



**Michigan Swimming, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
December 17, 2013
MINUTES**

As approved at the January 2014 Board Meeting

Voting Members in Attendance:

Jeff Wilkins: General Chair (UN), Katy Dean: Administrative Vice-Chair (CUDA), Damon Robertson: Program Operations (S), Joe McBratnie: Program Development (KAW) Erica Zuercher: SR Coach Rep (USSC), Vince Gallant: JR Coach Rep (BBA), Dawn Gurley: Officials Chair (KAW), Rob Bouchey: Secretary (DRD), Dan Proctor, Athlete-at-Large (UN),

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

Josh Wood (LATS), Troy Emmons (MLA), Steve Gebrowsky (CSW), Jan Cartmill: Michigan Swimming Office (UN)

OLD Business

Formatting Districts: split 11/12 age group genders at districts, hold 12/u 13+split for JO

NEW Business

Jeff Wilkins discusses Sit and slide. May look to the current rule from OH Isc Will go out with a reiteration of the currently held warm-up guidelines for Long Course season.

JO/DISTRICT Bids

Damon Robertson announces that EGRA, KAW, & CSW have been awarded 2014 JO Championship Meets.

Districts: Waiting for renewed attempts by some to find pools, BBA to investigate, MCA to investigate, MLA unavailable, KAW unavailable

Report of Officers

a. General Chair – Jeff Wilkins: ID Card Printer has arrived, officials will begin getting cards first. The printer allows a double sided card for non-Athlete members that will

include a USA Swimming registration card on one side and a photo ID for MI Swimming on the other side. Will utilize passport photos.

- b. Secretary – Rob Bouchey: no report
- c. Treasurer – Mary Perczak: no report, not present

•Report of Division Chairs

- a. Administrative Vice-Chair – Katy Dean: first meeting, no report
- b. Athlete Division – Kate Rogers/Nick Arakelian: no report, not present
- c. Board of Review – Rob Bouchey: no report
- d. Coach Division – Erica Zuercher: Vince Gallant: no report
- e. Finance – Dan Meconis: no report, not present
- f. Program Development – Joe McBratnie: no report
- g. Disability Swimming – John Loria: report attached
- h. Program Operations – Damon Robertson: covered in new business, Quad Meet info to be distributed
- i. Diversity – Geneen Bradley: no report, not present

Report of Committees / Coordinators

- a. Officials – Dawn Gurley: evaluation of Admin Officials continues, planning Stroke & Turn clinics in beginning of 2014.
- b. Safe Sport – Adam Hopkins: no report, not present
- c. Open Water – TBD (Wilkins) OH has offered to allow us to host MI LSC open water championships in conjunction with theirs. (Gallant) Can't we do this in conjunction with Motor City Mile? (McBratnie) Traverse City expressed interest as well as Blue Water. (Josh Wood) Can MI Swim provide an open water clinic for swimmers? (Gallant) Could set one up at Belle Isle, will work on.
- d. NTV – Damon Robertson: One entry from MI Swim for Jr.Nationals was rejected as it was a time from a HS meet that was not USA Swimming observed. Coaches should note that not all HS Meets are observed and that only observed HS meets are eligible for submission to the SWIMS Database for USA Swimming.

Michigan Swim Office

- a. Registration / Membership / Athlete Records / Clubs – Jan Cartmill: Registration is down 150 athletes compared to one year prior. Jan is awaiting payment for several

electronic registrations not yet processed. 411 non-athletes, 74 clubs registered; waiting on 20 more before registration cost increases. Two new clubs, Kentwood Aquatics, and Albion College.

b. Meet Sanctions / Meet Results / Times / TSO – John Loria: report attached. (Zuercher) where do financial proposals in Loria's report stand? (Wilkins) we will postpone Mr. Loria's

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Bouchey, Secretary

Loria Report:

Disability - The MS Disability Committee has started the work of putting together a video which will be posted on the Michigan Swimming website and we will also offer it to USA Swimming and USA Paralympics, since neither currently have a video of this kind. Chuck Krochmal has made an arrangement through his scouting contacts and we as a committee plan on meeting to go over some of the specifics of what we will be including in it. Shawn Kornoelje's input will be especially important in this project. The funding for this will be coming from the Disability budget fund.

