

## Collegiate Water Polo Association 2001 Annual Meeting Minutes

### General Meeting

In attendance: Daniel Sharadin, Commissioner; Tom Tracey, Director of Officials; Mike Schofield, President; Jim Floerchinger, Harvard; Todd Clapper, Brown; Keith Bullion, Grove City; Paul Lovejoy, Fordham; Joe Linehan, U. S. Merchant Marine Academy; Carey Heckman, Dartmouth College; Russ Yarworth, Massachusetts; Carl Quigley, St. Francis; Derek Ellingson, Queens; John Zeigler, Bucknell; Scott Reed, George Washington; Luis Nicolao, Princeton; Jim Yeamans, Slippery Rock; Donna Heinel, Massachusetts; Allyson Gillespie, Villanova; Mike Maroney, Hartwick

The meeting began with a discussion of the various proposals.

#### Proposal G1

The commissioner made a motion to establish a pre-game protocol as follows for all single games and championship finals:

Timeline prior to contest:

1:00	Warm-up time available to teams
:30	Referees arrive and inspect course/athletes
:10	Pool is cleared and captains called
:05	Teams line up for introductions in numerical order left to right, Coaches stand with teams. Officials stand at center pool. Home team introduced last.
:02	Anthem played
:00	Game begins

Seconded by Mike Schofield. Motion passed.

The Commissioner made a motion to adopt the following seven-team championship format. Seconded by Carl Quigley. Motion passed.

Bracket A	Bracket B
1st seed	2nd seed
4th seed	3rd seed
5th seed	6th seed
	7th seed

Saturday		Game #
9:00	1st vs 5th	1
10:15	2nd vs 7th	2
11:30	3rd vs 6th	3
1:00	4th vs 5th	4

4:00	Loser Game 2 vs Loser Game 3	5
5:30	1st vs 4th	6
7:00	Winner Game 2 vs Winner Game 3	7
Sunday		
9:00	3rd in A vs Loser Game 2	8
10:15	2nd in A vs Loser Game 7	Third Place
11:30	1st in A vs Winner Game 7	First Place
12:45	3rd in A vs Loser Game 3	11

The won/loss records from games 5, 8, and 11 determine places fifth through seventh.

**The commissioner made a motion** that the varsity schedules are only permitted to be altered on even numbered years. Russ Yarworth seconded. Motion defeated.

**The commissioner made a motion** to approve the budget submitted. Seconded by Carey Heckman. Motion passed. A copy of the budget will be posted in the financial section.

**The commissioner submitted several reports** for the membership's review. These reports are listed below.

Membership Growth

Accounts receivable (Teams unpaid as of meeting date)

Gate Receipts

Net Income statements and balance sheet at time of meeting

( Final statements will be posted when the books are closed in 2001)

Referee Report

Referee Proposed Clinic Schedule

**Carey Heckman made a motion** to revise a proposal passed last year that was meant to increase the size of the Board to include individuals capable of providing marketing insights. The revision would create a Board of Advisors instead of expanding the existing Board of Directors. Carl Quigley seconded. Motion passed. The premise behind this board will be to have a marketing plan in place by next year. Current Board of Advisors includes Bruce Fletcher, and Stuart Sheldon. The Board will include a minimum of three advisors.

**The members held elections** for the positions on the Board of Directors that had expired. Russ Yarworth, Head Coach at Massachusetts and Carl Quigley, Assistant Athletic Director at St. Francis College and Head Coach, were elected to the Board.

**The Board of Review for 2001 was selected** to be John Benedict, Chair, Jim Floerchinger, Allyson Gillespie, and Loren Bertocci.

**Mike Schofield made a motion** that a \$2.50 increase/year be awarded

the officials when they officiate varsity events for each of the next four years beginning in the fall of 2001. Allyson Gillespie seconded. Motion passed.

**Carey Heckman made a motion** to provide a shirt to CWPA officials working a minimum of two weekends per season. Jim Floerchinger seconded. Motion passed.

**Tom Tracey made a motion** that colored shirts be permitted for referees at the Eastern Championships. Seconded by Carey Heckman. Motion passed.

**Russ Yarworth made a motion** that the Men's ECAC Championship includes the top four from the north and the top four from the south with the host receiving an automatic bid. If the host team is not in the top eight, a nine-team format is used with the host receiving the ninth seed. Seconded by Luis Nicolao. Motion passed.

**Todd Clapper made a motion** that the Women's ECAC Championship includes the top two from each region with the host receiving an automatic bid. If the host fails to qualify, a nine-team format is used with the host receiving the ninth seed. Seconded by Jim Floerchinger. Motion passed.

**Luis Nicolao made a motion** that the championship game for varsity competition be the last scheduled contest of the weekend. Seconded by Allyson Gillespie. Motion passed.

A discussion was held about a new electronic device that will work with the timing system to more accurately stop the clock on a referee's whistle. Todd Clapper indicated he would be willing to try the system at a tournament this spring. The commissioner indicated he would make the arrangements.

