



Mountain Zone of USA Water Polo, Inc.

Biannual Zone Meeting

December 4, 2004

2:00 PM

Kearns Oquirrh Park Fitness Center

Kearns, Utah

MINUTES

Agenda is in black, the minutes are in blue.

- I. Welcome, introductions, and overview of meeting.
 - a. Brad welcomed everyone at 2:05 PM
 - b. People present
 - i. Brad Percy – UT
 - ii. Don Lewis - UT
 - iii. Dennis Hogue - UT
 - iv. Mike Goldhardt - UT
 - v. A.J. Baucum - UT
 - vi. Shad Bracken - UT
 - vii. Terence Ma - NV
 - viii. Bill Loffswold - AZ
 - ix. Mike Wells – UT
 - x. Joe Peila – NV
 - xi. Dan Langford – UT
 - xii. Mike Evans – UT
 - xiii. Bill Carter – UT
 - xiv. Paul Mernicki – AZ (conference call)
- II. Zone Chair Report – Brad Percy.
 - a. Membership report – total 1337 members. 20% growth in 2004 – 221 more members than from the previous year. 31 clubs, 51 coaches, 20 referees. Biggest reason for growth is probably due to more opportunities to play. Especially in 14 and U and Open division.
 - b. Communication is pretty strong right now and the information is available. Website and e-mails. More professional on sanctioning of events and on a referee pay chart.
 - c. Women's jr. team selection camp will be hosted at Kearns over memorial day weekend. Also submitted a bid for the 2007 USWP Annual Meeting to be hosted in SLC.
 - d. Some challenges for our zone
 - i. Distance between states and being very spread out
 - ii. Difficult due to lack of being able to compete between different regions in the same zone also, difficulty with practicing as a zone team.
 - iii. Need more people to be able to host tournaments and leagues and more opportunities to play.
- III. Reports from 2003-2004 Committee Representatives.
 - a. Athletes Advisory Council – AJ Baucum, Nora Duhig.
 - i. Increasing athlete opportunities for more people and general discussion on how athletes rotate
 - b. Coaches Committee – Brad gave report for Rex Richards.
 - i. New requirements for coaches certification and how to be certified
 - ii. Strict on first aid and CPR certifications
 - iii. Coaching education test and
 - iv. Test run on it in San Diego

- c. Development Committee – Dennis Hogue.
 - i. Coordinating information to get people out for 2M and goalie camps. Less people tried out. Good participation getting more coaches out and more people out to the camps, but need more people to try out.
 - ii. Getting information in to the national office on time, so that is good.
 - iii. More of a challenge when some of the states like Colorado have more programs, because then more regional tryouts before we pick which kids go. Comes back to the difficulty of being spread out with the number of kids that we get to send and the number of regions that there are.
 - iv. Discussion on maybe bringing coaches out for coaching clinics from different areas.
 - d. Events Committee – Mike Goldhardt.
 - i. Looks at bids and conduct of championships
 - e. Finance Committee – Brad Percy.
 - i. Looks at requests from various committees for funding. Mostly from national teams
 - f. Masters Committee – No report.
 - g. Men’s International and Olympic Committee – Bill Loffswold.
 - i. Discussion on the Olympics and on the individual teams – jr, youth, cadet, development, beginner.
 - h. Referees Committee – Joe Peila.
 - i. Increases in clinics and opportunities for referees
 - i. Rules Committee – Don Lewis.
 - i. Take recommendations from events and other committees and vote on all by-laws changes
 - j. Women’s International and Olympic Committee – Brad reported for Robbie.
 - i. Adding a futures team which is the same as cadet age group for the men. The women are starting a new cycle this year, as the men’s are in the second year of the cycle. 87 is junior, 89 is youth, 91 is futures – that is the way it will be for three years
- IV. Reports from 2004 Zone Team Coaches.
- a. Women’s Youth – Brad reported for Robbie.
 - i. Sent a team to San Diego for tryouts. Ari Romo made the national youth B team.
 - b. Women’s Junior – NA.
 - i. No zone teams, just had a national try out.
 - c. Men’s Beginner – Bill Loffswold.
 - i. Good first time, and not too many kids tried out, but good experience for the young kids
 - ii. Nice to have an opportunity in this zone
 - d. Men’s Development – AJ Baucum,
 - i. Good to have 2 teams and get lots of kids experience
 - ii. Had two players go to higher camps.
 - e. Men’s Cadet – Bill Loffswold.
 - i. Nice facility and able to watch some of the National teams play in long beach
 - ii. Competitive in a lot of the games and it is a transition age due to lack of experience
 - iii. Kids did well at the national tryouts
 - f. Men’s Youth – Chris Horne provided a written report that Brad presented.
 - i. Team finished 11th out of 16th had a lot of close games.
 - g. Men’s Junior – Brad reported for Jeff.
- V. Report on National/International issues – Terence Ma, USWP Vice President.

