

## Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc. House of Delegates

October 4, 2014, Roeland Park, KS

Members in Attendance: AAAA, Jolisa Buchner, Patrick Norman, Katie Price; ANDR, Al Stephenson; BWST, Brent Graham, Ben Westbery; CNS, Todd Harvey; COOL, Rob Kenley; CSC, Amy Chenault, Gary Galbreath, Todd Kramer, Sarah Smith; FTLL, Helen Lochow; HASC, Michael Weber; HYSC, Lyn Morris; JCAY, Sherry Wittrock; KCB, Gardner Howland, Mariah Hutchinson, CJ Roberts, Marjorie Sherard; KCSA, Mary Jo Klier, Tom Ringwelski; LA, Andrew Schmidt; PEST, Tiffany Zaroor; MM, Rob Putnam; MMM, Mathias McManus; MSA, Ann Gibler; NLU, Mike Ballard; NWSC, Clinton Bailey; RA, Eric Huntsman, Elysia Niedernhofer; SAC, Harry Kaszycki; TSA, David Carpenter, Natalie Haag, Barry Neville; TST, Tom Kleiboeker, Chris Novak; UN, Amy Hoppenrath, Dulcy Sellon; WAS, Steve Buehne; WAR, Michael Meloy, Chad Maenholtz; WKSC, Shan Hanes; WSC, Brian Kupferer, Alison Pick; WNYN, Candace Pearson

Natalie Haag, General Chair, called the House of Delegates meeting to order at 1 PM. She stated that the sign in sheet would serve as the roll call and asked that everyone sign it. She asked for a motion to approve item 1 of the Consent Agenda, "Approval of the minutes from the House of Delegates Meeting of April 6, 2014, Roeland Park, Kansas, as posted on the Missouri Valley Swimming website." Todd Kramer made the motion for approval; CJ Roberts seconded the motion and all voted aye.

### REPORTS OF OFFICERS, CHAIRS AND COORDINATORS

Brian Kupferer, Senior Chair, reported that he will work with Scott to develop a form on the website for clubs to use to submit their athletes to receive travel funds. Brian reported that for 2015 there will be two short course Junior Nationals; three long course Legends meets with time standards 2.5% slower than 2013 long course junior standards. The summer juniors will have no change to the time standards. The qualifying period for both is 7/1/14 and the winter nationals will be in Seattle. The Olympic trials in Omaha will be June 26 to July 3, 2016 and tickets will be available 13 months out. The time standards have been published and the qualifying period is retroactive to July 30, 2014. He reported that enhancements will be made by the end of the year to club portal reports which will allow a coach to determine a swimmer's rate of improvement by stroke and distance and compare rates of improvement with the LSC, zone and nationally. He also reported that clubs who attended the Region VIII meet will be able to vote on the proposals for the meet. He reported that club development information at the USAS Convention had stated that 80% of children taking swim lessons do not think about joining a swim team so learn to swim programs are a possible recruitment site. He also reported that a new club recognition program would be coming from USA Swimming soon. Barry Neville, TSA, asked if MV had been assigned a Legends meet site yet. Randy Julian, USA Swimming Central Zone representative, stated that MV will be going to the Purdue University pool for the first year.

Amy Hoppenrath, Administrative Vice Chair, reported on the USA Swimming Convention's rule changes. In meets where a backstroke ledge is used, at the start swimmers toes must touch the pads. Mixed gender relays will be allowed. For racing starts, swimmers, prior to certification as proficient in racing starts, must start in the water. In the butterfly, disabled swimmers without leg function can touch the wall and recover underwater. Deck changes will be prohibited January 1, 2015. Before January 1 if a

referee sees the action, he/she will talk to the swimmer and coach expressing disapproval. After January 1 the coaches expressed an interest in establishing a penalty for the action and suggested that a swimmer be removed from the meet for the day if they undertake a deck change.

CJ Roberts, Age Group Chair, provided updates on the All Star meet. MV will be traveling to Indianapolis for the meet and team travel, except for 10 and unders, is mandatory. Katie Price will be head coach and CJ will serve as the team manager. There will be three assistant coaches and applications for the position will be posted on the web next week. Applications will be due November 17. Swimmer applications will be due December 15 and the team will be announced December 22. MV will enter four swimmers in each individual event but only three in the 13 and over mile. Swimmers are limited to 6 events. The eleven and over All Star swimmers should anticipate fees to be \$225; for ten and unders traveling with parents fees should be \$100. CJ also reported the changes approved in the spring of 2014 will have the top two finishers in each event at the Winter Qualifier automatically qualified for the Winter Classic. Qualifying times for the Classic will be NAG B times. For the District championships 10 and unders will have finals with the exception of 200's of stroke. The 13 and Over finals will have the top eight swimmers in the final with the next final having only the next eight 13 and 14 swimmers. At the Championships the Friday 11-12 500 free will precede the 400 free relay. All age groups will have a maximum of 7 events for the meet with three per session. Scott and Todd will assist CJ in determining which teams will be assigned to the district meet sites and the qualifying times for the meets will be posted online.

Scott Bliss, Executive Director, reported that the transition of the Missouri Valley website to a TeamUnify site has been the largest change for MV in the past year. He felt the site's information is still sparse but he will be working with Richard Winn to add legacy elements to the site and encourages clubs and coaches to provide feedback on the information they will find useful. He reported that he had been working with clubs to encourage their use of online registration which will be needed when USA Swimming moves to implement a new electronic registration method for clubs. Missouri Valley's nonathlete registration numbers are still strong but clubs need to recruit these nonathletes as officials. This is especially true for clubs hosting championship meets. Transfers forms can now be completed and paid online. Clubs should also use their club portals for registration information on swimmers, coaches and officials. He also reported that the USA Swimming Convention will be held in Kansas City next September and he hoped that many MV members would attend.

