

**Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc**  
**House of Delegates Meeting, Roeland Park, KS**  
**April 7, 2018**

Members in Attendance (\* indicates voting member): AAAA, Patrick Norman\*, Katie Price-Norman\* (Age Group Chair); ANDR, Al Stephenson\*; BWST, Brent Graham\*; CAST, Wendy Vernon\*; CNS, Todd Harvey\*; COOL, Rob Kelley\*; CSC, Todd Kramer\*; EKC, Mike Goddard\* (At Large Member Appointee), Ingenuie Cobbinah\* (Diversity and Inclusion Chair), Carmen Mengers\*, Marjorie Sherard\* (Safety Chair); FTLL, LeeAnne Dunham\*, Kenny Woodlief\* (At Large Member Appointee); JCAY, Abbie Schattgen\* (At Large Athlete Appointee), Sherryl Wittrock\*; KCB, George Adcock\*, Gardner Howland\* (Senior Chair); KCSA, Brandon Heredia\* (At Large Athlete Appointee); LA, Payton Grunelson\* (At Large Athlete Appointee), Andrew Schmidt\*; LTK, Christian Moreland\*; MM, Hannah Garner\* (At Large Athlete Appointee), Richard Taylor\*; MMM, Matthias McManus\*, NLU, Courtney Myers\*(Athlete Representative), Curtis Myers (Officials Chair); NWSC, Clinton Bailey\*; RA, Tyler Calvert\*; SAC, Chris Comcav\*; TSA, Adam Florence\* (At Large Member Appointee), Tarrin Fisher\* (At Large Athlete Appointee), Zeke Metz\* (At Large Athlete Appointee), Shawn Geil\* (At Large Member Appointee), Natalie Haag\* (General Chair), Bob Shearer\* (Technical Planning Chair); TST, Tom Kleiboeker\*, Cameron Murphy\* (Athlete Representative); UN, Scott Bliss, Executive Director, Dulcy Sellon\* (Secretary) Mark Sutton\* (Finance Chair); WAR, Michael Meloy\*(Coaches Representative); WAS, Steve Buehne\*; WKSC, Erik Wiechman\*(Member at Large to the Board), Leann Wiechman\*; WNYN, Nate Jensen\*; WSC, Alison Pick\* (Senior Coaches Representative).

Natalie Haag, General Chair, called the House of Delegates meeting to order at 3:15. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2017 House of Delegates meeting. The motion was made and seconded. All voted aye.

#### Finance Committee Report

Mark Sutton reported that MV had senior travel funds still to pay and had added funds for the diversity camp. He had been able to move funds to our Merrill Lynch investments. MV had added three new meets but lost four and as a result collected \$5000 less in Splash fees. USA Swimming will again increase their registration fee by \$2. MV's fee would move from \$62 to \$64 to match this increase. MV wishes to raise our registration fee to \$72 for both full year swimmers and non athletes to generate funds for the Sports Development Director position. Also the Zone meet and the All Star meet will not be team travel events so that money can be used for the position. The proposed budget includes a \$72 registration fee. If this is adopted it will start September 2018. The motion was made to approve the budget with the fee increase. Alison Pick seconded the motion and all voted aye.

#### **Old Business**

The job description for the Sports Development Director position has been posted. Members can make additions to this after the meeting if they wish. The Coaches' committee and Athletes' committee will be

encouraged to provide input on the position as well. Missouri Valley will move forward in developing, funding and implementing the position.

## **New Business**

### Elections

Natalie thanked the nominating committee for their work compiling the list of candidates. The candidates are: General Chair-- Judith Deedy, Administrative Vice Chair-- Curt Myers, Treasurer--Steve Winfrey, Secretary--Shawn Geil, Member at Large--Amy Hoppenrath, Safe Sport Chair--Lauren Cassou and Morgan Jones. Natalie noted that two athletes are listed for the Safe Sport Chair. She stated that the Board recommended that the two athletes serve as Safe Sport Athlete Co- Chairs and the nominations be amended to include Ingenue Cobbinah as the Safe Sport Chair. Natalie asked for any nominations from the floor. None were offered. She asked that the slate of candidates as amended by the Board be elected by acclamation. Mark Sutton made the motion for this which was seconded and all voted aye.

### Outreach Policy Proposal

Bob Shearer, Technical Planning Chair, presented the committee's outreach proposal to the House. The proposal is targeted to help outreach swimmers get into swimming. The population would be those swimmers who have a family income that allows them to receive reduced price school lunches plus 30%. Those who qualify would receive up to 50% of their monthly swim fees up to \$75. The team would be responsible to let Scott know that the swimmer was continuing to swim and that the club had received payment for a portion of the swimmer's fees. To fund the proposal, Bob suggested raising the 15% meet host payment to 16%. House members discussed the proposal. The question was asked if clubs have their own scholarship programs and all clubs represented at the meeting stated that they did offer swimmer scholarships. Another question asked was whether MV needed two funds, one to provide support for the proposal and the other to provide funds to cover meet expenses. Bob suggested that the committee could research how many outreach swimmers would be eligible, the funds needed to provide assistance and MV clubs current assistance to its own swimmers. The motion was made to move forward with research on this proposal for presentation at the fall meeting. The motion was seconded and all voted aye.

### Championship Meet Size Resolution.

Alison Pick, Coaches Chair, reported that the coaches decided to address the issues around Championship meet size by adjustments to meet time standards. The General Chair announced that based upon this recommendation, the Resolution was withdrawn from consideration. There were no objections to the withdrawal.

## **Officer and Committee Reports**

### General Chair

Natalie reported that John Maynard plans to retire as the MV Sanctions Chair. She expressed the House's appreciation of his many years of service to MV in this position. The new Administrative Vice Chair is tasked with finding his replacement. She asked all those interested in attending the USA Swimming Convention to contact her and reminded those who are scheduled to attend to let her know by June 1 if they will be attending.

#### Athlete Representatives

The athletes will again hold an awards banquet. Teams have also been contacted to provide two athlete representatives. Junior and senior representatives are needed.

#### Coaches Committee

Alison Pick announced that George Adcock had been selected as Coach of the Year. The summer Sectional Championship will be held at Jenks.

Age Group Chair, Senior Chair, Diversity and Inclusion Chair's reports can be found on line on the MV website.

#### Safety Coordinator

Marjorie Sherard has been appointed as Safety Chair to replace Andrew Schmidt.

#### Officials Chair

Curtis Myers reminded the House members that officials are responsible to report any safe sport issues they encounter. If an official hears or sees a safe sport issue they need to report it.

#### Records Chair and Top Times Tabulator

Shawn Geil reported that LC records are now on the website. These can be downloaded to a club's meet information. He is still working on SC records. If clubs want girl's high school meet results sent to USAS Swims times, clubs need to send Shawn form C.

#### Other Business

Natalie reported that the Board had discussed the possibility of penalizing a club and meet host if a post meet recon report shows that an unregistered swimmer participated in the meet. An unregistered participant means that insurance is void for all participants and USAS is becoming very strict in examining registrations when confronted with meet accidents. This penalty issue will be considered in September.

Natalie asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made and seconded and all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dulcy Sellon, MV Secretary