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Chicago-area man prepares to train the Afghanistan National Water Polo Team during month-long training trip in Kabul

Chicago, IL – January 15, 2015 – Afghanistan Water Polo (AWP) announces that in January representatives of the organization will travel to Kabul and complete a one-month training program with the Men's Afghanistan National Water Polo Team. Scott Caruso, Director of International Operations of AWP, of Chicago, Illinois, will be joined by Bill Richardson, Assistant Coach of the Afghanistan National Water Polo Team, of Detroit, Michigan, and Jeremy Piasecki, Head Coach of the Afghanistan National Water Polo Team and Executive Director of AWP, of Fallbrook, California.

The coaches will train the national team and local athletes in Kabul and mentor coaches and support staff. Daily practices will consist of skill development drills, conditioning exercises, and scrimmaging. The team will continue to train to be in a position to play in more formal game settings with international competition.

Caruso is a mutual fund accountant and small business owner from Chicago with a background in management and volunteer work. He is a DePaul University graduate and a former Marine. His involvement in Afghanistan Water Polo stems from a desire to serve the global community through promoting peace and stability in a volatile region.

This will be Caruso's third trip to Afghanistan to be with the team. "In today's trying times, the core principles that initially drew me to the organization are more important than ever," Caruso said. "Sport brings people together in a way few things can by transcending cultural boundaries. Afghanistan Water Polo offers an unprecedented opportunity to unite people through sport and to develop positive role models for the next generation of Afghans."

"The team has just returned home from the 10th Asian Water Polo Club Championships, and I couldn't be more excited to once again train our athletes for even greater success."

Donations in support of AWP's January trip can be made online at www.afghanistanwaterpolo.com.

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