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Minutes of the
Michigan Swimming House of Delegates Meeting
May 1, 2011
MSU Campus, 208 IM Sports West
East Lansing, MI 48824

Voting board members in attendance: Scott Appleyard (GLA - Officials Chair), David Boland (CW - Jr. Athlete Rep.), Michael Cutler (ROCK – Sr Coach Rep), Dave Goble (UN - Secretary), Heidi Miklos (CW - Program Operations Co-Vice-Chair), Steve Potter (EGRA – Treasurer), Michael Rogers, (SST – Administrative Vice–Chair), Damon Robertson (S – Program Development Vice Chair), Jeff Wilkins (DRD – Finance Vice - Chair), Clay Youngquist (LAC - Sr. Athlete Rep.), Julie Youngquist (LAC – General Chair), Erica Zuercher (USSC - Jr. Coach Rep)

Voting board members absent: Margaret Green (DRD - Program Operations Co-Vice-Chair), Bailey Weathers (CW – Safety Coordinator)

Voting delegates in attendance: JP Merchant (SC), Brandon Converse (EGRA), Laurie Davenport (L), Vincent Gallant (GLA), Janette Heaton (HVP), John Loria (LCSC), Eric Lynn (SAC), Donald Kimble (MLA), Josh Morgan (PCC), Randy Motyka (CW), Patrick Saucedo (S), Greg Wolff (PA), Geneen Bradley (TSSD), Ahern Naylis (OLY), Sarah Ludema (WMS), Toomas Arusoo (LL)

Others in attendance: Jan Cartmill (MS Office), Adam Hopkins (MLA - Board of Review), Dave Lazor (BBA), Robert Merchant (UN - Board of Review Chair), Gail Dummer (UN - Disability Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by General Chair Julie Youngquist.

A **MOTION** was made by Damon Robertson and seconded by Mike Cutler to approve the minutes of April 18, 2010 and September 10, 2010. Motion carried.

Old Business: No old business.

Yearly Reports: General Chair, Senior swimming has had changes in format and meet schedule. Swimmers seem to be pleased with our progress. We will need to continue tweaking as we go along. The OLY Sr meet has changed time standards to make the meet more manageable and a destination meet for Sr. swimmers. Splitting the summer championships to two meets is good; the past meets have been monsters. Travel fund, has changed so athletes and their parents will know before hand what they can expect as a stipend from MS. In the past it was a percentage and could vary greatly based on how many athletes attended a national meet.

Secretary: No report

Treasurer: **(See Attachments 1-Asset Summary, 2-Financial Summary & 3-Budget Summary)** MS is now using "QuickBooks" it was recommended by USA Swimming. Our bookkeeper has plugged in the new program. Our revenues appear to be down 40% and our expenses appear to be up 100%. It will all even out before the end of our fiscal year. Currently we show 109K in cash, we have taken some of that and put it into CD's the interest rate is not great but it is a sign or the times we live in. Question: Damon Robertson, when would you want change the fiscal year to? Answer: Steve, I would look to get feedback from John Loria and some of our more vintage members.

Finance Vice-Chair: Annual Proposed Budget, reviewed for 2012 **See Attachment 4-Proposed 2012 Budget**. Projected income for 2012 is $590,000.00 with expenses of $507,000.00 that is an increase of expenses of $8,500.00 over the 2011 fiscal year. There were no questions.

Report and comments of Michigan Swim Office: Back ground screening; many coaches have not followed up with renewing their back ground screening. Most of the coaches in the LSC needed to renew prior to the end on April 2011. The expiration date for individual back ground checks is on your membership card.

The results of using OME for entry into the State Meet worked very well by Jan's standards. The 12 & U meet had 267 custom times (mostly from YMCAs), the 14 & Over meet had 345 custom times mostly from high school meets. Hopefully we will continue to use this for state meet entries and not get derailed by the minor reversible issues we encountered this first time.

LEAP Level 1 (LSC Evaluation and Achievement Program from USA Swimming) The schedule posted on the USA Swimming website appears that Michigan Swimming is due to have their documents posted by April 30, 2012. USA Swimming has made some changes to this program and more documents are required from each LSC.

Admin Vice-chair: – Michael Rogers - the website is working well, we have driven down the cost of the website from about 12K to 4K per year. Feedback has been positive. As updated MS Bylaws and Rules and Procedures become available they will replace the current listing on the website. Comments: Gail Dummer, having recently looked at most of the websites for LSC's in the Eastern Zone in her capacity as Chair of National Disability Committee. "The MS website is awesome and easy to navigate."

