

MWPA Meeting
June 4, 2011 Meeting
Zeeland High School
Agenda

1. Roll Call -- Austin Myers Meeting began at 1:05 pm

Austin Myers, Ron Marsh, Pat Clarin, Ian Bosejmeier, Janet Allen, Hanna Stein, Kelley Swieter, Derrick Zokoe, Rob Palmerlee, Brian Semple, Will Hart, Matt Latham, Joe Szymanski, Pete Hewitt, Dave Mcwatters, Jarod Lane, Doug Wilson, Ryan Pryor, Grant Weick, Chris Keenan, Greg Jenkins, Ian Townsend, Justin Thoreson, Scott Voltz, Dave Vrugink, Greg Lowman, Beth Klinger, Rebecca Godek, Matt Turner, John Neeb, Mary Chatigny

2. Treasures Report – Matt Latham

-See attached Financial Statement

3. Director of Officials Report – Pat Clarin

A. Dates for Rules Meeting for Boys 2011 season will be e-mailed out and posted on the web site over the summer.

B. You must e-mail Pat Clarin if you are hosting any tournaments, along with the dates.

4. Election of MWPA Board

A. Co-President

Joe Szymanski was nominated Co-President by Scott Voltz and 2nd by Dave Vrugink passes unanimously

B. Director of Officials, Pat Clarin is nominated and 2nd and it passes unanimously.

5. Proposals

A. Propose the adoption of a 35 second shot clock. – Scott Voltz

Scott Voltz proposes the 35 second shot clock for at least girls season. JV level and girls season as a whole. Only USAWP and FINA use a 30 second shot clock. NCAA goes 35 second shot clock. Deviates from NFHS rule book. Pete Hewitt mentioned that it affects the center position. Dave Vrugink mentioned that if it gets changed for girls then it should be changed for guys as well. Will Hart 2nd proposal for a one year trial period for 35 second shot clock for Guys and Girls. Passes Unanimously

B. 1. Updated By-Laws - I've highlighted all items that I changed. If some of these have already been changed in writing, then the website just needs to get updated. Some of the changes are for things we already do:

- a. Updated the meetings portion of the by-laws to state the purpose of the preseason meetings.
- b. Under the officers, eliminated anything that had to do with area reps, since I believe this has been abolished for a few years.
- c. Updated duties of treasurer to include items for financial statements & budget. The budget must first be approved by the board prior to the meeting and then approved by membership.
- d. Finally, compensation of the board is reduced from \$200 (currently) to \$100 paid annually at the girls state tournament (reduced depending on the number of meetings an officer misses).

The only thing that I believe changes is the last item, and since currently the board doesn't take a stipend by choice, it is actually an increase. This would begin with the 2011- 2012 budget (so after this meeting - first stipend to be paid in June of 2012). This also leads into the budget.

2. Updated MWPA Policies as follows:

a. Entry Fees for district tournament raised to \$100 (paid to the MWPA) - every team in the MWPA pays this fee - even if they play 1 game or a play-in game.

- b. Entry Fees for regional tournament raised to \$150 (paid to the MWPA)
- c.. Hosting Fees eliminated for the district and regional tournament
- c. District Payment Due 1 week prior to tournament, Regional Payment Due prior to first game
- d. Failure to pay post season entry fees prior to 1st game will result in forfeit of that game.
- e. Hosting Fees for State Tournament raised to \$2,700 (paid to the MWPA)
- f. Entry Fees for state tournament raised to \$225 (paid to Host Site)
- g. A team will forfeit their next game in the state tournament if payment is not received by the host site prior to that game (if payment is not received by the 1st game, they forfeit that game. If payment is not received prior to their second game, they will forfeit the first & second game, etc.....)
- h. Elimination of Paid goal judges at district games (we don't use them now anyways - tournaments can still use them, the MWPA just won't pay for them)
- i. Use of paid goal judges for regional 1st & 3rd place games only (MWPA will pay for this - I believe this is the practice used now, though our polices aren't clear if they should be used for all games).

Basic Rationale: Schools are getting way behind financially for simply hosting a tournament, because of the hole the current entry fees put them in, and the reduced attendance by the elimination of the 5th - 8th place games at the regional tournament, and potentially the fewer teams at one district site (girls site might be more impacted than boys right now). Teams are ending up \$500 behind, and they are finding it is very difficult to recover from - or at best creates a 'break even' situation.

This new set up simply raises fees by \$25 for all post season sites to help the MWPA recover lost fees by dropping the hosting fees at districts and regionals. It also raises the state hosting fee by \$100, but it gives the host site another \$200 from entry fees - so host sites at states start out down \$900 instead of the \$1,000 they start out with now. This seems to be ok, since state tournaments have better attendance by giving all 8 teams 3 games.