Scheduling Chair, Ann Gibler, reported that the coaches had determined that Blue Wave Swim Team would be awarded the east LC Missouri Valley District Championship and that Manhattan would be awarded the west LC District Championship meet. KCB and AAAA would be awarded the LC Missouri Valley Championships to be held at the Lawrence Indoor Aquatic Center.

Todd Kramer and Tom Klieboeker reported that the coaches had wanted to encourage attendance at the 2015 USAS Convention in Kansas City by providing funds for coaches and athletes to register for the convention. The coaches will also look at the order of events for the summer Long Course championships and have a proposal that will be voted on in the spring. The coaches also decided that

teams will submit names of three athletes to Todd and Tom for work on the MV committees and task forces. Todd and Tom will email the clubs as to which committees need athlete participation.

Natalie noted that the athlete's report from Heather Cistola and the Record Chair's report from Shawn Geil will be available on line.

David Carpenter, Official's Chair, reported that new referees had been trained at the morning's clinic and he encouraged teams who wanted to hold officials' clinics to contact him.

Marjorie Sherard, Outreach Chair, reported that upcoming diversity/outreach events in the Central Zone include a swim meet in Indiana in the summer of 2015 and a diversity camp in Omaha in the summer of 2016. She is also working to promote diversity by working with a local coach to develop a program in the KCMO school district to teach grade schoolers how to swim which will start in February 2015. She also encourages clubs to promote diversity through club activities such as holding a heritage night social gathering for team families or celebrate team diversity at an intrasquad swim meet.

Mary Jo Klier, Disability Chair, reported that Special Olympics holds a swim meet in the Kansas City area. USA Swimming's Make a Splash Foundation also provides resources for learn to swim programs which can reach disability swimmers. The YMCA works with autistic swimmers as does the Kansas Medical Center. She is available to provide information to clubs interested in further programs that include disabled swimmers.

#### NEW BUSINESS

CJ Roberts made the motion to approve the 2015 Long Course schedule and the revised time standards. Jolisa Buchner seconded the motion. Discussion brought forth the request to separate the two subjects. CJ restated her motion to approve the 2015 Long Course schedule approved by the coaches, Jolisa seconded the motion and all vote aye. Gardner Howland made the motion to approve the Time Standards as submitted except for the 15 and over standards. These standards would be worked on by a committee consisting of CJ, Scott and Brian to adjust the times so that they are between the current times and those proposed. Candace Pearson seconded the motion. Todd offered an amendment to the proposal setting a deadline of October 31 for this work to be completed and to add a third coach, Patrick Norman, to the committee. The vote was called and all vote aye for the amended motion.

The House next considered the legislation prohibiting deck changes as of January 1, 2015. Amy Hoppenrath made a motion that language be added to meet information and sanctions that until January 1, 2015 referees will talk to athletes and coaches if they witness a deck change. After January 1, a deck change will cause the athlete to be removed from his/her next event. Ann Gibler seconded the motion. Discussion focused on whether MV desired to establish punishment for the deck change action and if so to what degree. A vote by the House's voting delegate members was called. The motion failed. As of January 1, 2015 meet information and sanctions will say that deck changes are prohibited.

As of January 1, 2015 the MV Board of Review will no longer function as USAS legislation established a Central Zone Board of Review in its place. MV must select a nonathlete and an athlete to serve on the

Zone Board starting in January. MV must also select a nonathlete, athlete and coach to serve on the Central Zone's Sanctions Appeal Committee. The Board of Director proposes that John Maynard and Nathan Graber serve on the Board of Review and that John Maynard and Nathan Garber and Katie Price, selected by the Coach Committee, serve on the Sanctions Appeal Committee. Natalie Haag asked for nominees from the floor. None being offered the motion was made that the slates be approved, CJ seconded the motion and the motion was approved with one nay vote.

Natalie Haag stated that four task forces will be established to undertake work for LEAP I which must be completed by November 1, 2015. The task forces will be By-Laws and Governance, Rules, Financial Audit and Personnel. The Task force work will be done by March. Coaches will submit names for athlete participation on the task forces and for committee. Athlete time commitment for committee will be of longer duration than the task forces but will be less intense.

The Board has proposed members of the nominating committee which will develop a slate of candidates for election at the MV spring meeting. The Board's proposed members are Tom Kleiboeker, Dilynne Huskey, George Schluter, Candace Pearson and Canaan Campbell with Phil Metz as alternate. Natalie asked for nominations from the floor. There being none Dave Carpenter moved that the proposed members be accepted as the nominating committee by acclamation. Todd seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

The motion was made to accept the budget as approved by the Board of Directors. Tom seconded the motion. Todd Kramer made a motion to add a \$1000 line to the budget to allow officials traveling to a national meet to be eligible to receive their N3 certification to receive \$500 to offset their travel costs. It is anticipated that no more than two officials a year would seek this funding through the officials' committee. The funds would be available to an official only once. The amendment was seconded by Jolisa. All voted aye. Jolisa made the motion to accept the 2015 budget as amended. CJ seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Todd Kramer made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Tom Klieboeker. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dulcy Sellon, MV Secretary