

Missouri Water Polo, Inc.
Meeting Minutes - 2/17/15

In attendance: Board Members John O'Sullivan (President), Bill Pohrer (Treasurer), Steve Adcock, Julie Drake (Secretary), Andrew Wool, Ray Kreienkamp and regular members Alexander Vaura, David Jimenez, Matt Storey, Andy Butle, Matt Berry

1. Treasurer Report – Bill Pohrer
 - a. Balance as 2/16/15 of \$10,763.64
2. Tom Milford's board position will be unfilled for the last few months of this season
3. Fundraising ideas
 - a. Alumni Game (2nd annual) – 12/20/14 (John O'Sullivan)
 - Switch to Thanksgiving weekend next year
 - b. Andy – looking more at Corporate Donations than parent donations through TV money
 - Businesses advertising on FOX Sports for water polo games (\$20,000 cost)
 - Sponsors can write off donations if checks made to MWP
 - Need details (viewership, how many times ad will be aired, etc.)
 - Need written pledges to take this on so we are not stuck with a large bill
 - c. Project 4 Quarters - Andy
 - Collecting dollars (no more than a dollar) from people toward MO Water Polo to get the word out about MWP – 1 name/\$1
 - School with most names/dollars at the end of the season gets a pizza party
 - There should be uniformity among the schools of how to collect (directions, envelopes, etc.)
 - d. Shirts – Andy
 - Design/Make shirts Benji Landesman?
 - Good ref shirts
 - Get a design to be approved
 - e. Donation section on website (Steve/John)
 - f. Felix date on Wednesday - Andy
4. High School Season – Steve
 - a. March 7th – Ladue – Coaches/Referee Meeting – 10:00 a.m.
 - b. Looking for refs – get the word out and contact Steve Adcock
5. State Championship
 - a. Post Season Committee
 - Change schedule for scheduling post season games? Coaches need to discuss at the Coaches meeting March 7th
 - Lindbergh and Pattonville will be sites for JV tournament
 - There needs to be discussion about keeping parents/non-players off the deck
 - MWP purchase balls and airhorns; award balls to players at Senior game (hardest shot, fastest swimmer, etc.) Motion carried and passed.
 - b. Changes to Banquet

- Person stationed at door to check players and coaches through; everyone else needs to pay.
 - c. Program Sales – Steve
 - Add more to the end of the program
 - d. Precasts - John
- 6. Summer Calendar
 - a. SLAP Dates on MWP website
- 7. Splashball Club Help Idea
 - a. Clubs are looking to train kids earlier
 - b. Can get their older players to help
 - c. Use MWP to match up resources
 - d. Water polo needs to be developed into St. Charles County (the new frontier). Possibly get support from Lindenwood (Gregg Emde)? Summer program can be supported by MWP with balls and caps. John will contact Gregg for ideas.
- 8. Referee Training
 - a. Look at possibility of head-sets to explain calls
 - b. Need high level (experienced) refs like Rob Higgins to train newer refs
 - c. Referee evaluator next year?
 - d. Change attitude of Coaches and refs... refs need to earn the respect of the coaches and vice versa
- 9. Junior Olympic Qualifiers – Ray
 - a. Trying to get one JO Qualifier here in St. Louis in June (18-20?)
 - b. Lindbergh and Pattonville are possible sites – all deep pools (\$3,000 for the weekend?)
 - c. Need more info for a budget
 - d. Benefits: Can get refs trained there, can potentially get a 14U team in for the 1st time
 - e. Concessions, gate entry, and any sales kept by MWP to defer cost
- 10. Growing Girls Polo – Ray Kreienkamp (Collen, Miguel, Dawn)
 - a. Have a girls camp this summer (Colleen will run)
- 11. Other
 - a. Youth player rep from Clubs to come to MWP board meetings?
 - b. Polo-athon? – Andy checking into it
 - c. Banquet costs
 - Necessity of plaques was debated... Plaques for 1st team and certificates for everyone else? No plaques and certificates for everyone if they are nicer quality certificates.
 - 1st team all-district plaques and player of the year plaques
 - All conference nothing given from MWP
 - All-Star Banquet Thursday after state Lindbergh
 - All-Star banquet needs more “ceremony”, not just pushing kids through to get the papers. Guest speaker? Blend informal and formal. Get rid of skills competition during the game? All-Conference players already know who they are... not have them come up during the banquet? Bring back Hall of Fame
 - d. Truman Water Polo

- John O'Sullivan will be in contact with Harrison to hear of ideas/requests for help
- Harrison will type something up before next fall
- Contact other Missouri colleges with water polo teams also?

5. Next Board Meeting: June 2015

Meeting adjourned 8:58 p.m.