



**Collegiate  
Water Polo  
Association**

## **2008-09 COLLEGIATE WATER POLO ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

**June 1, 2009 – Hampton Inn – Plymouth Meeting, Pa.**

### **Women's Varsity Meeting:**

In attendance: John Benedict, Massachusetts Institute of Technology/CWPA President; Dan Sharadin, CWPA Commissioner; Amber McMichael, Utica College; Joe Tristan, PSU-Behrend; Don Sherman, Gannon University; Carl Salyer, University of Maryland; Barry King, Indiana University; Alan Huckins & Colleen Santos, Hartwick College; Scott Reed, George Washington University; Matt Anderson, University of Michigan; Felix Mercado, Brown University; John Abdou, Bucknell University; Luis Nicolao, Princeton University; Erik Farrar, Harvard University; Tom Tracey, CWPA Coordinator of Officials; Ed Haas, CWPA Director of Communications; Lexie Kamerman, CWPA Director of Membership Services

**Proposal 1:** John Abdou, Bucknell University, made a motion to create a CWPA Elite 8 tournament.

- The two automatic Easterns qualifiers from each division attend
- Two at-large Easterns bids round out the field
- Guaranteed non-division First Round game
- Hosted by division inversely to Eastern's hosting rotation
- Seeding based on CWPA rankings of two weeks prior to Elite 8 tournament
- Championship tournament format in two brackets (4 games)

Matt Anderson, University of Michigan, seconds the motion

Motion carries unanimously.

- Amendment to change hosting location to the division proceeding Eastern's location proposed and passes unanimously.
  - Tentative dates for 2010 Elite 8 tournament set for March 6-7 at Indiana University.
  - 2010 ECAC Championship tentatively set for February 27-28 at Princeton University
  - 2010 Eastern Championship set for April 30-May 2 at University of Maryland.
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**Proposal 2:** Matt Anderson, University of Michigan, made a motion to withdraw the following proposal regarding the Elite 6 Tournament:

- The two teams from each division that automatically qualify for Easterns must go to the following years Elite 6 tournament. Possible additions: The tournament could be expanded to include at-large teams to make it an eight or nine or ten team tournament. Site rotation would move through the three divisions

Proposal withdrawn

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**Proposal 3:** Matt Anderson, University of Michigan, made a motion to allow teams in the Western Division to have an unlimited active roster at the division championship.

Joe Tristan, PSU-Behrend, seconds the motion.

Motion carries unanimously

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**Proposal 4:** Barry King, Indiana University, motions to revise the 7-team format for competition to the following format:

**First round:**

- 1 gets a bye
- 4 vs 5
- 3 vs 6
- 2 vs 7

**Second round:**

- The losers go into a round robin to receive 2 games, the winners continue in a championship format.
- In addition, the Championship game will be the last game of the tournament.

Alan Huckins, Hartwick College, seconds the motion.

Motion carries

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**Proposal 5:** Matt Anderson, University of Michigan, motions to revise league schedule in the case that the Division III schools separate to form their own group under the auspices of the CWPA.

- Western: Single round robin on first weekend, championship on second weekend
- Northern: Double round robin
- Southern: Remains status quo

Discussion regarding which division Salem International will participate in is tabled.

Don Sherman, Gannon University, seconds the motion.

**Discussion**

Barry King noted that the Western Division should mirror the Southern Division's format

Motion withdrawn

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**Proposal 6:** Scott Reed, George Washington, motions that the Southern Division league schedule remain status quo

Carl Salyer, Maryland, seconds the motion.

Motion carries unanimously

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**Proposal 7:** Alan Huckins, Hartwick College, motions that the Northern Division league schedule should be a double round robin.

Felix Mercado, Brown University, seconds the motion

Motion carries unanimously

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**Proposal 8:** Barry King, Indiana University, motions that the Western Division schedule should mirror the Southern Division schedule

Western division proposal is tabled following discussion

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Discussion that league play weekends will take place on three of the four weekends proceeding championships, including one regional championship competition.

Dan Sharadin, Commissioner, requests coaches to come up with weekend dates, and deliver them to him by a certain date.

