

Maine Swimming
House of Delegates, October 19, 2003

Motion made and passed to change agenda to allow Linda McCann, Registration/Membeship Chair, to give report. Linda explained new "SWIMS" program and registration process, with handouts for team member registrations and using SWIMS. She explained the importance of cleaning up team registrations/names, process for registering online, team safety coordinator position as USA-S registered person, and the need to change MSI by-laws if coach is to be safety coordinator.

Roll Call – Board members S. Alcaide, A. M. Rand, S. Power, J. Willis, E. Hoar, C. Branch, L. McCann, B. Savage, D. St. Pierre, J. Flaherty, K. Davis, B. Alcaide, S. Perkins, A. Thompson. BGRY coach J. Cox. BASC delegate J. Haskell, BBYD delegate H. Berne, CMA coach L. Gravel and delegate C. Brunette, DEFY coach M. Montgomery, HSC delegate R. Doucette, LRSC coach J. Morissette, NYCY coach/delegate A. Strickland, PBY coach/delegate S. Bowen, PPSC delegate W. Barton, SYT delegate N. Sturner Hoar, SSC delegate B. Kittridge, TCST delegate D. Rogers, SEAL coach R. Aceto and delegate G. Seiler, WCCU delegate S. McDonald.

Minutes – Motion made and passed to waive reading of the minutes. Minutes accepted.

Budget – There are a few items still out with a little money left over. Athlete travel is down, Swimposium lost approximately \$1500, and Summer Champs lost approximately \$500. There has been expressed interest in clinics/camps focusing on younger, developing swimmers. We anticipate \$200 increase in membership and it is suggested that clinic/camps budget be increased to \$2700. A suggestion was made to charge clubs \$100 for participating. Motion was made and passed to accept budget with clinic/camps increase.

General Chair – Steve explained the possibility of merging with Maine Masters and using their web site, in exchange for some administrative work. We would need a webmaster and a job description. Brad Burnham is forming a new club at Bowdoin to be a "clinic", non-competitive club. In keeping with the current thinking at USA-S there was discussion about abolishing 8 & under championships.

Sanction Chair – There has been improvement this year in submitting reports/paperwork, although very few clubs are requesting sanctions 60 days out from meets. There was a question about using the bid meeting as the sanction request. This would not be a possibility as the sanction is a contract and the meet packet is required.

Administrative Vice-Chair – The safety coordinator position is vacant in 50% of clubs. Anne Marie had a handout concerning insurance coverage questions. At convention Anne Marie signed up as a member for the National Board of Review. Regarding safety coordinators, it was suggested to adopt Linda's wording as a working policy until voted on at spring HOD. Wording as follows, bold type indicates change: Article F1, 1.1 The name of a coach member of USA-S must be included on **the club application form. Each member club shall also appoint an active individual or coach member of USA-S to be a club coordinator.**

Senior Chair – As of May 15, 2004 diving must be into at least 4' of water. The additional monies raised through the dues increase will be used to bring on new USA-S staff; clinics concerning pool construction; club development will have \$1,000,000 added to budget. The Senior Swimming Committee at convention stated that USA Open cuts will be eligible for 2004 spring Nationals. The meet name will change after 2005. Sharon is on the Zone review task force. Please submit any thoughts or ideas. Spring Zone meeting for 2004 will be in Portland.

Age Group Chair – After reviewing the number of entries in championship events over the past two years, Jim proposed adding one second per 50 yds for the following 10 & under events to allow greater participation: Girls 500 FR 8:35.79, 200 FR 3:00.59, 100 FR 1:21.29, 50 BR 47.79, and Boys 50 BR 50.89. Motion passed. Jim suggested re-evaluating the other age group's times after another year.

Tech Planning/Coaches Rep – The coaches meeting discussed Jim’s recommendations for cut time changes. An ad hoc committee of R. Aceto, J. Willis, and J. Williams will take recommendations to S. Power for the Eastern Zone task force. D. St. Pierre will keep the meet times database and will need to be sent all meet results. There was discussion concerning the increase in the number of meets on the MSI calendar. A committee of A. Thompson, S. Power, J. Willis, C. Branch, and T. Manduca will review meet development and timing of meet schedule. The 8 & under and 10 & under champs awards will be discussed in the committee of J. Willis, S. Power, C. Branch, J. Williams and S. St. Pierre. The group proposed adopting the anti-recruiting policy of NE Swimming. Motion was made to accept the policy changing NE Swimming to Maine Swimming as a working policy to use until spring HOD vote. A request was made for roll call vote. Motion passed.

Officials Chair – Eric stated that he needs a new list of club contacts. There is online testing available. Eric requested a copy of the officials forms from meets to keep updated on active officials. Eric will do clinics in the south, Beth will do them in the north. Nov 2 is a high school and YMCA clinic.

Adapted Chair – A BBYD swimmer made 3 Jr. National records.

Athlete Rep – Kristen and Jen will be compiling a list of all MSI swimmer’s email addresses.

Old Business – The motions for the two tabled items from spring HOD concerning champs (Swimmer shall be able to swim 3 individual events and 1 relay per session, for a total of 7 individual events and 3 relays for the meet; and Relays: Teams may enter as many relays as they wish, but only 2 relays will be scored.) both failed to pass. Motion made to accept all items concerning Zone meet. All items passed except team suits. Voted to allow swimmer the option to purchase other types of suits of the same color and with MSI logo as swimmer’s expense.

Resolutions and Orders – Is Bronze meet a championship meet? No, but the \$3.00/event entry fee is allowed because MSI has mandated the awards to follow championship awards. Resolution of congratulate Ian Crocker’s world record.

Next meeting May 22, 2004.

Submitted by Bonnie Alcaide