

## Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc.

House of Delegates Meeting, April 19, 2015, Roeland Park, KS

**Members in Attendance:** AAAA, Jolisa Buchner (Treasurer), Adam Florence (Member at Large), Patrick Norman, Katie Price; ANDR, Deann Gadalla, Al Stephenson; BWST, Brent Graham; CSC, Dilynne Huskey (Member at Large), Todd Kramer, Chris Lorson (Member at Large); Club North, Todd Harvey; ESC, Mariah Hutchinson, CJ Roberts; FTLL, Helen Lochow; HASC, Karla Bruntzel, Michael Weber; HYSC, Lyn Morris; JCAY, Joyce Nichols, Kimmi Schattgen, Sherryl Wittrock; KA, Cassie Campbell (Board Member at Large); KCB, Gardner Howland, Marjorie Sherard; KCSA, Bonnie Boyles, Tom Ringwelski; LA, Andrew Schmidt; MCV, Gerri Hart; MM, Rob Putnam; MSA, Canaan Campbell (Athlete Member at Large); PEST, Melissa Plum; NLU, Mike Ballard; SAC, Brian Burmester, Debbie Smith; TSA, Dave Carpenter (Officials Chair), Shawn Geil (Member at Large), Natalie Haag (General Chair), Dwight Parman (Member at Large), TST, Tom Kleiboeker; UN, Amy Hoppenrath (Administrative Vice Chair), Dulcy Sellon (Secretary), Mark Sutton (Member at Large); WAS, Steve Buehne; WKSC, Erik Wiechman; WSC, Phil Knapp (Member at Large), Brian Kupferer, Alison Pick

General Chair, Natalie Haag, called the meeting to order at 11:00 and asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the House of Delegates meeting of September 28, 2014 as posted on the MV website. The motion was made and seconded and approved.

Tom Klieboeker presented the nominating committees' slate of candidates who will serve a two year term beginning in October, 2015. The candidates are Catherine Wilson as Treasurer, Mark Sutton as Finance Chair, Eric Reid as Technical Planning Chair, CJ Roberts as Program Development Chair, Canaan Campbell as Athlete Representative, Mariah Hutchinson as Safety Coordinator, David Carpenter as Officials Chair, and Erik Wiechman as At Large member. Natalie thanked the nominating committee, Tom Kleiboeker, Dilynne Huskey, Canaan Campbell, and Phil Metz, and asked for a motion to accept the slate as presented. Following a motion and a second, Gardner Howland asked for discussion on the motion and that the slate of candidates had not been distributed prior to the meeting. Natalie explained that she thought this information was distributed with the packets and she apologized for this oversight. Gardner also stated he thought the Senior Chair needed to be a coach and that the Senior Chair should be responsible to technical planning. Natalie pointed out that the Senior Chair was not currently up for election and that position was held by a coach. She also explained that the duties of the Senior Chair would remain the same and that the Technical Planning Chair was responsible for the strategic direction of the organization rather than the technical planning of the meets and schedules. Al Stephenson asked for information on the changes in the By-Laws. Natalie explained that the Technical Planning Chair was a new position and that CJ Roberts who had been the Age Group Chair was nominated to be the Program Development Chair which

replaces the Age Group Chair in the By-Laws. The Finance Chair is also a new position. The Technical Planning Chair will oversee planning to ensure that all rules are followed. The motion was made to elect the slate as presented. The motion was seconded and in a voice vote the ayes prevailed.

Jolisa presented the treasurer's report. She noted that funds from full year club registrations were down and this would be researched with Scott. All the rest of the budget line items are within their budgeted amounts. The Board of Directors voted to move \$20,000 from the MV Checking account to the Money Market fund. The All Star and Zone meet budget lines have been combined to give more latitude in planning for those meets. The meets will appear as separate lines in the Profit and Loss report. CJ made the motion to accept the budget report as presented. Clarence Aitken seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Scott Bliss presented the 2015-2016 short course meet schedule which the Board of Directors had approved. Steve Buehne asked to change the date of the WAS winter meet as it fell on the same weekend as the Salina meet. He is willing to move to the weekend before or after these scheduled meets. Gardner Howland said that the coaches' committee discussion led to his request to move the Senior Circuit #2 meet to January 16-17. The coaches will discuss changes to the Mid West Winter Classic's format. Bids are anticipated with the change of format. The motion was made to accept the 2015-2016 short course meet schedule with the changes to meet dates for the WAS meet, the Senior Circuit #2 meet and the anticipated change to the Midwest Winter Classic format. Marjorie Sherard seconded the motion and all voted aye.

