

Maine Swimming Board of Directors Meeting, March 7th, 2009

Agenda

Roll Call

Butch Babin Luanna Beauchamp Laura Branch Jared Felker Sean Flathery
Brenda Oldfield Jim Willis Tom Manduca Leann Gravel Jim Gravel
John Moreshead Thomas Branch Chris Branch

Guest:

Martha LaRiver, Matt Baxter and Michael Chambers

Called to order 1300

Quorum is present.

Reading, correction and adoption of minutes: Will review the last minutes at the next meeting
Chris Branch has them

Reports of officers:

Treasure: Jim Gravel report on file

Audit review, will be getting a new auditor due to the fact that the previous auditor wanted 2500.00 to continue on to audit Maine Swimming.

Recommendation to have the Team Manger that is attending the zone meet be a temporary signer on the banking account. Example to let Butch this year's team manger to purchase the items need for the team at zones. A detailed list of what will be needed to be purchased at zones.

Motion to have Butch Babin the 2009 Zone team manger is given a debit card to conduct MSI business for the team. Jim Gravel will give Butch a list of all approved purchase and checks for the hotel and other pre authorized purchase set up by Jim Gravel.

First by Chris Branch Second by Tom Manduca

Vote: F: 9. O: 0 O: 2

Reports of committees and coordinators:

Zones: There are fewer swimmers going this year. May only need one Bus and maybe a van.

Questions are we going to fill the empty slots with other swimmers who do not have A & AA times?

No we will not be doing that.

Advice and Consent to Appointments

Unfinished (old) business

Zones update: There is a swimmer who is a financial hardship and did not have funds to attend regular meets then this swimmer has made the requirements

Motion to grant Noah Burr a scholarship to attend the Zone meet to cover the cost of zones subsititly with support evidence from Jill Nitardy the Old Town Orono YMCA director to help support his financial needs

Vote: Passed with one abstention

Summer Zones: Hotel information for summers will be put on the web site now.

Swimposium:

By-laws update:

By Laws have gotten some changes back from Nationals.

Jim Willis is in the process of reviewing our By Laws and making the changes.

There will be a change in 610.10 that has been put out by National USA Swimming. Jim will put those changes into our By Laws and send them out as soon as he has that finished.

Job Descriptions:

Everyone needs to have their job description ready for HOD in the Fall 2009. If you need an example you can go to the USA Swimming website and find job descriptions there to use as a starting point.

New business:

Eastern Zone Meeting

Meeting is in Fort Lauderdale Florida.

Up to Three people can go to represent Maine. 1500.00 is the estimated

One point of interest is to cut 15-18 from the meet, question to the coaching staff is what your input on this subject matter is. Jared F the group last year that went, the kids did real well.

Laura comment: it is very hard to get the commitment from the senior swimmers as to whether they are going to attend

Email to the coaches from coaches rep as to what their input is on the subject of 15 and over being dropped from the zone meet?

Committees –

Fundraising:

Find two interested people besides board members to get funds for MSI

Anthony & Sean F. to be on the committee and connect with Matt Baxter, Michael Chambers

Zones: Committee of how the selection process could be improved, to help make the zone team grow, How can the zone team be run better?

Chris Branch: suggest there be a technical planning committee of coach's work on that.

Mission/Strategy:

How can we improve swimming and getting all the different venues in Maine to work towards a common goal?

Outreach:

Set up an outreach program, set up policy and procedure of how we are going to accomplish this.

Will we use the school lunch program guide line to base our program off? This will allow children,

Unregistered swimmers:

Higgins Meet: Fine PPSC for having one swimmer unregistered in the meet.

Chris Branch: Motion to assess a 20.00 fine to PPSC, for this incident. First by: Jared F. Second by: Sean F.

Vote: F: 9, O:1, A: 1

Matt Baxter explained what happened and asked that the fine be waived. Registration was sent in November 17, 2008 which is to late after the meet. Fine will be kept as voted on

Fine to CMA:

CMA will not be fine for the swimmer in the meet. Due to being told the check was on the way.