Other marketing possibilities were discussed and the commissioner indicated he would pursue the best opportunities. The consensus among the members indicated that they would be willing to review a list of potential areas for sponsorship to ensure there are no areas of concern regarding appropriateness of a sponsor's involvement.

**Carl Quigley made a motion** to revise the eleven-team championship format for varsity teams as submitted below. Seconded by Jim Floerchinger. Motion passed.

A	B	C	D
1	2	3	4
8	7	6	5
	11	10	9
Friday			Game #

5:45	1 vs 8	1
7:00	4 vs 5	2
8:15	2 vs 7	3
9:30	3 vs 6	4
Saturday		
9:00	9 vs 5	5
10:10	2 vs 11	6
11:20	3 vs 10	7
12:30	4 vs 9	8
1:40	11 vs 7	9
2:50	6 vs 10	10
4:15	1 <sup>st</sup> in A vs 1 <sup>st</sup> in D	11
5:30	1 <sup>st</sup> in B vs 1 <sup>st</sup> in C	12
6:40	2 <sup>nd</sup> in A vs 2 <sup>nd</sup> in D	13
7:50	2 <sup>nd</sup> in B vs 2 <sup>nd</sup> in C	14
9:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> in B vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> in C	15
	3 <sup>rd</sup> in D gets bye	
Sunday		
9:00	Winner Game 15 vs 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Bracket D	Ninth Place
10:15	Loser game 13 vs Loser game 14	Seventh Place
11:30	Winner Game 13 vs Winner game 14	Fifth Place
12:45	Loser Game 11 vs Loser Game 12	Third Place
2:00	Winner Game 11 vs Winner Game 12	First Place
Loser of Game 15 is automatically Eleventh Place		

## Women's Meeting

In attendance: Daniel Sharadin, Commissioner; Tom Tracey, Director of Officials; Mike Schofield, President; Jim Floerchinger, Harvard; Todd Clapper, Brown; Keith Bullion, Grove City; Allyson Gillespie, Villanova; Donna Heinel, Massachusetts; Carl Quigley, St. Francis; Derek Ellingson, Queens; John Zeigler, Bucknell; Scott Reed, George Washington; Luis Nicolao, Princeton; Jim Yeamans, Slippery Rock; Mike Maroney, Hartwick

The annual meeting opened with a discussion of the various proposals.

**The commissioner made a motion** to increase officials' fees for women's varsity competition to \$40 for regular season games and \$50 for Eastern Championship games, effective 2002. Seconded by Carl

Quigley. Motion passed unanimously.

**Motion to publish the women's 2003 schedule** a year in advance was withdrawn due to the fact that procedure is already followed.

### **Proposal W3**

Michael Maroney made a motion to replace the New York Regional regular season tournaments with head to head competition starting in the 2002 season. Each of the seven (7) 2002 New York Regional institutions would get six (6) regional games utilizing six (6) dates of competition. The top four (4) institutions would qualify for the Northern Divisional Championships. This system would guarantee each member institution with three (3) home divisional games per year and three (3) away games per year. Seconded by Carl Quigley. Motion defeated.

### **New Business**

**Teams decided by consensus** that the New York Region will compete using a double round robin format due to the withdrawal of Lehman from the original schedule.

**Todd Clapper made a motion** that the New England Region uses a double round robin format for competition in 2001, with the ability to pull one game from the schedule. Furthermore, that games played at the University of Massachusetts be held only on Saturday, March 17. Seconded by Jim Floerchinger. The motion was made to address the withdrawal of UMass Dartmouth from the schedule until 2002. Motion passed.

**Motion was made by Todd Clapper** to limit the Northern Division Championship to eight teams. Jim Floerchinger seconded. Motion defeated.

**Motion was made by Jim Floerchinger** to have all teams attend the Northern Division Championship. Carl Quigley seconded. Motion passed.

**Motion was made by Luis Nicolao** to limit Eastern Championships to eight teams. The tournament will follow the approved eight-team format. Seconded by Mike Maroney. Motion passed.

**Allyson Gillespie made a motion** to have the top four teams from their respective championships (Northern and Southern Divisions) receive an automatic bid. Seeding would be performed in order of finish within the championships in alternating fashion between divisions, with the first seed awarded to the division that won the prior year. Todd Clapper seconded. Motion passed.

**Allyson Gillespie made a motion** that if a team withdraws in a division leaving only four teams remaining, the region would follow a double round robin format to be held on one day. Jim Yeamans seconded. Motion passed.

**Luis Nicolao made a motion** that teams be permitted to pull one game prior to the release of the schedule beginning 2002. Allyson Gillespie seconded. Motion passed.

**Allyson Gillespie made a motion** that all league games count towards the standings during the regular season. Keith Bullion seconded. Motion passed.