Coaches are in consensus

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**Proposal 9:** Luis Nicolao, Princeton University, motions to have three Division III women's representatives seed the Eastern championship using objective criteria. One representative would need to be a college administrator.

Eric Farrar, Harvard University, seconds the motion

Motion fails 5-5.

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## General Meeting

In attendance: John Benedict, Massachusetts Institute of Technology/CWPA President; Dan Sharadin, CWPA Commissioner; Amber McMichael, Utica College; Joe Tristan, PSU-Behrend; Don Sherman, Gannon University; Carl Salyer, University of Maryland; Barry King, Indiana University; Alan Huckins & Colleen Santos, Hartwick College; Scott Reed, George Washington University; Matt Anderson, University of Michigan; Felix Mercado, Brown University; John Abdou, Bucknell University; Luis Nicolao, Princeton University; Erik Farrar, Harvard University; Larry Naeve & Igor Samardzija, St. Francis College (NY); JJ Addison, Connecticut College; Mike Schofield, U.S. Naval Academy; Brian Kelly, Iona College; Tom Tracey, CWPA Coordinator of Officials; Ed Haas, CWPA Director of Communications; Lexie Kamerman, CWPA Director of Membership Services

**Proposal 1:** The CWPA office motions to specify sanctions for brutality fouls.

- Brutality: Single physical incident (i.e. elbow, head butt, punch etc.) would receive a two-game suspension
- Aggravated Brutality: One in which multiple contact is made (i.e. punches were thrown, several kicks, etc). Individual would receive a three-game suspension.
- Brutality that injures - One that sidelines an opponent from competition for a period of time. Offending player's is excluded for the duration of time the injured athlete is sidelined, plus the punishment related to the brutality. Example.: Player A injures Player B with a head butt. Player B needs jaw surgery and is out six weeks. Player A is suspended for six week plus one game.

**Additional Overview:** The Board has the right to increase or reduce the sanctions based on the circumstances of the situation if they feel such action is warranted.

**Amendment:** Eric Farrar, Harvard University, motions to increase the penalty for aggravated brutality as defined by the original proposal where multiple contact is made with intent to harm regardless of whether contact is made to a 5 game suspension.

Luis Nicolao, Princeton University, seconds the motion.

Motion carries 33-14-1 w/ club votes (8-6 in favor at meeting)

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**Proposal 2:** The CWPA league office and Current Board of Directors motion to amend the Board of Directors terms in office.

Motion asks to change the Bylaws to reflect Board of Directors terms of three years, with revolving cycles that bring two members up for election during each year.

### Example

Bd 1, Bd 2 term expires 11

Bd 3, Bd 4 term expires 10

Bd 5, Bd 6 term expires 09

Currently you could have half of the Board rotate off in one year. For Board members elected to replace 5 & 6, they will serve 2009, 2010, 2011 and part of 2012, up for reelection in 2012.

John Benedict, MIT & CWPA President, seconds the motion.

Motion carries 46-3-1 w/ club votes (unanimous at meeting)

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**Proposal 3:** The CWPA office, Board of Directors, Penn State Behrend, University of Maryland, and MIT motion to create a Discipline Committee

The Discipline Committee would be comprised of three athletic administrators and the Commissioner. Committee makes final decision on all disciplinary matters.

John Benedict, MIT & CWPA President, seconds the motion.

Motion carries 47-4-1 w/ club votes (15-1 in favor at meeting)

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**Proposal 4:** The CWPA league office, Penn State Behrend, University of Maryland, and MIT motion for significant changes to the Technical Committee be made by the membership's administrator level with input from the CWPA office staff, the NCAA Coordinator of Officials and the membership.

John Benedict, MIT & CWPA President, seconds the motion.

Motion carries 29-14-1 w/ club votes (4-8 opposed at meeting)

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**Proposal 5:** The CWPA league office, Penn State Behrend, University of Maryland, and MIT motion the following:

- The conference office to create a schedule a year in advance and is distributed to the athletic administrator and coach of each varsity program. Members have a two week period to review and request changes.
- Requests must be approved by both institutions and conference office
- If requests must require officiating expenses beyond the norm, institution has the opportunity to pay additional fees for the request to be granted. Otherwise, whenever economically feasible, changes are made.
- Institution administrators sign off on the schedule after discussion with their coaches.
- No changes may be made after finalization date unless unusual circumstances or unforeseen problems occur (facility issues, etc).

