).
2. Approval of Februarys Meeting Notes
Scott Voltz: Moves to vote: Joe Szymanski seconds; minutes approved.
3. Treasures Report – Dan
Checking balance: \$5,934.18
CD Balance : \$4,376.45

Not all post-season expenses have been paid at this time, but the checking and CD balance is healthy.
4. Director of Officials Report – Pat
Pat Clarin reported that there were no new rules changes at this time and the season ran fairly smoothly.
5. Election of MWPA Board
 - a. None at this time
6. Co-Op Update – Will
Zeeland submitted their Co-op application. Will Hart stressed that we really need to try and push neighboring schools to take advantage of these Co-ops and try to spread the sport throughout the state.
7. Selection of All-State Athletes For the Girls Season

Coach of the Year: Greg Jenkins (Okemos)
Player of the Year: Lauren Dudley (Okemos)

First Team:
Monique Pentecost (Okemos)
Chelsea Vandermolen (Hudsonville)
Kelcy Barott (Huron)
Allie Littlejohn (Saline)
Lea Allen (Saline)
Lydia Roth (Okemos)
Lauren Dudley (Okemos)

Second Team:

Eliza Granzotto (East Kentwood)
Diana Steele (Pioneer)
Ashley Gremel (Rockford)
Brooklyn Pluger (Hudsonville)
Casey Wolfer (Rockford)
Arielle Viviano (Huron)
Kori Swieter (East Grand Rapids)

Third Team:

Erin Kleyn (Hudsonville)
Briana Hutchinson (East Kentwood)
Julia Riemersma (East Kentwood)
Skylar Darish (Troy)
Allie Gerras (Okemos)
Stassia McGlowthin (Skyline)
Allie Gisjbers (Groves)
Stephanie Bundas (Saline)

8. New Business

a. Re-District Proposal – Ron & Will

Dave Vrugink mentioned that some of the re-districting is not as beneficial for travel purposes. Brad Silverman questioned how the District Champions will be seeded and bracketed. Joe Szymanski inquired as to why the West Region was even split up in the first place. Scott Voltz asked if just the East Region could be switched, however was rudely interrupted by Austin Myers. Overall there was plenty of discussion on the topic and ultimately Ron Marsh said that we needed to vote on the proposal as is and this was the initial re-districting proposal.

Scott Voltz motioned to vote. Joe Szymanski seconded.

Proposal did not pass. 21-15.

b. Coaching/Official Rules Meeting- Ron & Brian Fickies

Proposal: Addition of a Michigan Water Polo Association Rules Meeting.

Purpose: To allow an opportunity for all coaches and officials to discuss rule changes and interpretations.

The rules meeting would be conducted by Director of Officials or an appointed representative.

Every August prior to the beginning of the school year Michigan Water Polo Association (MWPA) will have a rules meeting in the following areas-East, Central, West Michigan to conduct a review of the current rules and point of emphasis of rules for the upcoming season via power point. Coaches or school representative and officials must attend one of the meetings to be eligible for post-season play. If a coach, team representative or an official fails to attend one of these meetings then he or she will be allowed to take a 20 question exam in order to be eligible to coach or officiate in the post-season. If a coach or official takes the exam then said coach or official must attend one of the training sessions next year or they will forfeit the opportunity to coach in the post season. All coaches and officials shall receive a current rulebook and red/yellow cards shall be given to officials, this shall be paid for by MWPA.

Beth Klinger asked about the rules meeting and whether a coach being hired late into the season would be affected by this proposal. Brad Silverman did not want to mandate attendance for coaches in order to participate in the post season. Dave Vrugink mentioned that all other MHSAA sports require this of their coaches. Brad Silverman asked about the ramifications if the coach fails the required exam. Luke Ortego asked who would administer these seminars and exams. Ron Marsh explained that the Director of Officials would work with the Board and other officials to prepare PowerPoint presentation and exam. Scott Voltz mentioned that the idea works extremely well in the State of Illinois. Scott Voltz motioned for vote. Joe Szymanski seconded. Proposal passes. 31-3.

c. S & R Fund raising proposal – Ron

Pat Clarin mentioned that Kap7's contract does not expire to next spring 2011 so it cannot happen until then and will be revisited at that time.

d. All-Regional Selection Format – Ron

Proposal: All Regional/State Selection

The selection of the All-Regional Team shall be based on an athlete's performance during the season. Each team shall be allowed to nominate up to four field players and one goalie prior to the beginning of District games. Voting on the All Regional Team shall be completed on the Wednesday prior to the beginning of Regional Tournament.

The All-State Team nominees shall be those that were placed on the 1st, 2nd, and honorable mention Regional Teams. The All-State Team shall be based on an athlete's performance during the season.

Greg Jenkins asked if it's just limited to four players that could be nominated for All-State. Chalmers McGillivray mentioned that it's important to do this due to the elimination of the 5-8 games at Regionals and players would only be evaluated on one game. Scott Voltz motioned for a vote, Joe Szymanski seconded the vote. Proposal passes 36-3.

e. Mercy Rule – Ron

Proposal: Change of a Michigan Water Polo Association Mercy Rule.

Change current rule of coaches choice at half time when down by 10 goals to have a running clock or not to after half time if a team is down by 10 goals the game clock will be a running clock.

Scott Voltz motioned to vote, Joe Szymanski seconded. Proposal passes 36 to 12.

f. 2011 Summer League committee USA Water Polo

Ron Marsh mentioned that he wants to establish a committee to set-up an organized summer water polo via US Leagues. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please email Ron Marsh.

g. State Games of Michigan committee for 2011

Ron Marsh is looking to join this tournament and interested coaches should email Ron Marsh to establish a committee.

9. Summer Tournaments – Jenison June 19-20; Birmingham Groves & Seaholm AWP July 9-11; West Ottawa July 17-18; Spartan July 24-25 to be posted on MWPA Web Site.

10. 2010 Boy's Season

a. Start Date – Aug 11

b. Post Season

i. Districts – Oct 22 & 23

West – Rockford

East -- East Lansing

ii. Regional – Oct 29 & 30

West – East Kentwood

East -- Seaholm

iii. States Nov 12 & 13 – Zeeland

11. Open Items

Pat Clarin proposed that the MWPA change its policy to allow for one thirty second timeout for overtime even if one was used in regulation. Scott Voltz motioned to vote, Joe Szymanski seconded. Proposal passes unanimously.

Dave Vruggink proposed to change the All-Regional team to allow each team to nominate 7 players their team amending the previously passed proposal only allowing 4. Scott Voltz motioned to vote, Joe Szymanski seconded. Proposal passes unanimously.

There was also discussion about the recommended compensation towards officials and the Board will look into it before the next MWPA Business Meeting.

Scott Voltz motioned to close the meeting. Dave Vruggink seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned @ 2:30.

12. Next Meeting – Monday, August 9, 2010, 8:00pm phone conference. Information on conference call to be sent out prior to Monday, August 9, 2010.