## **Men's Varsity Meeting**

In attendance: Daniel Sharadin, Commissioner; Tom Tracey, Director of Officials; Mike Schofield, President; Jim Floerchinger, Harvard; Todd Clapper, Brown; Keith Bullion, Grove City; Paul Lovejoy, Fordham; Joe Linehan, U. S. Merchant Marine Academy; Carey Heckman, Dartmouth College; Russ Yarworth, Massachusetts; Carl Quigley, St. Francis; Derek Ellingson, Queens; John Zeigler, Bucknell; Scott Reed, George Washington; Luis Nicolao, Princeton; Jim Yeamans, Slippery Rock

The meeting opened with a discussion of the proposals submitted.

### **Proposal 1**

Proposal 1 was tabled originally for further discussion until after a break. When teams reconvened, the following motion was made by Keith Bullion and seconded by Scott Reed to revise the Southern division competitive format according to the following:

The Southern Division will use three weekends of competition in which the first is a regional weekend in shallow/deep facilities. The second weekend is seeded by the first weekend and held in an all-deep facility and involves all teams. The top seed for the second weekend is awarded to the team that won Southern Championships the prior year. When Grove City hosts the second weekend of competition, the southern region will host their regional event at a 30-meter facility. Teams may pull out games from this weekend to ensure home contests for everyone each year. The third weekend is the southern division championship in an all-deep facility and seeding is based on the results of the second weekend. Mike Schofield will supply the rotation schedule for the next two years based on previous information distributed. John Zeigler seconded. Motion passed.

**Todd Clapper made a motion** that the Northern Division uses a schedule similar to the Southern Division. Seconded by Russ Yarworth. Motion defeated.

### **Proposal 2 was withdrawn**

### **Proposal 3**

Russ Yarworth made a motion to adopt a rotation schedule for championships to permit Harvard to host at a time other than the Yale

Harvard football game. Keith Bullion seconded. Motion passed.

Rotation approved as follows:

2001	Princeton	Brown	Navy	Harvard
2002	Brown	Harvard	Princeton	Navy
2003	Navy	Harvard	Princeton	Brown
2004	Princeton	Brown	Navy	Harvard
2005	Harvard	Brown	Navy	Princeton

**John Zeigler made a motion** that Bucknell be admitted into the rotation in 2003 in the Southern Division position. Seconded by Jim Yeaman. Motion would revise the schedule as follows:

Year	Easterns	Northerns	Southerns	ECAC	Team w/o
2001	Princeton	Brown	Navy	Harvard	
2002	Brown	Harvard	Princeton	Navy	
2003	Navy	Harvard	Bucknell	Brown	Princeton
2004	Bucknell	Brown	Princeton	Harvard	Navy
2005	Harvard	Brown	Navy	Princeton	Bucknell
2006	Princeton	Harvard	Bucknell	Brown	Navy
2007	Brown	Harvard	Navy	Bucknell	Princeton
2008	Navy	Brown	Princeton	Harvard	Bucknell
2009	Harvard	Brown	Bucknell	Princeton	Navy
2010	Bucknell	Harvard	Navy	Brown	Princeton

**Proposal MV4A was withdrawn**  
**Proposal, MV4B was withdrawn**  
**Proposal MV5 was withdrawn**  
**Proposal MV6 was withdrawn**  
**Proposal MV6A was withdrawn**

#### **Proposal MV6B**

Keith Bullion made a motion to send the proposal to a mail ballot. Joe Linehan seconded. Motion passed. The proposal is as follows:

#### **Authors: Ted Bresnahan, Johns Hopkins and Keith Bullion, Grove City**

Eastern Men's Division III Championship and Seeding Tournament  
 The Division III varsity teams would continue to hold the Eastern Division III championship and the Eastern Division III Invitational (Seeding) Tournament. The site for the Eastern Division III Championship and the Invitational Tournament would not be restricted by pool dimension, but the two events will be hosted in opposite regions in any given year. Modified Round robin play (utilizing CWPA games already scheduled/played within the region) at the Invitational will determine seeds. Failure to participate in the invitational may, at the discretion of the seeding committee, affect the seed. Seeding Committee will consist of the CWPA Commissioner, and two institutional coaches, elected by

region. The head referee for each event will replace the commissioner as a voting member on the tournament committee. The host coach, if not already on the tournament committee, will be added as a non-voting member.

The following would be the rotation based on the existing rotation:

Year	Championship Site	Seeding Tournament Site
2001	Connecticut	Johns Hopkins
2002	Grove City	USMMA
2003	MIT	Washington & Jefferson
2004	Johns Hopkins	Connecticut
2005	USMMA	Penn State Behrend
2006	Washington & Jefferson	MIT
2007	Penn State Behrend	USMMA

Financial Impact:

The change will have no financial impact on the membership to the conference

Rationale:

These two tournaments promote competition between like institutions (D III) and will help in the growth of the sport in that division. It allows teams to use their travel dollars for other tournaments as the competitiveness of their squad increases. It balances travel by region each year. Currently only Connecticut College, MIT, Grove City, and Lehman (should they return) are true all-deep venues. The value for the sport, for the competing institutions, the encouragement of local media coverage, and campus awareness at W & J, USMMA, Penn State-Behrend, and Johns Hopkins outweigh the luxury of an all-deep venue in each year for these events.