

HOD Report
Executive Secretary
August 22, 2020

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- **Sanctions/Meet Schedules**—USA Swimming is still encouraging squad, virtual, and small, local invites. MW will entertain requests for Sanctions that are in compliance with USA Swimming guidelines and local and state mandates. After August 1, 2020, times achieved at sanctioned meets can be used for national meets and programs. **Tentative** Short Course 2020-2021 bids were posted but those requested through December 31 have been pulled. All prospective host clubs for fall either have or will receive documents from the MW Office regarding hosting of meets and requirements, including a meet template that encompasses COVID-19 requirements for sanction.
- **SAA and Midwestern Academic Awards** – USA Swimming Scholastic All America application is posted on the USA Swimming website. MW has had eight athletes who have applied and been accepted. All SAA applications are due by August 31, 2020. The MW Scholastic Award application is posted and links were sent to all clubs (head coaches) encouraging athletes to apply for that award.
- **Top 8/IMX Awards**— MW short course Top 8 has been posted. Short Course records were also posted on the MW website. Certificates will be printed for Top 8 and Short Course Top 3 IMX. Bag tags were ordered and have been received. Caps for IMX were ordered and have been received.
- **Zone Athletes** – MW athletes who qualified for the 2020 Zone team will receive a towel as a memento for qualifying for a meet that was not to be.
- **Awards** – Most likely the annual Awards Banquet will not be held. Awards will still be given to athletes and probably sent to each club in early October so that clubs can distribute to their athletes. Top 8 (certificates and bag tags), IMX (certificates and cap), MW Record breakers (t-shirt), MW Scholastic Awards (1st and 2nd team -- certificates) and Zone Qualifiers (towel) will be part of the award package. Swimmer of the Year awards will probably not be given this year as neither age groupers or seniors had the benefit of a culminating meet.
- **MAAPP Reminder – Again!** Our 18 and over athletes have to have a current APT on file. Times will not go into SWIMS without that APT on file. Even if you are doing only dry-land, your athletes need to be MAAPP compliant.
- **MW Website** – We are trying to include updates from USA Swimming including notes from LSC Leadership meetings and anything else the membership needs to be aware of. There are so many resources available, particularly a ToolKit for re-opening. Many clubs across the country are being locked out by school systems and there are resources for clubs to use to show that swimming can use facilities safely. Use what is available.
- **Convention** – No traveling to Jacksonville, FL this year for convention! Convention will be virtual with committee meetings and the general sessions scheduled. The General Chair, Admin Vice Chair, Senior Chair, Age Group Chair, Coach Representative, and Senior Athlete Representative all will have a vote. (Betty will send list to credentials committee after HOD elections.) Betty will again have an At-Large delegate vote. September 25 and 26 are the dates for the House of Delegates meeting. Registration for convention can be done online. We are not seeing any cost for this year, so if you have time to attend and are so inclined, please register. The Central Zone meeting will be held AFTER convention. Check out the online schedule and see what might be available for you to attend.
- **COVID-19** – Here we are 6 months into the pandemic, and things still have not stabilized nor do things look at all normal. Schools are trying to educate students, sports teams are trying to give athletes a reasonable semblance of opportunity, businesses are trying to stay afloat, workers are hoping to get back to work, and the general public is trying to remain healthy and yet go about their daily lives in as normal a way as possible. USA Swimming is still trying to help clubs stay afloat – although there are going to be club losses. Across the country many clubs still do not have water, and even if they do have water, remaining open may not be a viable option (e.g. The Claremont Club in Claremont, CA shut down completely although having a great 50 m facility). We will continue to keep the website updated and correspond with the membership regarding the fluidity of the situation as needed. Several clubs have requested small meets (3 or 4 teams or squad meets for September and October). We will get information out for November and December shortly. What we are able to do going forward is still up in the air! USA Swimming will give us guidance. Stay safe!