We have also announced, via email and on the website, a USA Swimming coaches workshop that will be held January 17 - 19, 2014 in Colorado Springs. The MS Disability Committee budget fund will cover the expense for transportation costs and USA Swimming will cover the cost of lodging and meals for one coach. The Disability Committee has asked interested coach's to respond to us no later than December 22, 2013 as the deadline by USA Swimming is December 23, 2013. I know that doesn't give everyone a lot of time to respond but other than a save the date notice that was sent by Jan to several Board members about a month ago, this is the first solid information we were given by USA Swimming. This is an awesome opportunity for one coach in our LSC to work with some of the top coaches and top athletes in this area of our sport. The committee would appreciate any help by the Coaches Representatives to drum up interest in this workshop.

The Committee will also be putting together a small poster which will be reproduced and used as a handout and sent to rehabilitation centers and hospitals around the state extolling the sport of swimming for people with disabilities or for those in need of a rehabilitation resource. The intent is if we can get them in the pool than we have to work to retain them in the pool. Alyssia Crook, our athlete member, came up with this great idea.

The Committee is working on these projects to reach out to coaches and athletes and it will pretty much use up the upcoming budget for 2014, if not exceed it. Part of the push is that in many areas we are behind many LSC's in what we do and offer our athletes and the potential athletes that are out there with disabilities. We still do not, as an LSC offer a meet specifically for athletes with a disability and many in our sport don't know the rules of including athletes with disabilities into meets.

That is why the Disability Committee is requesting the following grants. Since Michigan Swimming has always given a grant to help fund the GTAC Disability Meet we are seeking a grant of \$750.00 for the 1st Annual Cincinnati Disability Meet which will be held May 17 and 18, 2014 at the University of Cincinnati. This is the same amount given last year which came out of the Disability fund. We would also like to request a grant of \$500.00 for the Thunder in the Valley Games which again will be held at the end of May 2014 at Saginaw Valley State University. This would match the grant given to this meet last year out of the Disability fund.

Website - I am continuing to work on the website in between my other duties with my goal now of having it launched by December 30, 2013. Joe McBratnie has also been working on the MS Zone Team website which has the same launch date. It is a difficult process as I keep having to go in and out of doing this in order to try to keep up with everything else that is on my plate. There was a TeamUnify webinar on web design today from 1 PM until 2 PM which I am hoping will help me get this project back up to speed. It seems like I take one step forward than two steps back because of trying to work around everything else. The intent is just to have it ready to launch as best we can and after the launch date to continue to work on it, as time allows, to fine tune the website. The LSC should be aware that a TeamUnify website is an ongoing project just as their own team's TeamUnify website is.

Michigan Swimming Office - With the ongoing training of the Administrative Officials, it has taken longer to get through the meet sanctioning process and to produce the results. This is not to say that they aren't coming along but that it isn't an overnight learning process. As of today we have assigned numbers for 48 sanctioned, approved and observed meets with four meets in the cue for the sanctioning process. There are two meets from this past weekend that have issues that need to be resolved and have the results finalized. When these two meet's results are completed I will send to Damon Robertson, Vice Chair of Program Operations, the Team Manager file for all meets in our database back to January 1, 2013 in a Drop Box file, as he has requested, so he can complete the MS Quad Meet Entry.

Last years initial and final Short Course State Championship templates were requested and sent to Damon last week to work on. There are still the District and JO Meet Information Packets that have not been started. I would recommend that instead of each District and JO meet creating their own Meet Manager file that one master file with everything other than the Set-Up/Meet Set-up information be used. This is the field where the individual venue information is included.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

*John Loria
Operations Administrative Coordinator
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