

November 19th 8:30pm MSI Board Meeting

Attendance: Tom M, Patrick Williams, Matt M, Jay, Tom Branch, Nicole Viele, Dan St. Pierre, Lia, Fritz, Jim, John, Mardie, Leanne

MSI Strategic Planning - Jim

MSI is looking to bring in a person from USA Swimming to bring together the BOD and a representative from all teams. There will be a cost and time of year was discussed as well. April might work well. The meeting would be a Friday night into a Saturday. This would be separate of a Swimposium. The end of the year after Champs was discussed as we close out a season. This combined with the banquet would be great to get everyone together. The banquet is April 12th - could it be done then? Jim will check on this in the next week and see if this is a possibility.

The other part of strategic planning is to develop a calendar of when everything needs to be done. A document in Google Docs as a calendar was discussed. Tom M. and Fritz will get this set up.

Club Improvement - Fritz went to a Mighty 2500 conference and discussed ideas with 19 other small LSCs. He has a list of club development and club recognition and things for the LSC to work on. Could this be proposed at the spring meeting? Tom M., Matt M. and Leanne will help on this. Some things like number of officials, meeting attended, meets attended, athlete reps, etc. could all be criteria. Another way to look at it could be Level 1-4 like USA Swimming has implemented. Teams should be rewarded for making progress. What kind of reward would be appropriate? Monetary? Certificate at the banquet?

Jim proposed that if a team completes Level I by Sept 1 2014 will not have to pay their 2015 team registrations and be recognized on the MSI website. 2nd - Leanne. Discussion: This is a start towards something working towards more MSI recognition. Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Proposal for dues increase by Jim. In 2015 and 2016, membership dues stay at \$60 and \$40. 2nd - Leanne. Discussion: This seems easier marketing wise to do it this way instead of doing a \$1 increase every year. In the long run, the numbers even out. What if numbers jump by a huge amount one year? What will this change? Most LSCs currently change the rate every few years instead of changing each year. Could this be tabled?

Votes - 3 in favor, all others opposed. Motion fails. This will be brought up without the recommendation of the board.

New Business

Jim proposed changing the bid process that a team must have 4 registered officials in 2015-16. 2nd - Fritz. Discussion: Having that requirement by 2016 would not give many teams a fair opportunity to get their Stroke and Turns up to Level IV. Officials would have to be listed clearly on the bid sheets at the meeting. Proposal was amended to take out the Level IV needed. Vote - All in favor. Motion - Passes.

An idea that was brought up was to have any team that doesn't provide officials to have their swimmers compete as unattached swimmers. There may a minimum number of swimmers in the meet to provide officials. This could go against the USA Swimming rules in terms of imposing this upon teams.

Could MSI get the list of officials on the website? This fits in with a club recognition to have points given to clubs for active officials.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:36pm.