

Board of Directions Meeting
September 21st 2010

Members in Attendance: Jim Willis, Uriah Eilinger, Tom Branch, Andrew Kemp, Fritz Homans, Steve Elwell, Tyler Wright, Dee Hafford, Sam LaRiviere, Mardie LaRiviere, Lia Langeveld, Laura Flewelling, Sam Couillard, Matt Baxter, Jay Morissette, Tony Ten Haagen

Members Absent: Tom Manduca, Butch Babin, Sean Flaherty, Kathryn Violette, Judy Milliken

Reading, Correction & Adoption of Minutes

Motion by Fritz to adopt both sets. 2nd - Tom B. Vote: All in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions. Vote - Passes.

Reports of Officers

General Chair - The athlete protection program will be going into effect as of January 1st 2011. Non-athletes, volunteers and anyone who interacts with athletes will need to get a background check. This is a big change working towards cutting down criticism on USA swimming. On October 2nd, there will be special elections with nominations taken from the floor. Most of the reports are due to Jim tomorrow in preparation for the HOD. Summer Champs ran well - everything was taken care of and the staff at the aquatic center was great.

Official Report - MSI should pick up the cost especially with the athlete protection plan going into effect. The cost will be approximately \$70 total for each official.

There were no other reports at this time.

Unfinished Business

There was a strategic planning meeting in August with Peter Clark where reports were assigned. The majority will be done by tomorrow and presented on October 2nd to the coaches and at HOD.

The budget last year had an \$8000 surplus - the goal this year is to balance the budget.

The cost of registrations for officials and board members was discussed. If MSI were to pick up this charge, MSI could do a swimmer surcharge or pay for a certain number per club. MSI should pay for chaperons. At the club level, there are a few clubs that provide the majority of officials to meets. Should each team have an official? Should it be 1 per 20 at Summer Champs? Requiring people to volunteer sounds wrong. Requiring it, however, will make teams get officials, but the quality of officiating may go down.

Budget - Motion by Jim to charge Registration paid by MSI to \$1500 because of the non-athlete reps and Bowdoin Open to \$21,000. 2nd - Lia. Vote - All in favor with 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. Vote - Passes.

Motion to pass the balanced budget by Tom B. 2nd - Matt. Vote - All in favor with 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. Vote - Passes.

Summer champs went well, everyone seemed to have fun, lost \$2000 overall. Individual high point trophies will be out soon.

New Business

Policy & Procedure changes in red will go to HOD 10/2/10 or May 2011. Motion by Jim to accept. 2nd - Laura. There are National rules so they should be in our rules. It would look bad if we didn't accept. Vote - All in favor with 2 opposed and 0 abstentions. Vote - Passes.

Motion to accept 19.2B which would take effect for the 2011-2012 season. Vote - All in favor with 2 opposed and 0 abstentions. Vote - Passes.

19.2F Shadowing would now require registration. Can't they just sign a volunteer form? The LSC would be responsible and more info is needed. Motion by Jim to table. 2nd - Matt. Vote - All in favor. Vote - Passes.

We discussed banning recording devices behind the start.

21.12 - 10 and unders swimming in one session per day. Motion by Tom B. to accept. 2nd - Jay. Vote - All in favor with 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

21.17 - Each entered team must provide 1 official per 20 swimmers during the 8 and under/Bronze meet, Summer Champs & Winter Champs. Motion to accept by Matt. 2nd - Tom B. If each team provided 1 official, we would be all set to run meets. Amendment by Matt to make it 1 official per 50 swimmers. This is a high number. Motion to table by Jay. 2nd - Mardie. Vote - All in favor with 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. Vote to table - Passes.

25E - All team managers, assistants and chaperones on the Zone trip must be members of USA-S and have a background check. Motion to pass by Tom. 2nd - Jay. Have to be members for liability to cover them. Vote - All in favor.

27.1 - Coaches would receive money for each education level they completed. Motion by Jay to accept. 2nd - Matt. Stever amendment to have 1 coach per team per year to receive the stipend. 2nd - Jay. Vote - All in favor.

Amendment as of 9/1/11 by Lia that present coaches receive \$100 per level per year & coaches out of LSC receive \$50 per level per year. 2nd - Jay. Vote - All in favor. Vote - Passes.

Matt suggested that retroactive reimbursement be only when registered in the LSC. Jim suggested taking out the out of state coaches part.

Motion by Jay to take out MSI head coach and change to coach. 2nd - Steve. Vote - All in favor. Vote - Passes.

Motion by Jay to read "Only one coach per year currently registered in Maine will receive \$100." 2nd – Tom B. Vote - All in favor. Vote - Passes.

Proposal by Jay to receive an incentive for each club recognition level. Tabled to HOD report.

There are vacancies for Sr. Chair, Finance Chair, Disability Chair, Camp Co-coordinator and an At-Large member.

Larissa had a stroke and there is a website set up to help with medical expenses. There are bracelets that Seacoast would like to sell at meets. It will be up to each individual club if they allow bracelet sales or not.

There is a disabled swimmer scholarship that has been set-up with a \$1000 donation from the Westbrook Seals. Motion to accept by Tony. 2nd - Lia. Bring to HOD. Vote - All in favor. Vote - Passes.

Anything else?

Tom B suggested changing the budget to reflect the scholarship. Proposals are being taken for an audit. As of September 1st, 2010, the new budget is in place. Jim suggested that we have face-to-face board meetings twice a year. It's more effective to talk face-to-face. All 22 clubs are now members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.