

Missouri Water Polo, Inc.
Meeting Minutes - 11/4/14

In attendance: Board Members John O'Sullivan (President), Bill Pohrer (Treasurer), Steve Adcock, Julie Drake (Secretary), Andrew Wool, Ray Kreienkamp and regular members Brad Drake, Michael O'Neill, Don Casey, Andy Butler, Joseph Trad Jr., Zack Blakeley

1. Treasurer Report – Bill Pohrer
 - a. Balance as 10/31/14 of \$11,117.64

2. Old Business
 - a. Girls Polo – Ray Kreienkamp
 - i. Three main points
 1. Have one girls camp and tournament during the summer
 2. Incorporate more girls play in clubs off season
 3. Build a base at middle school level and at clubs to develop at the high school level
 - ii. MICDS (Don Casey) offered pool time for a girls camp during the summer.
 - b. Fundraising ideas
 - i. Alumni Game (2nd annual) – 12/20/14 (John O'Sullivan)
 - ii. Itap – early Spring (Ray Kreienkamp)
 - iii. Felix's (Andrew Wool)
 - iv. Corporate Fundraising/Donations
 - v. Polo-a-thon - summer (John contact Guinness for longest water polo game record)
 - vi. Sheila Emde getting parent contact name and number from each school's coach (John will get list from Sheila)

3. New Business
 - a. Water Polo State Tournament (Don Casey)
 - i. No real group in charge; too many individuals doing different aspects
 - ii. Rec Plex charges too much (including the price of the entrance bracelets)
 - iii. Lindbergh volunteered to host some of the tournament to reduce cost.
 - iv. Hospitality room?
 - v. Keep parents off the deck (away from refs)
 - vi. In the process of developing a committee for running the state tournament
 - b. Polo community looking to help the McGinnis family with personal family struggles
 - c. Referee Development (Mike O'Neill)
 - i. Need more trained refs; invite them to come ref the winter club season to prepare for high school season
 - ii. Will invite some local college kids to come see what it's all about.

- iii. Games should be called the same way... not different calls at different ends of the pool.
 - d. Host another USA Water Polo Qualifier in St. Louis?
 - i. Check into expenses beyond pool time.
 - e. Banquet costs
 - i. 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.
 - ii. People attending are bypassing paying... don't match receipts for food.
 - iii. 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
 - f. Truman Water Polo
 - i. John O'Sullivan will be in contact with Harrison to hear of ideas/requests for help
 - g. Immediate Goals
 - i. John O'Sullivan will update Board on website
 - ii. Andy Wool will be our fundraising chair; Joe Trad will be co-chair
 - iii. Mike O'Neill will reach out to college community for refs
 - iv. Ray Kreienkamp will look at summer dates for a girls camp, JO Qualifier, and Itap
 - v. Continue state tournament discussion
 - vi. Revamp website in January (Need a list of player/parent/coach/ref email addresses to be able to send out email blasts)
 - vii. John O'Sullivan will reach out to Harrison to get a proposal of needs for Truman water polo
 - h. T-shirts – Andy Wool
 - i. Fliers/business cards in stands of what MO Water Polo is about
 - ii. Need a way to promote
 - i. Updating our bylaws
 - i. Currently too broad
 - ii. Suggested ideas of our focus should be: developing high school and club teams, developing referees, developing coaches
 - j. Other
 - i. Joe Trad questioned again: Expand program to Kansas City? (Doyt Ladd)
 - Contact Missouri colleges

5. Next Board Meeting: January 2015

Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.