- a. Primary focus has been IOC review as to whether or not water polo will remain on the Olympic program in 2012. Have been trying to bolster and negotiate with European countries trying to get support for water polo. There were more tickets sold for water polo then for swimming.
 - b. National team programs – executive committees are happy with the national team programs and the results of the past year. Both the coaches are back for the next quadrennium.
 - c. In 2006 Palo Alto will be the host of the FINA world masters championships - try and send a zone club team. Occurs in August.
 - d. Domestic issues – national office changeover. Main task is the reorganization of the national office. Moved office and many new staff changes. Changeover of the web site and membership database. Budgeting is a difficult issue. Also, getting spots filled for national championships – men’s open, women’s open, etc. Also, coaching code of conduct having people understand how they are supposed to act.
- VI. Zone Financial Report – Brad Peercy.
- a. Budgeted for a loss of \$105, actually had a net gain of \$9011.53. Good and bad. Money that was budgeted was not spent in some areas, due to canceling opportunities or not having people wanting to go, but also there was an increase in revenue in certain areas. Hosted the NAGs and made some money in that area. End the year about \$10,000 in the bank. Financial report was provided for those in attendance.
- VII. 2005 Zone/National Teams – Bill Loffswold (Men’s), Robbie Bova (Women’s)
- a. March camp, May camp, NAGs for Men’s
 - b. Just memorial day selection camps, full zone teams for women for futures, youth, and junior.
- VIII. Discuss 2005 Zone Strategic Plan – Brad Peercy.
- a. Copy was provided for those in attendance. Final official strategic plan due after the USWP Annual Meeting. Currently in draft mode.
- IX. Review and propose changes to Zone Policies and Procedures – Brad Peercy.
- a. Items to be considered for addition to the mountain zone’s policies and procedures
 - i. Providing financial incentives for new teams within the Mountain zone.
 - 1. Motion passed unanimously with the executive committee to hash out the details
 - ii. Establish a rotating system through the 5 areas within the Mountain Zone and El Paso County for all National Championship Qualifying Tournaments
 - 1. Discussion on going to a bid system or rotating system
 - 2. Tabled for later.
- X. Elections.
- a. Zone Chair.
 - i. Brad Peercy voted for by acclamation – no objections
 - b. Zone Executive Board (4).
 - i. It was announced at the meeting that Mike Goldhardt, Robbie Bova, Don Lewis, and Bill Loffswold were elected. It was discovered after the meeting that there was an error in the tabulations. Joe Peila actually received enough votes to be on the Board and that Robbie Bova and Mike Goldhardt tied in votes for the fifth spot on the Board. An email vote was conducted for those in attendance to decide between Robbie Bova and Mike Goldhardt. Robbie Bova was elected. The Zone Executive Board for 2004-05 is Brad Peercy, Don Lewis, Bill Loffswold, Joe Peila, and Robbie Bova.
 - c. Standing Committees (all two year terms except MIOC and WIOC which are four).
 - i. Coaches Committee.
 - 1. Todd Clapper voted for by acclamation – no objections
 - ii. Development Committee.
 - 1. Dennis Hogue was voted in.

- iii. Events Committee.
 - 1. Mike Goldhart voted for by acclamation – no objections
- iv. Finance Committee.
 - 1. Brad Peercy voted for by acclamation – no objections
- v. Masters Committee.
 - 1. Bill Loffswold voted for by acclamation – no objections
- vi. Men’s International and Olympic Committee.
 - 1. Mike Evans was voted in.
- vii. Referees Committee.
 - 1. Joe Peila voted for by acclamation – no objection
- viii. Rules Committee.
 - 1. Don Lewis voted for by acclamation – no objection
- ix. Women’s International and Olympic Committee.
 - 1. Robbie Bova voted for by acclamation
- d. Athlete Representatives to Advisory Council (1 Female, 1 Male).
 - i. A.J. Baucum voted for by acclamation – no objection. No female nominees.
- e. Zone Representatives to House of Delegates. The following 8 people were elected.
 - i. Brad Peercy
 - ii. Don Lewis
 - iii. Bill Loffswold
 - iv. Mike Evans
 - v. Todd Clapper
 - vi. Joe Peila
 - vii. Dennis Hogue
 - viii. Robbie Bova

XI. Other Business. None.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM