

2008 USA Water Polo Mountain Zone Meeting  
Dec 13, 2008 Kearns, UT

Attendees:

In-person: Brad Percy (UT), Don Lewis (UT), Ken Hawkes (UT), Bill Carter (UT), Tyson Heath (UT), Maddy Drury (UT).

Via Conference call: Sandy Nita (NV), Joe Peila (NV), Tony Chanove (NV), Mark St. John (NV), Rob Willis? (NV), Mike Jensen (NV), Grier Laughlin (co), Joe Linehan (TX).

I: 2008 Zone recap:

A. Zone chair report in zone summary (available via e-mail request).

1. 1232 total members—down from 2006 and 2007
  - a. national events in zone
  - b. zone tournaments
  - c. 2008 zone teams—progress and results
  - d. referees
  - e. clinics—referees and coaches
  - f. clubs attending national events
2. questions by Grier on ‘why’ numbers have declined.  
requested break down of #’s by age and area.

B. Financial report—Brad Percy

1. financial support for future funds requests will be requested through the national office not through zone.
2. zone will submit budget to national office for future expenditures
3. Joe Linehan discussed the ability of USWP to direct funds back to zone for ‘projects’, assistance, etc. USWP concerned about ‘accountability’ for funds going back to zone. i.e better ‘audit’ process on use of funds.
4. discussion and questions from some members regarding current budget and funds available. Discussion, concerns and questions regarding cost of travel for our zone coaches, referees, players, etc.
5. 2008zone financial report presented by Brad—available upon request via e-mail.

C. Head Referee Report—Joe Peila

1. review of referees that traveled to national events and their accomplishments.
2. review of zone referee clinics, growth and development.
  - a. potential ref development in Arizona and Colorado.

D. Zone team head coach reports:

1. many of the coaches absent from call.
2. Men’s Jr. team—Mark St John—very disappointed in event at Annapolis , MD—lack of games, poor organization, step #2 process in Vegas did very well.

3. Men's youth at Kearns (UT) did very well. Had a larger amount of athletes and referees participate than in the past.

4. discussion on ODP (Olympic Development Program).  
--replacing current national teams selection process. More information will be release at ODP summit in Jan 2009 in L.A. At time of zone meeting many of the details were still being worked on and defined.

---some general ideas from ODP include...

Creating consistency at all levels in what is being taught to zone teams.

ODP will be a 'year round' program

Athlete, coach, referee travel paid by ODP office.

More involvement from top national team personnel at zone level

More to be announced after Jan. summit.

---discussion on increased burden to families (\$'s, time, travel, etc)

D. Calendar:

1. Zone/ODP tournament in Kearns in May 2009

2 Other events scheduled/potential for zone.

E. request made by majority to 'table' future discussions re ODP until after Jan summit and ODP finalizations.

II. Zone Elections:--only those in attendance (in person or via conf call eligible to vote)

A Zone Chair:

1. nominees: Brad Peercy-unopposed

B. Zone Board:

2. nominees: Joe Peila (NV), Don Lewis (UT), Grier Laughlin (CO), Mike Goldhardt (UT), Tony Chanove(NV), Robbie Bova (NM)

C. All votes e-mail to Joe Linehan for count. Results were later emailed from Joe Linehan to Brad and are as follows:

Robbie Bova

Grier Laughlin

Don Lewis

Joe Peila

D. USA Water Polo assembly to meet first weekend in May at NCAA Women Championships.

1.nominees and vote for zone assembly delegates tabled to later date TBD.