

Report to the House of Delegates

From

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I wish to thank the parents and athletes of Minnesota Swimming, Inc. for the opportunity to represent you on the Board of Directors of this organization. It has been a pleasure on my part.

The job of Administrative Vice chair of Minnesota Swimming, Inc. is varied and interesting. Many things seem to fall into my lap not because they are in the job description but because they need to be done and no one else has the time or perhaps the desire to do them. I am a member of the Finance Committee; Terri Meeks has done a great job since taking the position of Finance Vice Chair.

The Colorado Timing Equipment we own falls into my area. We purchased some new equipment recently at the suggestion of Sarah Stalkcamp. We purchased a System 6, Championship start system, 2 40 watt speakers, 2 external strobe lights that we can run to the lane of a hearing impaired swimmer and 15 push buttons. Last fall we bought 12 Motorola radios for Officials. They are working well and should for many years to come.

The Policy book, we have made some progress. The committee went on the internet and looked at the policy books that other LSC have created. It was determined that Arizona had what we deemed the best format. I purchased a licensing agreement with the Arizona LSC. We are in the process of modifying their policy Manual.

Paul Windrath continues to do a good job as our Webmaster. As you know Paul has relocated to upstate New York. I sent the new updated Equipment Rental Agreement to Paul last Friday it will be online soon.

At last years House of Delegates Meeting we setup a budget item called diversity swimming. We put \$10,000.00 in the line item and then it sat. In late January I ran into a swim coach I had not seen for about 17 years. Jesse Thomas and I talked about what he has been doing; he is a PE teacher at North East Middle School in Minneapolis. He also has a few kids that swam with him at one of the YMCA's and he had brought them to USA Meet to get a little more competition. We met again at his school on February 6th and we talked about starting a Splash Program in inter city Minneapolis. NE Middle School is one of three pools in the school district. The idea of a "Splash" (USA Swimming) learn to swim program appealed to Jesse and we have gone forward from there. Jim Andersen and I met the following week to outline things that we would need

to do. At the March MSI meeting I was given the OK to set up a committee. The committee has the following members: Jim Andersen, Dave Braun, Jean Freeman, Dave Goble, Dan Pratt, Jesse Thomas and Steve Wilson. Our first meeting was March 12, 2008 and our first learn to swim in the water was April 14, 2008. This program and the Swim Club that Jesse will be setting up will be expensive. We have Dave Braun working on donations he has proposals to Wells Fargo and General Mills. We need to reach out to more corporations and solicit contributions from all. If you could see fit to make a donation please do. Make the check out to MSI and on the, for line write Splash Program. Our main goal is to make kids water safe a byproduct of that will be some kids continuing on the swim team

Sincerely;

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