

Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc. House of Delegates Meeting

April 8, 2017 Shawnee Mission North High School

Members In Attendance: AAAA, Patrick Norman, Katie Price, Age Group Chair; ANDR, Al Stephenson; BWST, Brent Graham; CAST, Wendy Vernon; CCSD, Zachary Wagers; CNS, Todd Harvey; COOL, Rob Kenley; CSC, Gary Galbreath; EKC, Bobby Mattin; FTLL, LeeAnne Dunham; JCAY, Sherryl Wittrock; KCB, Gardner Howland, Senior Chair, Mary Catherine Ivy; KCSA, Bonnie Boyles; LA, Heather Clark, Andrew Schmidt, Safety Chair; MAL, Hannah Molden; MMM, Matthias McManus; MSA, Danny Murphy; NLU, Mike Ballard, Curtis Myers; NWSC, Clinton Bailey; RA, Eric Huntsman; SAC, Chris Comeau; TSA, Adam Florence, At Large Appointee, Natalie Haag, General Chair, Bob Shearer; TST, Tom Kleiboeker; Un, Amy Hoppenrath, Administrative Vice Chair, Dulcy Sellon, Secretary, Mark Sutton, Financial Chair; WAS, Steve Buehne; WKSC, Leann Wiechmann; WSC, Alison Pick, Coaches Representative; WST, Jeff Stephens

Natalie Haag, General Chair, called the House of Delegates to order at 3:15 pm. She asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October, 2016 House of Delegates meeting. Alison Pick made the motion for approval. This was seconded and all voted aye.

Mark Sutton, Finance Committee Vice Chair, presented the financial report. He stated that MV is ahead of budget on Splash fees and other expenses are in line with the budget. The All Star meet expenses came in under budget. MV will have a large outlay for Zone expenses later in the fiscal year. Overall MV is in good financial shape. He reported that the Board of Directors has not yet received any new program requests and he asks that if clubs have new program ideas they bring them to the Board for approval and financing. Amy stated that USA Swimming is considering new membership categories and fees. We should know by May if the changes will affect our registration fees. MV's proposed fees for 2018 will be discussed under New Business. The motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report. All voted aye.

Old Business

Gardner Howland, Senior Chair, will continue to work on the issue of our LSC funding for college swimmers in MV. The allocation of funds for age group swimmers will be considered by the coaches committee and the planning committee. Ideas for redirecting funds from the All Star meet expenses will be considered.

New Business

Elections

The nominating committee presented the following slate of candidates:

Treasurer, Wendy Sayley; Finance Vice Chair, Mark Sutton; Junior Coach Representative, Mike Meloy; Technical Planning Chair, Bob Shearer, Officials Committee Chair, Curtis Myers; Program Operations (Senior) Chair, Gardner Howland; Diversity Chair, Ingenua Cobbinah; Athlete Representatives, Cameron Murphy and Courtney Myers; Member at Large, Erik Wiechman and James Kuhlman.

Natalie asked for nominations from the floor. None being made, the motion was made to cease nominations from the floor and to elect the presented slate of candidates. The motion was seconded and all voted aye.

By-Laws Amendments

The House was asked to approve a change to MV's by-laws. The change will be that throughout the By-Laws "Senior" will appear instead of "Program Development" and "Age Group" will appear instead of "Program Operations". This action restores the names for the positions MV had used in the past. The motion was made and seconded to approve these changes. All voted aye.

Proposed Meet Changes

The coaches committee states that the qualification standards for the LC Missouri Valley Championship meet will not change. Currently the July District championships will be hosted by WSC. A motion was made to have CSC host the LCM championship meet. This was seconded and all voted aye. The spring 2018 LSC championships need to have about 700 swimmers. The motion was made, seconded and adopted that these will be hosted by WSC in two pools. To enable the meet to achieve the 700 swimmer goal the motion was made that a bonus qualification standard be set for the meet. This was seconded and all voted aye. A friendly amendment was proposed that automatic qualifiers for the meet not be subject to the bonus qualification standard. All voted aye for this amendment. A motion was next made to allow only aggregation relay times for entries. The meet will still allow relay only swimmers but relay swimmers must be entered with their times. This was seconded and all vote aye. Bob Schearer asked that this relay provision be adopted for LC Championships as well and all voted aye. Katie reported that a head coach was needed for the Zone meet August 2-6 in Rochester, MN. The application for assistant Zone coaches will be posted online by April 15 and applications will be due May 1. The coaches committee also discussed not attending the All Star meet.

Proposed Fee Changes

The House next considered the Resolution on Missouri Valley Swimming LSC Fee Structure which is available online on the Missouri Valley website. The registration fees for 2018 were set at \$64 for full year athletes and non-athletes, \$40 for season 2 athletes, \$150 for full year clubs

and organizations and \$80 for seasonal clubs. The Resolution next listed the fee and sanction structure to be in effect April 8, 2017 upon acceptance of the Resolution. Bobby Mattin asked to amend #2 in this section. He requested that in prelim/final meets MV teams be allowed to charge up to \$7.50 per event and \$9.00 for a relay. This motion was seconded. Discussion brought forth the caution that teams charging high entry fees may lose swimmers. The fees to be charged would also need to be listed in the meet bids on the schedule. A vote on the motion was held by the voting delegates of the House and the motion failed. A second discussion focused on the need to set a limit on the surcharge meet hosts could charge swimmers. A motion was made to adopt the Resolution as written, that is, without a limit set to surcharges. This was seconded and all voted aye.

Scott stated that the online SC meet schedule will be updated. He requested that teams wishing to include information on surcharges let him know by June 15 so he can include that on the meet schedule. The motion was made and seconded to approve the Short Course meet schedule and all voted aye.

Officers Reports

Natalie asked those who plan to attend the USA Swimming Convention notify her. She also reported that work on LEAP II is continuing.

Athlete Representative, Cameron Murphy reported that they were encouraging teams to appoint athlete representatives to the committee. The committee has also begun a Twitter account to communicate with members and they were also working on a swimmer spotlight feature for the webpage. Tarrin Fisher, Kadisyn Kircher, Hannah Gardner, and Zeke Metz were other committee members attending the House of Delegates meeting. Natalie announced that Tarrin will be the MV representative to the Central Zone Board of Review and Central Zone Sanctions Review Committee.

Andrew Schmidt, Safety Chair, reported that safety training dates are posted on the website.

Ingenue Cobbinah, Diversity and Inclusion Chair, reported that applications for swimmers and a coach for the Multi-Cultural meet to be held in June in Columbus, Ohio will be on the website soon. She stated that she is working to set up mini-camps at an inner-city pool and volunteer hours for swimmers might be available from work at the minicamp. She hopes to have outstanding swimmers featured more on the website. She also requested that teams with past season t-shirts donate them for use as gifts and prizes at the mini-camp. She is very willing to pick these up from clubs. Information on the National Diversity Zone meet is also now available on the website.

Amy reported that USA Swimming has begun the search for the replacement for Executive Director, Chuck Wielgus. She will follow closely the proposed membership fee changes to be suggested by USA Swimming this spring.

Natalie announced that Curtis Myer is our new Officials Chair and that David Carpenter will be handling officials' certifications. She also announced that Al Stephenson had been selected Age Group Coach of the Year.

Scott asked that he be informed if members found dead end links on the MV website. USA Swimming has just launched a new website and he wants all links to that site to be good.

The motion to adjourn was made, seconded and adopted. The House of Delegates adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dulcy Sellon, MV Secretary