This now gives schools a big financial incentive to host any post season tournament. Since the MWPA still bares the cost of officials and awards, and the schools are still allowed to keep attendance, concessions revenue. The MWPA isn't any worse off since revenue is recovered and costs will be budgeted (in fact, we could end up ahead), and officials pay remains the same, with the potential that we could increase pay to attract new & experienced officials if we have a really good year financially.

The entry fee deadlines also guarantee that all organizational expenses should be paid within a reasonable time, and with ample time for all schools to process invoices and checks - there is no reason why anyone shouldn't have something for their first game. USAWP doesn't allow you to pay tournament fees after the fact either.

All the other policy changes are basically changes to what is practice now.

3. Awards

- a. Trophies for District Champions & Runner-Up, Regional Champions & Runner-Up, State Champion, Runner-Up, and 3rd place
- b. Individual Medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams at state (limit 15 paid by the MWPA)
- c. First Team all-state season awards, State Season MVP, and State Season Coach of the Year receive plaques - all other awards (athletic & academic) will receive certificates - all paid by and/or reimbursed by the MWPA.
- d. All Regional Season Teams voted on during the District Tournament (awards should be handed out at regionals). Any all tournament teams will be voted on at that tournament - I suggest the Director of Officials receive the all-regional ballots

Rationale: This should help streamline costs, and it would give us the chance to do what our policies basically already tell us we should be doing. If a team has more than 15 kids on the bench, the school can find out where we got the medals from and pay for the additional medals needed.

Motion to Vote by Ron Marsh, 2nd by Joe Szymanski passes unanimously.

5. Adoption of 2011 - 2012 Budget –

2011-2012 budget motion to vote, 2nd by Joe Szymanski Passes Unanimously.

Matt Latham

C. Adoption of MHSAA Sportsmanship rules. – Ron Marsh
<http://www.mhsaa.com/TrainingEducation/Sportsmanship.aspx>

Adopting MHSAA Sportsmanship rules

6. 2011 Boy's Season
Districts – October 21-22, 2011
West – Rockford
East – Huron

Regional -- October 28-29, 2011
West – East Kentwood
East – Holt/EL and Okemos

(Holt/EL and Okemos to check about MSU home football game as they submitted a bid conditional if there was no home football game) No proposals submitted by Groves or Seaholm. No MSU Home football game on Regional Weekend.

State -- November 11-12, 2011
Host – Saline

All Proposals are decided by June 10th.

7. Open Items

A. Reminder that NISCA All American Forms for the players that make 1st team All-State will need to be given to Austin Myers ASAP. Ideally by Wednesday June 8th so they can be in the mail on Thursday June 9th.

B. Formation of a Middle School Committee to help develop student-athletes, coaches, and officials. Dave McWatters likes the middle school programs where High School players ref, but there is a need to have an experience ref there to maintain, supervise and critique officials. Need to have a way where host sites participate and commit.

Ron Marsh brought up Mentoring program for the middle school level where things are coordinated and scheduled, and middle school programs pay someone to do the schedule. Coaches, Players, Officials and Parents are all educated properly when they are introduced to the sport at the middle school level.

Joe Szymanski mentioned just asking interested officials to ref and just be paid out of admissions. While still maintaining a scheduler for games so teams don't play each other 4 or 5 times.

Matt Turner is an employee of USAWP as a liaison for the Midwest region. Programs are in place and Matt is there to facilitate the process. Girls US Leagues are in the winter, Boys US Leagues are in the fall. Volunteers are needed to be the eyes and ears on the ground to get something started. Lesson plans are already in place. A coaches clinic is being hosted in Illinois is June 25th and June 26th (college coaches will be there). ODP information is available online.

Greg Jenkins brought up social media and the use of Twitter to update people of scores. Pat Clarin is looking into it.

Kap7 Contract has been signed

8. Next Meeting – Conference Call

- A. Monday, Monday, August 8, 2011 at 8:00pm. Information to be e-mailed out as the date approaches.
Meeting adjourned 2:09pm

All State Season 2011 Results

Honorable Mention

Erin Kleyn-Hudsonville
Angela Porta-Pioneer
Jordan Bullock-Zeeland
Kori Swieter-East Grand Rapids
Molly Keenan-Dexter
Sara Boldt-East Kentwood
Arielle Viviano-Huron

2nd Team

Stephanie Bundas-Saline
Saskia Moyer-Okemos
Monique Pentecost-Okemos
Adriana Craft-Rockford
Jill Wolcott-Jenison
Tiffany Elanbaas-Rockford
Nicole Minzey-Dexter

1st Team

Julia Riersma-East Kentwood
Katie Dudley-Okemos
Casey Wolfer-Rockford
Stassia Mcglothlin-Skyline
Kim Graziano-Skyline
Nikki Baron-Okemos
Kelcy Barott MVP-Huron