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### **Minutes of the**

Michigan Swimming Board of Directors Meeting  
June 24, 2007  
Brighton Library, 200 Library Dr, Brighton, MI 48116

**Voting board members in attendance:** David Brace, (SMAC - Program Dev Co-Vice-Chairman), Mick Cruce, (UN, Secretary), John Loria, (LCSC - Finance Vice-Chairman), Dan Meconis (UN - Officials Chairman), Robert L Merchant (UN - General Chairman), Larry Merte (CW - Admin Vice-Chairman) and Mike O'Connor (PA - Jr. Coach Representative). Damon Robertson (CAST, Program Dev Co-Vice-Chairman) and Phillip Weichman (CAST - Treasurer) arrived at the meeting during the Administrative Vice-Chairman's report.

**Voting board members absent:** Brandon Converse (EGRA - Co-Program Ops Vice-Chairman), Mike Cutler (ROCK - Safety Coordinator), Madeline Gillen (CW - Jr. Athlete Rep), Don Kimble (WMS - Co-Program Ops Vice-Chairman), Erin Shea (BAC - Sr. Athlete Rep), Julie Youngquist (LAC - Sr. Coach Representative).

**Others in attendance:** Jan Cartmill (MS Office).

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

Minutes from the April 7, 2007 Board of Directors meeting were introduced for approval.

**MOTION:** by David Brace and seconded by John Loria to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.

**Old Business:** Bob Merchant stated that old business and any new business will be discussed during the reports.

### **Report of Officers:**

#### **General Chairman - Bob Merchant**

USAS CONVENTION - Officers who are eligible to attend the USAS Convention, which will be take place from September 25 - 30, 2007 in Anaheim, California, should let Bob Merchant know of their intentions of going by August 1<sup>st</sup> so that any necessary replacements can be arranged for and that reservations can be made without incurring late fees.

NATIONAL AUDIT COMMITTEE - Bob chairs this committee and reports that USA Swimming is spending their money wisely in this area. They have contracted with a company, ETHICS POINT, to review reported financial

irregularities anywhere within USA Swimming (at headquarters or in LSCs). This company investigates and "moves in" to remedy the situation if necessary.

CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS – Hosts of the upcoming long course championship meet have questioned an apparent discrepancy between the stated MS policy and the actual practice of reimbursing host teams for pool costs. There was limited discussion regarding reimbursing the hosts of the two 2007 short course championship meets as per the stated rule rather than at the 'cap' but no action was taken.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS – Division Vice-Chairs should notify Bob in writing of Committee Chair considerations by July 15th. As per the MS bylaws, the Board member may be an ex-officio member of the committee but may not be the chairman. The General Chairman must give final approval to the person named as the chairman.

Greg Wolff was reported to be the chairman of the Review Committee but it has been discovered that his second 2-year term just expired. This position is limited to two 2-year terms and he is not eligible to run for this Committee again until 2009. Bob will determine who the current Vice-Chairman is and ask that person to step up. Following this, the Committee members will elect a new Vice-Chairman.

**Secretary – Mick Cruce** - No report.

**Treasurer & Finance – Phil Weichman / John Loria** – No report.

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

#### **Administrative Vice-Chair – Larry Merte**

MEETING SCHEDULE – The annual calendar is dependent on the meet schedule which is not complete at this time. Larry is planning for the months of the meetings to stay the same with following tentative locations: August 2007 – Grand Rapids, October 2007 – Livonia, January 2008 – Ann Arbor, April 2008 – Lansing and June 2008 – Farmington. Mike O'Connor asked that the House of Delegates meeting be moved from May to the end of April so as not to conflict with any meets or Mother's Day weekend and that it also avoid the Easter Holiday weekend. This request will be taken into consideration.

WEBSITE SURVEY – They are awaiting responses from two people who agreed to participate in the survey. Once those responses are in, a synopsis will be put together and Larry will come back to the Board with proposals. Larry reports that he probably would have had a report by now but the survey was held up a bit because Jan Cartmill was on vacation and the distribution list they wanted to use was not readily accessible. Also, they did not get responses from any coaches with the initial request.

**Athlete Division – Erin Shea & Madeline Gillen** – No report.

**Board of Review** – No report.

**Coach Division – Julie Youngquist & Mike O'Connor** – Mike reminded the Official's Chairman that the Sr. Coach Representative was to be consulted on the selection of the Referee for the State Championship Meets.

**Program Development – David Brace & Damon Robertson** – David and Damon have divided up the responsibilities for this position. David will be responsible for Camps, Clinics, Outreach and Adapted Swimming while Damon will be responsible for meet formats, time standards, the Zone Meet and the Technical Committee work.

**Adapted Swimming – Shawn Kornoelje** – No report

**Program Operations – Brandon Converse / Don Kimble**

MEET SCHEDULE – A tentative schedule was sent to committee members a couple of days ago but they are not ready to distribute anything yet. Committee members that were present were reminded that this needs to be turned around quickly because several other things are dependent on this schedule.

### **Report of Committees / Coordinators**

#### **Officials—Dan Meconis**

USA SWIMMING SPONSORED OFFICIALS SEMINAR – Dan recently attended this clinic in San Antonio. He reported that there are rumors that FINA may adopt an 'instant replay' scenario with underwater cameras at major meets.

MS OFFICIALS CLINIC – A clinic will be held at Bay City next week for some of the Bay City / Midland people who have expressed an interest in becoming an official.

**Safety – Mike Cutler** – No report.

#### **Recognition & Michigan Swim Office – Jan Cartmill**

YTD STATISTICS - As of today there are 7,368 athletes, 490 non-athletes and 78 clubs. September 2006—there were 7,427 athletes, 509 non-athletes and 79 clubs.

NEW CLUBS – Two new clubs have recently joined. They are the Pinckney Aquatic Club Pirates (PACP) with Ann Kehn as the head coach and Kingfish Aquatic Club of Waterford (KAW) with Brad Brockway as the head coach.

CLUB LEADERSHIP AND BUSINESS MANAGEMENT SCHOOL – At least six of the current Michigan clubs (AOK, DRST, KAW, LAC, LATS and PACP) will need this course before they may renew their clubs for 2008. Bob Merchant will ask Randy Julian of USA Swimming to put us on his schedule.

**MOTION was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting.** All approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

The date and location of the next MS Board Meeting is not known at this time. This information will be distributed once that is determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice B Cartmill  
Michigan Swimming Office