### **Reports of Officers, Chairs and Coordinators**

General Chair, Natalie Haag, thanked Marjorie Sherard for securing our meeting rooms. She also thanked the nominating committee for their work. She thanked Dwight Parman and his audit committee, Haley Molden, our athlete representative, Debbie Maynard and Sarah Smith, our coach representative on the committee for their work and completion of the audit. She stated that the task forces had provided MV with a great service and she thanked them for their efforts. The By-laws task force was staffed by Natalie Haag, Brian Fries (Kansas City), Rachael Pirner (Wichita), Tom Keiboecker (Coach) and Chris Carpenter (Athlete). The Rules task force was staffed Amy Hoppenrath, Noah Reid (Athlete) and Katie Price (Coach).

Senior Chair, Brian Kupferer, reported that the Senior Circuit #2 meet would have a changed date as per the meet schedule discussion. The committee will be looking at changes for the dates for the Championship meets and will bring a proposal for this to the MV fall meeting. In order to enhance senior swimming, the committee is considering awarding points for places at the senior circuit meets and making awards based on points accumulated at the three circuit meets. Columbia Swim Club is also considering adding a long course meet for April, 2016.

CJ Roberts presented the Championship Meet proposals. (i) The Winter Qualifier would add the 500 and 400IM at a 'B' qualifying time for 13-14 and 15 and over. 10 & under and 11-12 events would be in the am and 13-14 and 15 and over would be in the pm. There would be no minimum qualifying time. Swimmers must be slower than the single age time standard: 10 & under, 'BB', 11, 12, 13 and 14 'A' single age and 15 & over 'BB'. (ii) The Midwest Winter Classic meet would add the 200's of strokes for 13-14 and the events would follow the senior 200's of the corresponding strokes. Using USA Swimming single age time standards, the 10 & under qualifying times are 'BB', 11, 12, 13, 14 qualifying times are 'A' and 15 & over qualifying times are 'BB'. The 1000 and 1650 would be swum together and scored separately. A swimmer qualifying for one distance also qualifies for the other distance event. The top two finishers from the Winter Qualifier automatically qualify for the Winter Classic. The top three finishers would receive medals and there would be a high point award for each age group. No ribbons would be awarded. There would be no gamble swims. Swimmers making one event can swim two bonus events up to a maximum of seven events for the weekend. Bonus events are only for 200's and down and the swimmer must have a provable time; i.e. the swimmer must have swum the event previously. (iii) Spring District meets would add 200 IM as prelim/finals for 13-14 and a change in the order of events by swapping the 13-14 and Senior 200 IM with the 400IM. The 400 IM would be timed finals. (iv) Spring LSC Championship meets would have 11-12 200 IM/ Free as prelim/finals and 10 & under 200 IM/Free as timed finals. Meets may add five minute breaks between each event cycle for 12 and Unders if pool timeline necessitates. Swimmers making one event may swim two bonus events up to a maximum of seven events on the weekend. Bonus events are only offered for 200's and down and swimmers must have a provable time. (v) The summer championship meet would have the 11-12 200 free/IM as prelim/finals and this would be in effect for the summer of 2015. The meet would adopt a new event schedule. The 13 and overs would swim together in prelims but be separated for finals. The top 16 swimmers would make the finals. The meet may add up to 10 minutes breaks to the 10 & under session after each event cycle if the time line necessitates. Swimmers making one event may swim two bonus events up to a maximum of seven events on the weekend. Bonus events are only for 200's and down and a swimmer must have a provable time.

Registration Chair, Scott Bliss, reported that no officials' cards will be mailed for the 2016 registration year which starts in September, 2015. Officials may go to the OTS to print out a card showing their status. He encouraged clubs to send in all necessary documents (reduced price school lunch statement or income tax statement) for swimmers they wished to have registered as outreach swimmers. He will begin using Quick Books on line and ACH (Automated Clearing House) for processing club registrations and payments. He will be contacting clubs about how to do this procedure. The cost will be \$.50 per batch. He has made some changes to the website to make the schedule more visible and welcomes suggestions for website improvement. Patrick Norman mentioned that the Club Portal on the USA Swimming website

was very useful for clubs to check on their registrations and to find swimmer reports. Scott stated that passwords for the club portals can be secured from the club development staff at USA Swimming.

Coaches' Representative, Todd Kramer, reported that the coaches committee is working to have more coaches attend the USA Swimming Convention in Kansas City in September. A budget for this will be created. The coaches also discussed the future of the MV timing system and clubs will be asked if they want to purchase parts of the system or the whole system.

