

MAINE SWIMMING INC.
HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING
Spring May 15, 2010

- I. Introductions/Roll Call: All members present have signed in and no signed authorizations to vote were given to Laura Branch who was taking the minutes.

Total BOD Members present:

Butch Babin – HSC, Jim Willis – MDIY, Steve Elwell – UN, Laura Branch – UN, Chris Branch – UN, Thomas Branch – UN, Jay Morissette – LRSC, Judy Milliken - WCCU, Leanne Gravel – CMA, Kathryn Violette - SEAL, Fritz Homans – PBAY, Jared Felker – SEAL, Jim Gravel – UN, Matt Baxter - PPSC

Total BOD Members absent:

Tom Manduca – TCST, Dee Hafford – HSC, Tony Ten Haagen – UN, Robby Gravel – CMA, Rebecca Bonnett – LRSC, Lianne McCluskey – PBAY, Laura Flewelling – CMA, Uriah Eilinger – SEAL, Sean Flaherty – CMA,

Total Members present:

Beth Prelgovisk – MMD, John Bliss - SEAL, Cindy Sundquist - PTSC, Lori LaPointe – WCCU, A.J. Rog – SSC, Marybeth Pordon - CCSC, Buddy Whitehouse - NYCY, Mardie LaRiviere - SYT, Sally Johnson - PRY, Marie Weferling –PBAY,

Total Members absent:

Dick Fournier – HSC, Aaron Winslow – WCY, Chas Foehl – PPSC, Dan St. Pierre – CBRY, Eric Palmer – BYB, John Matzen – KVY, Mark Leavitt – CMA, Matt Montgomery – DEFY

Called to order: by Jim Willis

- II. Reading, Correction & Adoption of the Minutes:

No minutes from fall 2009

- III. Report of Officers:

General Chair: Jim Willis:

USA swimming has a 7 point plan for making sure children are safe. Make sure that your team does background checks on all coaches involved with your team. Three graduating seniors and the junior reps will be moving up and we will be looking for three new athlete reps. If you know of any that are interested the swimmers will be voting on them at summer champs. Send the names to Jared Felker. Strategic Planning for the Board of Directors is tentatively scheduled for August 20th and 21st. Peter Clark will be coming into to see what pathway Maine Swimming is heading.

Administrative Vice-Chair: Chris Branch:

Suggested that teams should do background checks by local police and State on anyone they hire. Banquet was held on May 1st in Auburn at the Hilton. TCST entry money from Winter Championships not turned in yet. Issues with reconciliations not being done. People are not following Policy and Procedures on this. Very serious issues on this because the team hosting the meet will not have any insurance coverage. The BOD of that team would be personally liable if anything happened.

Financial Vice-Chair: Jim Gravel: Jim reported that he had not received a report or a budget from the treasurer. He did report that Dee's computer crashed and that the records were gone. She does have all the papers and receipts from September. The treasurer has missed two board meetings and now the HOD meeting. Jim did note that there was nothing of concern on the bank records. Fritz asked how much money did Maine Swimming have? Jim reported that about \$ 27,000 in CD'S and \$ 35,00 to \$ 40,000 in checking account. Jim says that there was a \$ 5,000 to \$ 10,000 surplus on the 2010 budget.

Senior Vice-Chair: Leanne Gravel:

Gave out two scholarships to Ian Carbone and Rachel Clegg
The cost of the Zone entries will be changed to \$ 5.00 per event and \$ 12.00 per relays.

Age Group Vice-Chair: Tom Manduca: No report. Was absent

Treasurer: Dee Hafford: No Report. Was absent

Membership/Registration Chair: Thomas Branch

952 Athletes Registered Year, 31 Season II, 153 Season 1.

148 non- athletes

Time Standard cards will be sent out for swimmers when they register.

Background screenings many will expire this year.

Coaches Representative: Jared Felker:

1. Limited Winter only Relay to A, B and C Vote 9 yes and 7 no

2. Adding 11 & 12 400 IM at this year Summer Champ on first full

Day and move 200 IM to another day. Vote 11 yes and 2 no and 1 abstentions

3. Cut times at champs

4. Open Water Championship and questioning officiating guidelines.

5. More clinics for officials needed. There are only 6 people that can run clinics.

6. There is a coach's clinic in Connecticut for \$ 50.00.

7. Reviewed high school officials clinic dates.

Safety Chair: No Report. Currently no Safety Chair

IV. Report of Committees:

Officials Chair: Steve Elwell

No dates for clinics at this time. Still searching for someone to be referee at Summer champs. Have a couple of people in mind. Have received video for training but was sent the wrong one. Steve is working with US swimming on getting them to pay for the postage to return them. When an official upgrades to a different level they will get a shirt. Everyone who officiated at Winter Championships go a thank you note from the chair. Currently there are 50 officials that are registered.