Program Operations: – Margaret Green – Heidi Miklos; busy with sanctions for the LC season. Margaret is getting ready to send out the requests for SC bids. The request has been sent out. Question Janette Heaton (HVP) notification of where teams must travel to for JO's seem to come out very late in the season. Some athlete's families need more time to plan for that expense. Answer Damon; that can be addressed - we should be able to have that list together in September. Question Bob Merchant are we working on templates for meet packets? Heidi we need to update templates for meet packets, they should all be uniform and easy to read and understand.

Program Development: Damon Robertson - State cuts are set for LC. With 2 meets we will not change time standards for this year. The format is almost finalized - there maybe a few minor changes yet. The preparation for the Zone team is coming along well. We had more coaches volunteer than we needed, that was a first. We are going to Indianapolis. Mike Cutler is our head coach. We need a new MS Banner, last year when I bought one for Spartans it was $150.00 for a 3' x 5'.

Agreement was to get a new banner. Question Julie will there be bonus swims for the Sr. State Championship meet? Yes, we will do something like what was done at the Grand Prix Meet in Ann Arbor. Make 1 cut get 2 bonus swims. Make 2 cuts get 2 bonus swims. Make 3 cuts get 1 bonus swim. We might add a bonus event for distance events. Question Michael Rogers are we going to the quad meet again next year? Answer we would like to, we had great response from athlete's parents and coaches that attended this year. Michael will put info on the website the meet will be the first full weekend in January 2012.

Athlete Division: - Clay Youngquist/David Boland – Clay said the Sr swimmers are looking forward to the senior LC season. The Grand Prix meet was great - brought some very good swimmers to the state. Clay introduced our new athlete rep David Boland from (CW). Question will Andy be replaced soon. Answer Julie will appoint someone soon to a one year term.

Coaches Division: Erica Zuercher/Mike Cutler - Coaches are happy with the diverse selection of meets available for the summer season. Some of us would like to see more variety of meet options for the SC season. We have the results of the Coaches election, myself Erica congratulations. Comment from Michael Rogers: at the election of the athlete rep during SC State one issue kept coming up, regarding the LC State meet and the Sectional meet that were running on the same weekend. Michael told parents and swimmers that they should have come to meeting to voice their opinion.

Report of Committees / Coordinators

Disability Committee: Gail Dummer – Written report is attached **See Attachment 5—Disability Swimming Report**. There will be a webinar June 8th a challenge for USA coaches, ASCA is helping and written test will follow with updated credits.

Officials: Scott Appleyard – Our numbers seem to stay right around 90 officials in the state when we get a couple new people we seem to lose a few. If any coaches have concerns please let me know and I will address the issue. Question have we purchased any microphones as we talked about in the past? Not yet, but it is being worked on. Need to determine what we need and how many.

Open Water: Steve Potter – I will be in Ft Lauderdale to officiate Nationals. There will be a lot of changes regarding safety.

NTV – Damon Robertson: No report.

Board of Review: Bob Merchant – 4 cases this past year, 1 in which we had jurisdiction, nothing major.

Recognition & Michigan Swim Office:

Michigan Swim Office – Jan Cartmill – See Attachment 6—MS Office Report

Athlete membership for 2011 to date is up by 543 swimmers.

Non Athlete membership for 2011 is down by 9 members.

There are 3 new clubs for 2011. **New Business: Proposals for HOD Meeting-- See Attachments w/ Proposals 1 thru 16**

Proposal #1 is a group of updates to our Bylaws and Rules and Regulations to correct wording when we have conflicts between different sections of the same document. Thanks to Ahern Naylis for documenting this and bring it to the HOD. All portions of this proposal passed Motion: Goble second Jeff/JP/Damon, Motion

carried.

Proposal #2 Michigan Swimming Athlete Protection Committee Proposal

Submitted by Bob Merchant this legislation is to setup the frame work of the committee within MS Bylaws and Rules and Regulations Motion: to accept Damon Robertson second Goble, Motion carried. Bob requested that this legislation be effective at once. Motion Robertson second Goble, motion carried.

Proposal #3 Done

Proposal #4 Allow Deck Entries at the District Meets

Submitted by Damon Robertson need no proof of time, just proof of membership. Motion Goble second Ahern Naylis, motion carried.

Proposal #5 State Meet Late Entry

Submitted by Damon Robertson correct rule change from last year. Motion: Steve Potter second Goble. Motion carried.

Proposal #6 Proof of time for relay swims at state championship

Submitted by Damon Robertson including Disqualified relays. Motion: Goble second Scott Appleyard. Motion carried.

