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## Minutes

Michigan Swimming House of Delegates Meeting  
May 6, 2006  
Okemos High School  
2800 Jolly Road, Okemos, MI

**Voting board members in attendance:** Paul Jones (Administrative Vice Chairman), Bob Merchant (General Chairman) Becky Bouchey (Secretary), Larry Merte (Program Operations), Dan Meconis (Officials Chairman), Tom Dudley (Finance), Dave Lubinski (Safety), Ahern Naylis (Program Development), Dan Hafner (Program Development), Phil Weichman (Treasurer), Mike O'Connor (Jr. Coach Rep), Damon Robertson (Sr. Coach Rep).

**Voting Delegates in attendance:** Greg Wolf (JAG), Dan Ohm (AASC), Mike Cutler (ROCK), Dave Segraves, David Brace (SMAC), Jan Schroth (Poseidon), Mick Cruce (BAC), Jack Methric (EGRA), Erin Shea (BAC), Julie Youngquist (PAC), Jack Brockhaus (CAST), Natalie Abdur-Rahim (LDSC), Rob Bouchey (USSC).

**Others in attendance:** Don Kimble (WMS), Paul Eilers (LCSC), John Drain (PSC), David Carson (HVP), Cheryl Dischler (USSC), Don Cohagen (AASC), Ed Shea (UN), Cindi Stefl (FFYS), Robert Jenkins (LDSC), Geneen Bradley (TSSD), Kirk Nissley.

The General Chairman, Bob Merchant, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Bob Merchant introduced the minutes from the May 21, 2005 House of Delegates meeting for approval, Motion passed.

## Elections - Paul Jones

- a. **Administrative Vice Chair** - Nominating Committee placed Paul Jones and Larry Merte on the ballot. There were no nominations from the floor. Larry Merte was elected.
- b. **Treasurer** - Nominating Committee placed Phil Weichman on the ballot. There were no nominations from the floor. Phil Weichman was elected by acclamation.
- c. **Safety Coordinator** - Nominating Committee placed Mike Cutler and Laura Miller on the ballot. There were no nominations from the floor. Mike Cutler was elected.
- d. **Program operations Vice-Chairman** - Nominating Committee placed Brandon Converse and Don Kimble on the ballot. There were no nominations from the floor. Brandon and Don were elected by acclamation.
- e. **Review Committee** - Nominating Committee placed Laura Miller, Kirk Nissley, Louis Balogh, and Damon Robertson on the ballot. There were no nominations from the floor. Above mentioned were voted by acclamation.
- f. **Nominating Committee** - Nominating Committee placed Paul Eilers and Natalie Abdur-Rahim on the ballot. There were no nominations from the floor. Paul and Natalie were elected by acclamation.

All ballots were destroyed.

## Old Business:

**Board of Review**, Discussion concerning Board of Review action. Is a summary available? Code of Conduct goes to national. The individuals who are involved do know of the action. Bob Merchant to look into for next meeting.

**Four hour rule**, Discussion on the 4-hour rule concerning one session being allowed to run 4 hours and 30 minutes. All session have a grace period of 15 minutes.

## Presentation and approval of annual budget:

Phil Weichman presented the proposed budget for calendar year 2007. **MOTION:** by Greg Wolf, seconded: Open discussion for approval of the proposed 2007 budget (see Attachment A). **Motion passed unanimously.**

## New Business:

- a. **Safety Marshall** - Not all safety personal need to registered as safety marshals. Only one per club membership.
- b. **Convention Report** – Don Cohagen, (See attachment B).

- c. Discussion of a Jr. National qualifier (18 & under) may elect to go to a Sectional meet and receive travel reimbursement. Athlete may apply for reimbursement from either meet, but not both. Travel fund policy to be reviewed at House of Delegates
- d. Discussion on District meets. Motion by ? Seconded: Teams should be able to attend the meet they prefer rather than be assigned. Motion defeated.
- e. Discussion of Meet hosts updating times. No extra fees should be charged.  
Motion: by ? Seconded: Meet host clubs must accept updated times by entry coordinators using a Hy-Tek file up to 7PM the Monday preceding host clubs meet. Motion defeated.

#### **Report of Officers:**

- 1. **General Chairman – Bob Merchant:** Grand Prix – Bob spoke of the meet in AA expecting around 400 - 500 athletes.
- 2. **Administrative Vice Chairman – Paul Jones:** Web site has been upgraded. Pass word protection, SWIMS Data Base.

#### **Report of Committees and Coordinators**

- 1. **Michigan Swimming Office – Membership/Registration Coordinator – Jan Cartmill:** (Attachment C).
- 2. **Finance Chair –Tom Dudley:** (Attachments D).
- 3. **Program Operations – Larry Merte:** The participation in overall meets in the past year was high. Only one meet had to be cancelled. Long course meet schedule will be finalized by the end of week of May 8<sup>th</sup> 2006.
- 4. **Officials Committee – Dan Meconis:** More officials are beginning to sign up for apprenticeship program due to flexibility in program.
- 5. **Program Development – Ahern Naylis:** JO concerns will be looked at and addressed. Time standards may be changed. Two meets may be considered.

Meeting adjourned, 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Bouchey  
Secretary