King & Queen:

Seals unregistered swimmer and allowing the unregistered swimmer to swim Chris Branch, First the motion, Tom Manduca seconded the motion to fine Seals \$80.00.

Vote:

F: 7, O: 1, A:3

SYOA:

Sanford Titans: Motion to fine for the reason of having four swimmers in the meet that were not registered. Fine is at 160.00.

The coach came with personal check to pay and was told no everything would be okay if the check was being mailed by Chris Branch.

Vote: F: 0, O: 9, A: 3

Motion to fine Sanford Titans was defeated.

Anything else:

Policy & Procedures Policy & Procedures

Zone Team Policy

Team colors will be left up to the Zone Chair, but blue and white are the preferred color of choice.

Motion to change 21.17 MSI will reimburse hotel expenses up to \$100 per day (not to exceed \$400) to the Meet Director and/or the Meet Referee if the meet is held at a facility more than 50 miles from their home.

to read:

21.17

MSI will reimburse Hotel & a Per-deim rate that would be approved by the Executive Board of MSI prior to the meet being held, to the Meet Director/or the Meet Referee if the meet is held at a facility more than 50 miles from their home.

Vote: F: 7 O: 0 A: 4

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HOD meetings attendance:

Motion to fine the teams that do not attend HOD 100.00 for each offence. First by Sean F.
Second by Butch Babin

Vote:

F:7, O:0, A:4

M25.4

MSI will pay the Winter Zone Team head coach \$400, ~~the team manager \$400~~ and the four assistant coaches ~~\$175~~\$200. The coaches must perform the specified duties. This shall be automatic, and no special application will be necessary. MSI will pay travel, room, and board for the Zone Meet staff

Motion to accept as written First by Second by

Vote: motion passed

M26.5

MSI shall pay the registration cost ~~and travel,~~ travel/transportation, and 3 night's hotel and meal expense for the MSI coach of the year to attend ASCA clinic to receive his/her recognition from ASCA as the MSI Coach of the Year

Motion to accept changes and to add a report has to be given at the fall HOD

First by Second By

Vote: Motion passed

Web Site: 26.6

Motion to have the Web Master is paid a stipend that does not exceed \$500.00 per year. First by Butch Babin and Second by Chris Branch Vote: F: 9 O: 0 A: 2

Amend the motion to read, The Web Master be paid a stipend to not exceed \$500.00 per year and to begin August 1st of 2009 and paid at the end of each fiscal year.

First by Sean F. Second By Butch Babin Vote: F: 8 O: 0 A: 3

CMA

8 & Under Championships and Bronze:

CMA sent in the only proposal

There were two meet reviews that have come in. The big concerns were timing system, staff issues officials.

Recommendation is to give them the meet, but to let them know that there are some requirements in order for them to run this meet.

Motion to award CMA the 8 & Under Championship & Bronze Senior Meet for 2009, with them meeting the requirements as listed:

Meet director will not running any timing system, Hy-tek or other computer equipment.

- 1. Starting system must function and operating appropriately.**
- 2. Staffing:**
 - a. Timer assignments will be done by assigning a team to a lane each session by the number of swimmers in the meet.**
 - b. Each team will provide one registered certified official each session to be utilized as needed.**
 - c. Marshals will also be assigned by team as to the number of swimmers in the meet.**
 - d. MSI will help to fill the holes where needed as long as they are contacted 14 days prior to the meet with where the deficiencies are at.**

First by Chris Branch, Second by Butch Babin Vote: F: 7 O: 0 A: 4

Resolutions and orders

Consent for appointment

Motion to recommended that Danielle Hafford be selected to be the treasure in training for the remainder of Jim Gravel's term to help her transition in to the position and then be named to the position if approved at the fall 2009 HOD as Treasure.

First by Jim Gravel Second by Laura Branch Vote F: 10 O: 0 A:1

Next Meeting, BOD & HOD : October 2009

Adjournment @ 1520