

Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

July 15, 2018 by Conference Call

Members in attendance: Scott Bliss, UN, Executive Director; Lauren Cassou, Athlete Representative and Safe Sport Athlete Co-Chair Elect; Ingenue Cobbinah, EKC, Diversity and Inclusion Chair and Safe Sport Chair Elect; Judith Deedy, KCB, General Chair Elect; Shawn Geil, TSA, Member at Large and Secretary Elect; Natalie Haag, TSA, General Chair; Gardner Howland, KCB, Senior Chair; Morgan Jones, Athlete Representative and Safe Sport Athlete Co-Chair Elect; James Kuhlman, WKSC, At Large Member; Michael Meloy, WAR, Coach Representative; Cameron Murphy, Athlete Representative; Courtney Myers, Junior Athlete Representative; Curtis Myers, BWST, Officials Chair and Administrative Vice Chair Elect; Katie Price-Norman, AAAA, Age Group Chair; Wendy Savley, CSC, Treasurer; Dulcy Sellon, UN, Secretary; Bob Shearer, TSA, Technical Planning Chair; Steve Winfrey, UN, Treasurer Elect.

Natalie Haag called the conference call meeting to order at 7:03 pm. She thanked the retiring members of the Board of Directors for their work for Missouri Valley Swimming. She asked Courtney Meyers for the athlete's report.

Courtney reported that awards would be presented on September 15. The athlete Committee had gotten some response to their requests for athlete nominations. The committee is considering having towels as athlete awards. The committee also plans to add a reception as a social event for athletes.

Scott made a report on the upcoming USA Convention and stated that he still needed people attending to make reservations for airfare reimbursement. A Convention email will also be coming to them. Courtney stated that they are working to get more male athlete representatives.

Since Mark Sutton was not available for a budget report, Scott continued his report saying that the future handling of Flex Membership registration in SWIMS was still under planning at USAS. He will continue to track this. He also has posters to prompt clubs to register swimmers prior to their competition. He is still waiting for FAQ from USAS to enhance this. Katie stated that she thinks clubs already present this information to their members. Board members thought this registration prior to competition issue is still a current one.

Judith Deedy reported that she is awaiting commitments from folks tapped for the Central Zone Board of Review and Sanctions Appeals appointments.

Scott reported that the next time MV can host a Swimposium will be 2019. MV has selected a 2020 slot for this and will probably build the event around the fall meeting. The Board decided to set a date for this and to set up a planning committee for it.

Natalie asked the Board to consider the Sport Development Director –Job Description that she had emailed to Board Members. This description was what had been available at the Spring MV meeting. She suggested having someone with a similar existing position be available for discussion of their work at the fall MV meeting. Gardner Howland suggested that MV needed to make a careful selection for this position. We need feedback from MV on what this position should be undertaking and whether the position would be full or part time. He suggested talking with other LSC's with information on the position at the USAS Convention. Scott was charged to find some contacts at the Convention for consultation on this.

Natalie asked Scott for information on the upcoming MV fall meeting. Scott reported that the schedule was set but the location for the meeting at Blue Valley High School or Blue Valley North High School was still to be determined. Clinics and meetings would be on Saturday and the House of Delegates meeting would be on Sunday. Curtis Meyer reported that there will be two clinics for officials as usual. Mike Meloy reported that he is working on an update for coaches' email addresses. He wants to create a comprehensive communication document so coaches can be contacted easily. He plans to have this prepared for the fall meeting and will have the Coaches Committee emphasize the need for coaches to submit current information with their registrations.

Natalie stated that no new budget changes had been reported. Scott stated that he might have requests for funds for workshops but that these would be small changes. He would be working on the proposal for the penalty to be assessed clubs for entering unregistered swimmers in a meet. Curt Myers stated that he had been working with Dave Carpenter and had gotten information from VA about a link from USAS for online Stroke and Turn clinics/tests for officials. This costs the official \$25 but he felt this might be a useful option for WKSC officials who have long distances to travel to attend S&T clinics. He suggested that MV charge \$30 for this link and that the Officials' Chair provide the link for the test. Natalie asked how many 'keys' for the link to the S&T clinic would MV need to purchase? Curt suggested MV purchase 20 keys initially and add a \$500 line item to the budget for this. Ingenu suggested that a link for this be added to the MV webpage. Scott stated that he thought this would be well received and used. Curt made the motion to add \$500 to the budget for the purchase at \$25 each for these S&T 'keys' which would be sold for \$30 and that the officials chair and Treasurer coordinate for replacement 'keys' as the need arises. Ingenu seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Natalie stated that this amendment to the budget would be sent to Mark and that he would send the budget out for approval by the Board with the amendment 30 days before the fall meeting.

Bob Schearer reported that the Technical Planning Committee was working to compile the numbers of swimmers who would be eligible to participate in the Outreach Policy Program and the amount of funds needed for this. The numbers will determine the amount of surcharge on championship meet entries that would be needed. The committee is looking at adding a \$5 surcharge for the funding. Bob stated that the committee would get the numbers for this program before the fall meeting and would update the Board on the numbers of eligible swimmers and the amount to be considered for funding these swimmers' fees.

Natalie asked the Board to consider the By-Laws line on Limitations which states that no more than 3 members or coaches of any Club Member or Affiliated Group Member of MV shall serve on the Board of Directors at any time. The question that needs to be considered is how to determine affiliation. Would a person registered as unattached be considered unaffiliated even if he/she still retained governance ties to a club or had a child who was a member of a club. Curt suggested that if a person had a swimmer who had aged out of swimming and had no governance ties to a club, that person would be considered unattached. Bob agreed with this definition. Gardner asked that this be considered carefully since the LSC wants people to work for the LSC and be invested in its goals. He suggested that the coaches also consider this and that it be taken up at the fall meeting. Natalie asked Judith if she wanted more input on the issue and she responded that she did not.

Other Actions

Fall Meeting agenda

Bob's outreach proposal

Budget update

Sport Development Director job description discussion and input at USAS Convention

Ingenue reminded Board about the needed funding for the 2019 multi cultural meet for which more information will be forthcoming

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm Central time.

Respectfully submitted,

Dulcy Sellon, MV Secretary