Records Chair, Shawn Geil, reported that there is a MV LSC portal on the USA Swimming website and he will post the MV Running Top 8 there as well as the MV Open and District records. He can go back to 2003 for the records from the SWIMS database. This activity will take most of the summer. He can also do proof of times for meet host for meets that have time requirements. Only sanctioned meets will go into the records, no observed meets such as high school championships. Discussion from members sought an answer to what date would be used as a beginning for records for 11-12 200 event swims. This will be discussed and voted on in new business.

Officials Chair, Dave Carpenter, reported that officials' clinics are listed on the website. If a club wishes to have a clinic, they may contact Dave to schedule it.

Sanctions Chair, John Maynard, reported that all sanctions are current.

Outreach Chair, Clarence Aitken, reported that a study had been made to determine how clubs can efficiently recruit officials. Natalie has a copy of the report. Many options are presented and clubs with officials' coordinators seemed to fare best.

Amy Hoppenrath reported that the MV Board of Review no longer exists. Board of Review issues are now sent to the Central Zone Board of Review. Sanction Reviews are now also sent to the Central Zone Sanction Review Board. The Central Zone website provides information on how to undertake Zone level reviews.

Diversity Chair, Marjorie Sherard, reported that there will be a diversity meet in Indiana from June 12-14. Information on the meet and applications for it will be posted on the website. Diversity will be defined broadly.

### **New Business**

CJ Roberts made the motion to amend the By-laws which includes a statement to allow the Board of Directors to make housekeeping changes as needed. The amendments include: (1) moving Article 5.1.1 item (K) to 5.1.2 to make the voting rights of the At-Large Members of the Board consistent with the provisions outlining the duties of these members; (2) amending

Article 15.2 by striking “correspond to the calendar year” and replace it with “begin September 1 and end August 31<sup>st</sup>”; amending Article 6.7.10 to add at the end of the section, “The Senior Coach Representative is responsible for preparing the travel funds budget for presentation to the Board and distributing the travel funds.”; amend Article 8.5 so that in the first sentence “third month” will be changed to “fifth month” and the following sentence will be added: “The audit’s completion date and reporting requirement to USA Swimming may be extended by a period equal to any filing extension the MVS may have obtained from the Internal Revenue Service for its federal income tax return.” Clarence seconded the motion. Member discussion sought clarification on some statements which were resolved. All members voted aye for the amendment motion.

Information on the Rules changes was provided. The Rules will state that with the exception of championship meets, all meet requests are granted based on a free market approach. This rule better aligns MV with USA Swimming’s free market approach to granting meet sanctions. This approach helps ensure our policies in the case of a potential sanctions appeal to the Central Zone Review Board. The motion to approve the By-Laws and Rules as now amended was made and seconded and all voted aye.

Dwight Parman explained the work he and the audit committee had undertaken. He thanked the committee and Jolisa for the effort made to complete the audit. Balance sheets were compared to the treasurer’s documents and the 990 form for nonprofits was examined. Corrections to this where needed were made and the completed audit was submitted to USA Swimming. Dave Carpenter made the motion to accept the audit report. CJ Roberts seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Natalie asked for a motion to accept numbers (i) and (ii) of the Championship meet proposals presented by CJ earlier in the meeting. Todd made the motion which was seconded by Helen Lochow and all voted aye. She asked for a motion to accept (iii) and (iv) as presented by CJ. Dave made the motion which was seconded by Cassie Campbell and all voted aye. Natalie requested a motion to accept (v) which will be in effect immediately. Dave made the motion, seconded by Tom Kleiboeker and all vote aye.

Natalie stated that the USA Swimming Convention will be held in Kansas City this September and MV should be able to have many members attend. Members can attend for one day or the complete session. Jolisa is working on a budget which will cover registration costs, hotel, and transportation mileage costs to determine how many members MV will be able to have attend. Todd and Dave will be contacting coaches and officials to encourage them to attend. Amy stated that members may attend any meeting they wanted and encouraged attendance at the Central Zone meetings and the House of Delegates meeting. She stressed that we need to encourage athletes to attend also.

Natalie asked members to determine what date should be used for determining records for 200's of stroke for 11 and 12 year old swimmers. Patrick Norman made the motion to include records for 11-12 200's of stroke starting when MV started offering these events at its championship meets. Todd asked if both District and Citizen records should be recorded. Tom Kleiboeker stated both should be recorded. Patrick agreed to this friendly amendment to motion and with this addition Tom seconded the motion. All voted aye.

No additional business being presented, Clarence Aitken made the motion to adjourn. Jolisa seconded the motion and all vote aye. The House of Delegates meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dulcy Sellon, MV Secretary