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## Minutes

Michigan Swimming Board of Directors Meeting  
April 9, 2006  
Farmington Family YMCA  
28100 Farmington Rd., Farmington Hills, MI

**Voting board members in attendance:** Becky Bouchey (USSC – Secretary), Tom Dudley (CAST – Finance), Paul Jones (Admin Vice-Chair), Matt Lee (BAC – Athlete Rep.), Dave Lubinski (USSC – Safety), Dan Meconis (Officials Chair), R. L. Merchant (General Chairman), Ahern Naylis (OLY – Program Development), Mike O’Connor (PA – Jr. Coach Rep), Phillip Weichman (CAST – Treasurer).

**Voting board members absent:** Dan Hafner (PA – Program Development), Lucy Liu (Athlete Rep), Larry Merte (AASC – Program Operations).

**Others in attendance:** Jan Cartmill (Michigan Swim Office), Don Cohagen (AASC – Board of Review), Paul Eilers (LCSC – Official), Robert Jenkins (LDSC – Coach), Laura Miller (SAC), Kirk Nissley (Vice-Chair, Board of Review), Ed Shea (UN – Official), Erin Shea (UN – Athlete), Cindi Stefl (FFYS – Chair, Board of Review).

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by Bob Merchant.

Minutes from the January 15, 2006 Board of Directors meeting were introduced for approval. Corrections were needed to remove Larry Merte from the list of those present and to clarify the disposition of the dollars donated by clubs to MS for the Katrina Relief Effort in the motion under New Business.

**MOTION:** by Phil Weichman and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Motion passed. The January 15<sup>th</sup> minutes are hereby amended to read as follows:

Voting board members absent: to include Larry Merte.

New Business: MOTION by Bob Merchant seconded by Tom Dudley to make a \$5,000.00 contribution to SNIK'S KIDS from the MS money originally earmarked for the Adopt-A-Club program instead of giving to the Adopt-A-Club program. \$421.50 given to MS by the Utica Shelby Swim Club will be sent to the American Red Cross and specifically designated for the Katrina Relief Effort. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Report of Officers:**

**General Chairman – Bob Merchant**

CONVENTION VOTE - An at-large convention vote has been requested for Jan Cartmill, MS Office.

TIME STANDARDS – A recommendation will be made to change the MS Rules so that time standards for short course are due to be published by June 1<sup>st</sup> and those for long course are due to be published by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

SAFETY MARSHALS – Bob will be drafting legislation to present at the USAS Convention in attempts to eliminate the USA Swimming membership requirement for the multitude of folks who work as assistant safety marshals at swim meets. However, it is expected that the requirement that each club must still have a Safety Coordinator and that each meet host must have at least one safety marshal who is a member of USA Swimming will be left in place.

Volunteer Coordinator – Don Cohagen has been appointed by Bob Merchant as the Coordinator of MS Volunteers for the upcoming USAS Convention.

**Secretary – Becky Bouchey**

Becky Bouchey asked if the power point presentation on parent education (originally presented at the USAS Convention by USA Swimming) had been posted on the website. Jan reported that the presentation was in PowerPoint; therefore, it is not suitable for posting on the website because so many folks do not have PowerPoint. Posting this could generate a lot of e-mails to us asking for assistance. Paul Jones will attempt to get the presentation from USA Swimming in another format.

### **Treasurer – Phil Weichman**

Phil reports that sanction fees to MS from meet hosts are current. MS will form an audit committee. The job of this committee will be to conduct an audit of the MS financial documents.

Phil reported on the distribution of the net entry fee dollars from the 2006 District and JO Meets (See Entry Fee Distribution - ATTACHMENT A) and on the financial status of MS as of March 31, 2006 (See Financial Report ATTACHMENT B).

### **Reports of Division Chairmen:**

#### **Administrative Vice-Chairman – Paul Jones**

Paul introduced Erin Shea as the new Jr. Athlete Representative.

Names of those seeking election to the MS Board was introduced—see ATTACHMENT C. Elections will take place at the House of Delegates Meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Athlete Division – Matt Lee**

Matt requests that the State Championship Meet age group be limited to athletes 15 – 18 years of age rather than the Open category which is now used. He readily admits that only 2 or 3 people have approached him about this.

#### **Board of Review – Cindi Stefl**

Cindi attended a USA Swimming sponsored conference in Atlanta for BOR chairs. She reports that MS is on target with their BOR procedures.

#### **Coach Division – Mike O'Connor**

Mike recommends that meet committees be established for all championship meets and that its members be published and given to coaches in their packets. MS should define and publish

the responsibilities of Meet Directors, Meet Referees and Meet Committees.

He also recommends that MS restrict proofs of times from high school meets for the State Championship Meets to those that are earned in League Championships and above. Results from dual meets would no longer be valid because they are often not electronic and more difficult to obtain for proof.

These suggestions will be referred to Program Operations.

**Finance Chairman – Tom Dudley**

Tom reported on the status of the 2006 MS Budget (See Budget Performance Summary – ATTACHMENT D).

**Program Development – Ahern Naylis**

The Technical Committee is looking at the sizes of the District and JO Meets. They will make a recommendation as to whether the District Meets should be reduced to 2 meets (instead of 3) and whether the JO Meet should be split into 2 meets or have its time standards made more difficult to attain.

Dan Meconis requests that the order of events for the 12 & U Championships be changed so that it opens with longer events rather than 50s.

**Adapted Swimming – Shawn Kornoelje**

In Shawn's absence, Bob Merchant reported that there will be an IPC Sanctioned Meet at Eastern Michigan University in May. The meet is Observed for USA Swimming. It will be hosted by GTAC and is posted on the MS website.

**Program Operations – Larry Merte**

No report.

**Report of Committees / Coordinators**

**Meet Scheduling & Sanctions – Larry Merte**

No report.

**Officials – Dan Meconis**

Dan will be running a new officials clinic at the Lakers Swim Club. The date has not been finalized at this time. He will do this for any club that has at least six (6) participants.

**Safety – Dave Lubinski**

No report. Dave had left by this time.

**Recognition – Jan Cartmill / Kirk Nissley**

Jan reports that the National Top 16 Certificates are ready to be mailed. They will be sent to coaches for distribution to the athletes.

**Michigan Swim Office – Jan Cartmill**

Registration STATS: As of today, we have 6,408 athletes (including year round, outreach & seasonal), 462 non-athletes and 79 clubs registered for 2006. This is about 500 athletes behind last year at this time.

Only one club needs to prove a relay time from the Championship Meets and one athlete still needs to pay the fine because he left without scratching from his final event. They have been notified.

**MOTION:** by Dan Meconis and seconded to adjourn. All approved and the meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

The next MS Board meeting will be held in Farmington Hills on Sunday, June 26, 2006 at 1:00 PM.

The House of Delegates Meeting will be held at Okemos High School on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice B Cartmill  
Registration / Membership Chair  
Michigan Swimming, Inc.