

## Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc.

### House of Delegates Meeting, October 10, 2015, Roeland Park, KS

**Members in Attendance:** AAAA, Adam Florence, *Member at Large*, Patrick Norman, *Program Operations Chair*, Katie Price, Catherine Wilson, *Treasurer*; BWST, Brent Graham; CAST, Wendy Vernon; CNS, Steven Gardner, Todd Harvey; CSC, Gary Galbreath, Todd Kramer, *Coach Representative*; ESC, Mariah Hutchinson, *Safety Chair*, CJ Roberts, *Program Development Chair*; FTLL, Helen Lochow; HASC, Michael Weber; HYSC, Lyn Morris; JCAY, Sherryl Witrock; JCKW, Shawn Klosterman; KCB, Gardner Howland; KCSA, Tom Ringwelski; MM, Rob Putnam; MMM, Matthias McManus; MSA, Danny Murphy; PEST, Melissa Plum; NLU, Mike Ballard, Judy Wagner; NWSC, Clinton Bailey; SAC, Cheri Gillis, Kerry Gillis; TSA, Richard Allen, Natalie Haag, *General Chair*, Bob Shearer; TST, Tom Kleiboeker, *Coach Representative*; UN, Clarence Aitken, *Seasonal League Outreach Coordinator*, Scott Bliss, *Executive Director*, Amy Hoppenrath, *Administrative Vice Chair*, Dulcy Sellon, *Secretary*, Mark Sutton, *Finance Chair*; WAR, Michael Meloy; WKSC, James Kuhlman, *Member at Large*; WSC, Phil Knapp, *Member at Large*, Alison Pick

Natalie Haag called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. She stated that the Audit Report has been removed from the Consent Agenda. It will be completed soon by Finance Chair, Mark Sutton and submitted for approval by the House of Delegates voters by electronic vote. The motion was made and seconded that the Remaining items on the consent agenda be accepted as presented and all voted aye. (For the Consent Agenda items see <https://www.teamunify.com/EventShow.jsp?id=572320&team=mvslsc> )

#### **New Business**

Mark Sutton presented an update on the audit report. Dwight Parman did last year's audit report. This year's report will be completed soon. Revenues and fees have all been validated as have all line items, expenses, checks and ACH payments. The post August 31 bank statements will be reviewed shortly. Once that is completed the official audit report will be sent electronically to House Delegates for approval and then sent to USAS by January 1, 2016.

Mark next presented the 2016 budget report. The presented budget balances to \$0. The 2016 budget introduces two new budget items. "Pending Board Approved Expenses" was added to capture the potential adoption of expenses yet to be approved by the Board and "Other Unallocated Expenses" was added to allow some flexibility in the budget line items for unknown but necessary expenditures. Registration fees will remain at \$60. USAS will increase its registration fee to \$54 so MV 2016 registration fee income will be less than 2015's given the same number of registrations. Natalie asked for a motion to accept the budget report. The motion was made and seconded and all voted aye. She noted that the Board of Directors would be holding a strategic planning session and would discuss MV's future fee structure given USAS' annual fee increase of \$2 for the next ten years.

Natalie proposed that Tom Kleiboeker, Dilynne Huskey, Phil Metz, Canaan Campbell, Curtis Meyer and Alison Pick be appointed to the nominating committee. The committee will be responsible for officer and committee chair nominations presented at the MV spring meeting. She asked for nominations to

the committee from the floor. None being offered, the motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed members to be the members of the nominating committee. All voted aye. She pointed out that Canaan Campbell is the athlete representative on the committee. MV needs to encourage more athlete participation on committees. To serve on the Board, the athlete must be 16.

Todd Kramer presented the Coach Committee report. The committee approved extending awards to the 15-18 age group for the summer District meets. At those meets the 400 IM would be moved to the end of the Friday session. The women's 800 free and the men's 1500 free would be on Sunday at the end of the session. The summer Championship would also present awards to the 15-18 age group. The 800 free would be moved to the beginning of the finals session and swimmers would face no limit on the number of time trials they could swim up to the maximum number of events allowed to them per day. A motion to accept these changes was made, seconded and all voted aye.

Patrick Norman, Program Operations Chair, reported that a Senior Travel Fund Task force would be assembled and would present a plan for travel fund allocations at the MV spring meeting.

Natalie asked for volunteers for the governance task force to examine issues raised by USAS changes.

CJ Roberts and Todd Kramer reported that they would be setting up a Championship meet task force.

Natalie asked for suggestions for a member to fill the Diversity and Inclusion Chair position. The person can be a non coach. Next summer there will be a diversity and inclusion camp in Omaha.

#### Discussion Items

Shawn Klosterman addressed the House with JCKW's request to change MV's boundaries so that JCKW could be in the Arkansas LSC. JCKW and SPA had moved their affiliation and hence their registrations to AK but their meets are still sanctioned by MV and MV receives meet fees from these meets. AK wants to receive these meet fees primarily so that JCKW would be contributing to the AK senior travel funds. JCKW now receives senior travel funds from AK but because its meets are in MV it does not contribute to the AK travel fund. JCKW wants to host the AK summer LSC Championship meet but AK will not allow that if it receives no fees from the meet. The three counties that would be removed from MV if the boundary change is approved would be McDonald, Newton and Joplin. Natalie stated that such a change proposal would need to be presented to the House 30 days before a vote could be taken. Shawn stated that USAS had told him that the change was a LSC decision and that both Houses needed to approve the change. The proposed change would then be sent to the USAS Rules committee who would then seek the approval of the USAS House of Delegates as a consent agenda item. Gardner Howland raised the issue of the future implications for MV resulting from carving out counties. For example, would Columbia seek to join Ozark and what would be the financial implications of losing the club? Natalie suggested that more information be supplied to MV and further discussion of the issue should be pursued.

Natalie referred to the annual meeting deadlines and stated that MV needed to secure a site for the spring meeting and make decisions for swimmer recognition and volunteer recognition activities.

Gardner said MV could use the Roeland Park site for its spring meetings. The fall 2016 meeting will be a Swimposium and swimmers and volunteers could be recognized at that event. CJ and Natalie said they would work on the recognition aspects of the program.

No additional items being raised, the motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and all voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 1:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Dulcy Selon, MV Secretary