

August 18th Board of Directors Meeting

Members Present: Tom Manduca, Jim Willis, Leanne Gravel, Matt Montgomery, Lia Langeveld, Jay Morissette, Dan St. Pierre, John Smith, Nicole Viele, John Williams

Members Absent: Fritz Homans, Betsy Perron, Matt Vogel, Bob Russell, Butch Babin, Lori LaPointe, Mariah Brady, Leila Johnston, Travis Libsack

Guests: Mary Ellen Tynan6666666666666663 (ME-Office)

The meeting was called to order at 6:37pm.

The Mission Statement and Vision Statement were read.

Minutes

There is one update from the July minutes. The Admin Ref clinic should be changed to Admin official. Minutes should be amended to say 1 instead of 2. People have to be USA-S registered. Motion by Nicole to approve. 2nd - Dan. Vote - All in favor.

Will this clinic be offered again?

Old Business

Maine Swimming International Invitational

Maine Swimming International Invitational went well. There were 328 swimmers, which is the largest number in the history of the meet. There will be slight adjustments, but it went well overall. There is a new scoreboard and Louis did a good job. If hired for Winter Jos, he would be able to do more - programs, scratch sheet, etc. A longer meet would mean a little more cost - perhaps \$4000? There were 227 swimmers from Maine, some from Canada, 4 from Kansas and the first swimmers from Nova Scotia and Trinidad. 400 is the limit for the meet. The HOD will need to pick a date at the fall meeting - the open dates are the weekend of July 14th, 21st and 28th.

Motion to recommend 21st - 23rd by Jim. 2nd - Nicole. Vote - All in favor.

Registration Fees & Process

Fees will go up \$2 next year. By Maine State law, fees cannot go up to compensate for Paypal fees. Mary Ellen recommended that we allow Paypal for everything except registration and put Paypal in for the following year. Fees due to USA Swimming will go up \$2/year until 2025.

Recommendation by Matt for \$65 this coming year and \$60 for non-athletes with Paypal. 2nd - John W. Discussion: How does this affect seasonal? What about \$1 across the board? Amended to add \$1 to everything except outreach. 2nd - John W. Vote: All in favor with 1 abstention.

Motion by Jay to go to \$125 for club registration. 2nd - Leanne. Friendly amendment by Jim to go to \$200. Late fees would stay in place. Could do \$25 increase each year for 4 years. Vote - 6 in favor, 2 opposed.

Club applications will have Athlete Reps, Safe Sport and racing certs.

Budget

This year lost approx \$10,000. Winter J.O.s cost a lot more - \$26,000 vs. \$13,000. Why the

difference? There were 200 fewer entries which accounts for some of it.

Recommendation to add \$5 participation fee to J.O. Trials, J.O.s and Maine Swimming International Invitational. Discussion: What about J.O. Trials \$10 and \$20 for the other 2. Meet fees are very low. What about raising those? Developmental meets are MSI meets - what about a \$5 surcharge. Recommend \$5 surcharge for Developmental meets, \$10 for J.O. trials and \$15 for MSI J.O.s and Maine Swimming International Invitational.

What is MSI responsible for with the developmental meets? What about MSI getting meet fees and surcharges and MSI paying for pool rental? This would be part of the bid process. Motion by John S. to charge \$4/event for timed finals. 2nd - Leanne. Discussion: Already voted in the participation fee. Vote: All in favor with 1 abstention.

Motion by John W. to put in a \$5 surcharge for Dev. Meets, \$10 for J.O. Trials and \$15 for J.O.s and Maine Swimming International Invitational. Discussion: Help from MSI is relevant. Recommend that MSI receive surcharges and meet fees and MSI will pay pool rental and provide officials. Host keeps concessions and any spectator entry fees. Could there be a Northern and Southern D1 meet? What about a different weekend?

Nicole said she is getting responses from most officials, but there are not enough to cover the whole state. MSI runs the most expensive meets in the state vs. private clubs. Who is going to run these meets? Clubs should have officials and meet staff to run their own meets. If MSI is getting surcharges and meet fees, they should be helping to run the meet. Vote - All in favor.

Motion by Leanne for D1, D2 and J.O. Trials that MSI will collect the meet entry fees and surcharges and will pay the pool rental and the host club will keep any fees related to concessions, spectator entry, programs and the like. 2nd - Lia. Discussion: MSI will organize the collection of officials for these meets. Amended to up to \$500/day and \$1000/weekend for pool rental by Leanne. 2nd - Dan. Vote: 6 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention.

Matt Vogel would like \$2500 for Diversity. Jim suggested reduced or free entries for J.O.s for outreach swimmers. Money would be used for clinics. Board will get more info and decide in Sept.

Motion to approve the budget as presented and with the changes suggested. Vote: All in favor.

Other

Meet director certification - Jim recommended doing an apprenticeship.

Audit

Jim and Leanne will check into different companies for the audit, which needs to happen by November.

Zones

Will cost come down a bit. Mary Ellen says yes, it will be a bit cheaper.

Swimposium

Currently, there are 21 for the 12 and under, 20 for the 13 and up, 15 coaches, 4 Admin Officials, 4 Intro Officiating. What about charging parents to watch? Yes, \$10 admission fee. On Saturday night, there will be a dinner at The Island for coaches and clinicians. Coaches will pay for their own food. Athlete reps will help with the swimposium.

Policies & Procedures

Motion by John S. to have the single meet option only as relating to Open Water meets. 2nd - John W. Vote: All in favor.

There was discussion that positions are voted in March and May and don't take effect until Sept. What about athlete reps taking over May 1? This is a by-law change that needs to be recommended at HOD.

Motion by Jay to merge TPC and coaches group. 2nd - John W. Discussion: This could be called coaches committee and there could be an assistant coach rep. Who assumes TPC duties? Vote: All in favor.

Motion by Jay that the surcharge for regular season meets be submitted with the bid to the coaches group for approval or denial. 2nd - Lia. Vote: 3 in favor, 6 opposed.

Motion by Jim to make \$5 surcharge for all regular season 1 day, D1 & D2 meets and \$15 for 3 day or longer meets. 2nd - Nicole. Vote - 7 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention.

Mary Ellen recommended we move the budget to May.

Next Meeting: HOD Saturday September 12th 2pm. Coaches Meeting 1PM @ Bath YMCA.

Motion by Jay to adjourn. 2nd - Matt. Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.