

MWPA Meeting Minutes

Nov. 13, 2010

Zeeland High School

1. Roll Call – Meeting began at 1:05 pm

Matt Skavnak, Doug Wilson, Dave Vruggink, Jon Neeb, Dave McWatters, Andy Terrien, Jarod Lane, Beth Klinger, Justin Thoreson, Joey Szymanski, Matt Latham, Ben Dahlmann, Luke Ortego, Austin Myers, Derek Zokoe, Grant Weick, Jen Coffey, Pete Hewitt, Ryan Prior, Jeff Hardy, Bryan Bennett, Rob Nichols, Brian Semple, Craig Peterman, Ian Bosjmeijer, Jason Sweedyk, Scott Voltz, Ron Marsh, Will Hart, Evan Koorhan, J.R. Vanderwall

2. Treasurer's Report – Dan Brandenburg via email

The current checking balance is \$1,348.16. All past year's trophies are paid in full. In regards to the post season this year, the only check I have received is Rockford for the West Regional district championships.

Doug Wilson-mentioned that there is the CD and the MWPA should look to cash the CD to pay the bills. Dave Vruggink mentioned that we are spending more than what we are taking in and the issue isn't whether to cash the CD but to make a budget to prevent spending more than what we bring in annually. Pat Clarin mentioned that he is working to cut down paying officials. Doug Wilson, mentioned that in the Bylaws it states to provide awards for the kids and they didn't get district, regional or all-state awards and that the association can't have bylaws and rules that we don't abide by. Will Hart stated we had to make Board decisions to either have awards or officials and we paid officials, as we only had \$400 in the checking account. Ron Marsh stated that the Treasurer should create a budget for the Board to review on an annual basis. Pete Hewitt, we need to do something about it and maybe provide dues in order to create some revenue to help in the financial crunch. Matt Latham suggested we look to getting into a 501(c)3 status to garner tax deductible donations. Jeff Hardy directed the Board to develop a budget for the upcoming water polo season and present at the girls state championships in June. Matt Skavnak seconded the motion. Proposal passed unanimously.

3. Directors of Officials Report - Pat Clarin

Pat thought the 3 coaching and official's clinics went well and are looking to host 2 more in the spring season.

4. Election of the Secretary

Austin Myers nominates himself and passes unanimously.

5. Election of Treasurer

Austin Myers nominates Matt Latham. Latham accepts. Passes unanimously.

6. Re-districting for the 2001 Girl's season.

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6
Hudsonville	Rockford	Okemos	Groves	Pioneer	Huron
W. Ottawa	EGR	G. Ledge	Seaholm	Saline	Skyline
Zeeland	E. Kentwood	Mason	Troy	Dexter	Walled Lake
Jenison	P. Central	Holt/E.L.	Troy Athens	Chelsea	Grand Blanc
Grand Haven	P. Northern	Haslett			
Grandville	F. Hills				

Re-districting for the 2011 Boy's Season.

District 1	District 2	District 3	District 4	District 5	District 6
Hudsonville	E. Kentwood	Okemos	Groves	Pioneer	Huron
G. Haven	E.G.R.	Holt/E.L.	Seaholm	Dexter	Skyline
Jenison	Grandville	G. Ledge	Troy	Saline	Walled Lake
W. Ottawa	Portage	G. Blanc	Troy Athens		
Zeeland	Rockford				

7. Proposals

- A. Specifics on running the clock. For all games, after the 2nd quarter and 3rd quarter, if the game lead is by 10 goals or more the game is an automatic running clock. Once a game becomes running clock, it remains running clock regardless of if the score difference drops below 10 goals or not. The clock will only stop for timeouts, goals, and official timeouts. Shot clock is restarted as normal as stated in the rulebook. Matt Skavnak is clarifying that what he says now is mandatory, the vote now is to allow the losing coach to make that vote at halftime. Dave McWatters wants to make sure it does not apply to tournaments throughout the season. Scott Voltz seconds proposal. Proposal passes, 25-1.
- B. All district seed games are to have officials scheduled on the game by Director of Officials, Regional Director of Officials. Will Hart seconds proposal. Passes unanimously.
- C. Treasurer of the MWPA to provide current financial statements at the quarterly meeting as per the MWPA by-laws. Rick Mida mentioned that the current practice is to just read the CD or checking balance and that information is inadequate. The Board and its members should have quarterly financial statements detailing revenues and expenses for all to see and make informed financial decisions. Ron Marsh seconds proposal. Passes unanimously.
- D. Re-districting proposal by Evan Koorhan. Matt Skavnak suggests having a third region instead of 6 district sites, in order to help the long term growth. Ron Marsh seconds proposal. 12 for, 1 against. [Proposal attached]

8. 2011 Girl's post season sites

Districts: (May 13-14)

West: Jenison

East: Holt/EL and Huron to host

Regionals: (May 20-21)

West: Written proposals to be sent by Rockford, East Kentwood, East Grand Rapids

East: Groves

States: (June 3-4)

Zeeland

9. Open Items:

- Pat Clarin, recommends for tournament hosts to incorporate inexperienced and experienced officials to help mentor inexperienced officials and give them guided experience. Pat will also help tournament directors find officials.
- Dave McWatters would like to discuss the option of banning the 5M rule from the association. He feels it hurts the strength and growth of the sport and guys going abroad are hurt by this rule. Evan Koorhan brought up the fact of pushing the 5M to the 7M like previous rules. Pete Hewitt mentioned that it really affects girls water polo more than guys because exceptionally strong girls can carry a team all the way through the state tournament. Scott Voltz mentioned that typically we allow for the official rules and this would be a major variation. Matt Skavnak discussed that we should not change it because it will confuse and set-back officials development. Ian Bosimejer mentioned that the foul at 5M needs to be called for consistently. Evan Koorhan mentioned that we might explore letting the defender block the 5M shot in order to discourage the 5M.

10. All-State Recognition

First Team:

MVP: David Hasegan - Huron

Seiji Osawa - Pioneer

Mike Mestdagh - Groves

Josh Jackson - East Kentwood

Jalen Lubbers – Jenison

Pat Fase – Rockford

Eric Chisholm – Rockford

Second Team:

Jon Geldermans – Huron

Austin Daugherty – Dexter

Jon Geva – Okemos

Raheem Brown – East Kentwood

Kody Brinks – Hudsonville

Korey Clement – Jenison

Jeff Schmitt – Rockford

Honorable Mention:

Kevin Gorine – Huron

Max Benson – Pioneer
Peter Djurakovic – Saline
Joey Steffes – Hudsonville
Bryan Wasburg – Rockford
Zach Lindeman – Zeeland
Zach Geschwendt – Zeeland

Coach of the Year: Pete Hewitt – Jenison

Meeting adjourned.