Proposal #7 No award ceremonies at JO meets.

Submitted by Margaret Green house keeping change. Motion: Goble second Jeff Wilkins, motion carried.

Proposal #8 Changes to the meet packet

Submitted by Margaret Green Proposal was pulled as no one present would bring it forward.

Proposal #9 District meet swimmers entered at NT are eligible for awards.

Submitted by Margaret Green NT may get awards. Motion: Goble second John Loria motion carried.

Proposal #10 Teams hosting District meets will share profits and teams hosting JO meets will share profits.

Submitted by Margaret Green House keeping change. Motion: Goble second Damon, motion carried.

Erica wanted to add Pool fees to the mix, much discussion Motion: Goble second Jeff Wilkins, motion failed.

Proposal #11 LSC Transfer Fees be assessed at $5.00.

Submitted by Jan Cartmill Motion: Goble second Julie motion carried.

Proposal #12 Club Renewal fees.

Submitted by Jan Cartmill Motion: Erica Zuercher second Steve Potter, motion carried.

Proposal #13 MS use National Motivational Standards to Replace our current "A/B/C", Use 15-16 Standards as Open Standards.

Submitted by JP Merchant Motion: Scott Appleyard second Damon, Motion carried.

Proposal #14 Stipend for Officials who travel to National Meets.

Submitted by Jeff Wilkins Friendly Amendment may request 1 LC and 1 SC reimbursement per year. Motion: Julie second Damon, motion carried.

Proposal #15 Ask for approval of the concept of an annual awards ceremony and Start a Michigan Swimming Hall of Fame. Submitted by Gail Dummer friendly amendment to add this as a line item in the 2012 Budget. Motion: Julie second Damon, motion carried.

Proposal #16 All Registrations sent to the MS office must be transmitted electronically via team manager.

Submitted by Jan Cartmill. Friendly amendment there will be a $5.00 fee for each entry that must be hand entered by the office. Motion: Julie second Damon, motion carried.

Public Comments:

Julie Youngquist made a motion that meet host clubs have some type of check in for coaches and officials to confirm that they are current members in good standing with USA Swimming. Friendly motion was made to send this request to Athlete Protection Committee and let that committee craft a procedure that will be used at all meets.

Breaststroke Rule Clarification – Tom Arusoo had child DQ'ed at one of the final meets of the season. There was some confusion on the explanation as to why the child was DQ'ed. On a turn shoulders must be past vertical towards the breast when the feet leave the wall. If the swimmer uses a downward (butterfly) kick after the turn, that can only happen after the swimmer initiates the first arm pull.

Vince Gallant (GLA) talked about the Swim for Success Program that his club has been running in Kalamazoo since last fall. MS agreed last fall to help fund some scholarships for the program. There were 70 children on scholarship last winter. There will be a full report after the end of June, when the academic results are in. The program teaches water safety, basic skills and helps children with their school work. Vince will make the final results available on line at the MS website. Vince would like MS help again this coming year.

Elections

General Chair – Nominating Committee placed incumbent Julie Youngquist on the ballot. There were no nominations from the floor. Julie Youngquist was elected by acclamation.

Finance Division VC – Nominating Committee placed incumbent Jeff Wilkins on the ballot. There were no nominations from the floor. Jeff Wilkins was elected by acclamation.

Program Development VC – Nominating Committee placed Jeff Cooper on the ballot. There were no nominations from the floor. Jeff Cooper was elected by acclamation

Secretary – Nominating Committee placed incumbent Dave Goble on the ballot. There were no nominations from the floor. Dave Goble was elected by acclamation.

Nominating Committee – Nominating Committee placed John Loria on the ballot. Nominations from the floor, Adam Hopkins. John Loria and Adam Hopkins were elected by acclamation.

Nominating Committee for 2012: Clay Youngquist, Senior Athlete Rep, Erica Zuercher Sr. Coach Rep., Scott Appleyard, Officials Chair, John Loria, at large and Adam Hopkins, at large.

Board of Review (BOR) – the Nominating Committee placed Bill Case (PCC), John Loria (LCSC), on the ballot; JP Merchant was nominated from the floor. All were elected by acclamation.

Board of Review: David Boland Jr. Athlete Rep., Clay Youngquist- Sr. Athlete Rep., Brad Brockway - At-large, Adam Hopkins - At-large, Ron Reinke - At-large (chair), and Steve Weeks - At-large.

All ballots were destroyed.**–**

MOTION: to adjourn meeting. Motion Robertson, second Appleyard. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Goble

Secretary