Zones Chair: Laura Branch:

Webster, NY April 1 - 3, 2010, 51 swimmers attended the meet. They did extremely well at the meet. There were many swimmers that returned at night. The hotel and food accommodations were excellent. Maine Swimming subsidized the trip \$18, 236.20. This included two scholarships for swimmers to attend and subsidy for Judy Milliken (Co Zone Chair, April 5, 2010). The total cost of the trip was \$ 54, 088.26. Total surplus not counting 5% refund from EPN Travel on the hotel rooms was \$ 1,451.94. MSI will receive two refund checks from EPN Travel. Next year rooms have been booked at the Hampton Inn in Webster, NY. Laura presented that this coming year we are not going to use the EPN Travel agency because hotels and restaurants are now giving better deals than they had in the past. Judy Milliken reported on the 10 and unders. Summer zone several people are interested in attending. Summer zone information will be placed on the website.

Camp Coordinator/All Star Meet: Laura Branch:

It was report by Jared Felker that coaches do not want a camp until the fall of 2011, because there is private camp being held this fall at Bowdoin College with Ian Crocker.

National Times Chair: Butch Babin:

All times are updated. People complained about the paper that was used for the records. Records are being updated and if the YMCA coaches send in their Y meet results they will be imported in the data base.

**Disabled Swimming Chair: Jared Felker: **

Want to get Kids involved. Jared want to get all coaches in a roundtable discussion on how to get more athletes and plan for them.

Sanction Chair: Chris Branch:

Seacoast Swim Club cancel there meet that was scheduled for May 9th. They want to know if they can be released from the meet schedule. Chris reported that the reason is that they have had a change in staff which caused them to be not able to have the meet. Chris suggested that we allow them to cancel the meet and they be put on probation for the 2010 and 2011 season. Any rules broken they would not be able to bid in 2011 for the following year. Motion Made by Buddy and Second by Tom. 20 yes and 3 abstentions

Athlete's Representative(s): No report given

V. Presentation and approval of the annual budget

No budget was presented.

VI. Presentation and approval of the annual audit

No audit was done but needs to be completed from September 2009 to present.

VII. Unfinished Business:

None reported

VIII. Elections:

General Chair, Administrative Vice Chair, Senior Chair, Finance Chair, 2- At Large Chair positions, had nominations from the nominating committee. Chris stated that know one knew who was on the committee because there are no minutes from the fall meeting. The position for secretary, and safety chair is also open no nomination. Closed Election for more than one nomination.

General Chair nomination:

Jim Willis

Secretary Nominations:

Lia Langeveld and Laura Branch nominated by Fritz and second by Sally

Administrative Vice-Chair: Nominations:

Chris Branch and Tom Manduca nominated by Jay and second by Jared

Finance Chair: Nominations:

Jim Gravel

Senior Chair: Nominations:

Leanne Gravel and Jared Felker nominated by Tom B. and second by Butch

At Large Positions: Nominated:

Fritz Homans, and Tony Ten Hagen

Board of Review Positions Nominations:

Alternate Member:

Ned Johnston – MDIY

David Silk – PPSC

Regular Member:

Pender Lazenby - UN

Marc Robitaille - TCST

Try not to have more than one from each club. Also cannot be any one from the board.

Position Winners: Starting September 1st, 2010

General Chair: Jim Willis

Secretary: Lia Langeveld

Admin Vice Chair: Tom Manduca

Finance Chair: Jim Gravel

Senior Chair: Jared Felker

Safety Chair: Andrew Kemp

Board of Review Positions:

Ned Johnston – Alternate

Pender Lazenby- Regular

March Robitaille- Regular

David Silk- Alternate

Vote number unavailable on each election.

IX. New Business

Chris made a motion that we except all recommendation made by the Board of Directors on Policy and Procedures changes and that all be adopted effective September 1, 2010. Leanne seconds it. Everything passed by 21.13 pulled by Jim W. and 2.4 pulled by Chris. 2.4 was tabled at BD.

Friendly amendment by Chris

21.13 a motion was made by Leanne that it only be at Winter Champs second by Jay
Vote 17 yes, 2 no and 2 abstentions.

A meet committee was suggested by Lori for putting together what the meet format might look like if 10 and unders went to the Bronze meet and not State Championships.

Meet Schedule for 2010 and 2011 approved 22 yes, 0 no's and 1 abstentions 1st by Jay and 2nd by Lori. **Winter Championships:** A date was tentatively discuss but needs to be confirmed with Lynn Ruddy at Bowdoin College. She cannot make that decision until the fall.

Chris Branch resigned as Admin Vice Chair effective as of May 15, 2010.

Laura Branch resigned as Co Zone Chair, Camp Coordinator and All Star Chair effective as of May 15, 2010.

Date of Next Meeting: October 2, 2010

X. Resolutions & Orders

None

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn this meeting of the HOD at 2:15 PM