John Benedict, MIT & CWPA President, seconds the motion.

Motion carries 15-1 (varsity proposal only)

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**Proposal 6:** Barry King, Indiana University, motions to eliminate the banquet dinner and instead have refreshments during the award ceremony. The awards ceremony will be kept to under an hour, and the maximum amount of money to be spent per person is 10 dollars.

Alan Huckins, Hartwick College, seconds the motion.

Motion carries (varsity proposal only)

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**Proposal 7:** John Abdou, Bucknell University, motions to move all Friday games at the Eastern Championship a half hour earlier, and a half hour later on Saturday, in order to accommodate the awards banquet, clinic, and all-star game.

Don Sherman, Gannon University, seconds the motion.

Motion carries (varsity proposal only)

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**Proposal 8:** The election of new members to the CWPA Board of Directors by the membership. Penn State Behrend Athletic Director Brian Streeter, George Washington University head coach Scott Reed and California State University-Maritime Academy Athletic Director Marv Christopher are elected based on the votes of the varsity and club membership.

## Men's Varsity Meeting

In attendance: John Benedict, Massachusetts Institute of Technology/CWPA President; Dan Sharadin, CWPA Commissioner; Don Sherman, Gannon University; Scott Reed, George Washington University; Felix Mercado, Brown University; John Abdou, Bucknell University; Luis Nicolao, Princeton University; Erik Farrar, Harvard University; Larry Naeve & Igor Samardzija, St. Francis College (NY); JJ Addison, Connecticut College; Mike Schofield, U.S. Naval Academy; Brian Kelly, Iona College; Tom Tracey, CWPA Coordinator of Officials; Ed Haas, CWPA Director of Communications; Lexie Kameron, CWPA Director of Membership Services

**Proposal 1:** Felix Mercado, Brown University, motions to adopt 7 team format for competition approved by the women's varsity coaches.

### First round:

- 1 gets a bye
- 4 vs 5
- 3 vs 6
- 2 vs 7

### Second round:

- The losers go into a round robin to receive 2 games, the winners continue in a championship format.
- In addition, the Championship game will be the last game of the tournament.

Erik Farrar, Harvard, seconds

Motion carries

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**Proposal 2:** Joe Tristan, Penn State Behrend, and Vaughan Smith, Washington and Jefferson, motion to amend the 10-team format for competition. Both Joe Tristan and Vaughan Smith were not in attendance, so Dan Sharadin raised the proposal.

Proposed schedule change:

### Friday,

8:00 7<sup>th</sup> seed vs 9<sup>th</sup> seed (Game 1)

9:15 8<sup>th</sup> seed vs 10<sup>th</sup> seed (Game 2)

Motion fails 0-9

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**Proposal 3:** Scott Reed, George Washington University motions to seed the ECAC championship based on finish from division in order that there are non-conference first round match ups.

Motion is withdrawn

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**Proposal 4:** John Abdou, Bucknell University, motions to limit the number of athletes on a team's bench at any one time at Easterns to 18. Teams may use different athletes throughout the weekend and must declare their roster before each game.

Luis Nicolao, Princeton, seconds the motion.

Motion carries

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**Proposal 5:** Felix Mercado, Brown University, motions that the league does not schedule and that teams do not participate in league events or ECAC championships on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur.

No second

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**Proposal 6:** John Abdou, Bucknell University, motions that the Men's ECAC Championship expand to 10 teams from the previous eight team field.

JJ Addison, Connecticut College, seconds the motion.

Motion carries

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## **Club Proposal:**

**Proposal 1:** Teams entering more than one team in the same division must designate their “A” team as the strongest of the two. In the event that two teams from the same institution play one another, the “A” team will receive the win and the score will be listed as 5-0, regardless of the outcome.

- Currently there is no requirement to designate a team’s strength and the game score that results from the contest is the one counted.
- This will prevent any chance for schools fielding two teams to manipulate the championship seeding process by altering goal differential.

Motion passes 23-0-5