

## **Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc.**

### **House of Delegates, October 9, 2016, Roeland Park, Kansas**

Members in attendance: AAAA, Katie Price (Program Development Chair); BWST, Brent Graham; BZRK, Shawn Klosterman; CNS, Todd Harvey, Michelle Janiak; COOL, Rob Kenley; CSC, Gary Galbreath, Todd Kramer (Coaches' Representative); HASC, Michael Weber; JCAY, Tod Schattgen; KCB, Gardner Howland (Program Operations Chair); KCSA, Tom Ringwelski; LA, Andrew Schmidt (Safety Chair); MM, Clyde Smith; MSA, Danny Murphy; NLU, Curtis Myers; RA, Sophia Brauer (Athlete Representative), Eric Huntsman; SAC, Katrina Thompson; TSA, Adam Florence (Member at Large), Shawn Geil (Member at Large), Natalie Haag (General Chair), Bob Shearer; UN, Scott Bliss (Executive Director), Amy Hoppenrath (Administrative Vice Chair), John Maynard (Central Zone Board of Review and Sanctions), Dulcy Sellon (Secretary), Mark Sutton (Finance Chair); WKSC, Shan Hanes, WNYN, Ashton Pearson (Athlete Representative), Candace Pearson (Safe Sport Chair); WSC, Philip Knapp, Alison Pick (Coaches' Representative).

Natalie Haag called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and asked everyone to sign the check in form which serves as the roll call. She asked that the Coaches Report and the Athlete's report be pulled from the Consent Agenda and for a motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. The motion to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items which included the minutes from the House of Delegates Meeting of April 19, 2016, Roeland Park, Kansas, as posted on the Missouri Valley Swimming website, and the Officers Reports (presented on the event page of the Missouri Valley Website), was made and seconded and all voted aye.

Ashton Pearson stated that the athlete's report had been posted on the website. She also stated that she had enjoyed attending the USA Swimming Convention which had allowed her to meet many other athletes. The athlete representatives plan to start a quarterly newsletter. They had learned at the Convention that other LSC athlete representatives had done this and found it useful in engaging their LSC athletes. They also plan to set up an athlete advisory committee to further engage MV athletes.

The Coaches' report will be discussed under New Business.

#### **New Business**

Todd Kramer stated that the coaches wished to make changes in the order of events for the short course championship meet. He wanted to make sure that 30 days notice was not needed before the changes could be proposed. Amy and Natalie stated that since this was not a rule change or a change to the by-laws the coaches could propose the meet changes. Katie Price-Norman then presented the changes to the short course MV championships sought by the coaches. After each item was presented a motion for acceptance was made, seconded and adopted. The following changes have been approved by the House of Delegates for the short course championships: 1. Relays will be swum at the beginning of Finals on Friday and Saturday. All Sunday relays will be swum in the morning session at the end of the preliminary session, 2. Relay age groups 13-14 and Open will be swum together but scored separately. For the long course championships the following changes were approved: 1. 10 and Under swimmers

may compete in one time trial each day of the meet regardless of the individual entry limit per day, 2. the 800 free relay will be added at the end of the Thursday evening session swum fast to slow, 3. Relay age groups 13-14 and Open will be swum together but scores separately, and 4. Friday/Saturday relays will be swum at the beginning of finals. Sunday relays will be swum at the end of the preliminary session and the 10 and Under relays will be swum at the end of the session for 10 and Unders.

Shawn Klosterman from the Berzerker swim team stated that his team wished to be able to bid in the Arkansas LSC for their championship meets. Berzerker has moved their registration from MV to Arkansas but because they are geographically still in MV they must sanction their meets through MV. In order to be able to host the Arkansas championship meet, Berzerker would need to be able to charge Arkansas meet fees. Berzerker currently hosts three meets and pays the MV meet sanction fee and 15% of meet fees to MV. Berzerker requested that they be able to sanction the Arkansas championship meet and pay MV its \$15 sanction fee and pay the Arkansas meet fees to Arkansas. Discussion pointed out that there would be no cost to MV from this request; Berzerker would still be holding its three meets sanctioned through MV. Gardner Howland made the motion to accept Berkerzer's request. Todd Kramer seconded the motion. Discussion of the motion raised the question if this request was to be in effect in the future or for this year only. Bob Shearer offered the friendly amendment that the request be made electronically to the MV Board of Directors annually for their approval. The amended motion was to allow Berzerker with annual approval by the MV Board of Directors to bid on the Arkansas championship meet with the \$15 MV sanction fee going to MV and the meet fees going to Arkansas. The amended motion was adopted.

Natalie stated that the Board wished to have the House of Delegates and coaches meetings held on the same day. The Board of Directors meeting would be held prior to the one day meeting. The earlier Board of Directors meeting would provide time for the Board to consider any rule change. There were no objections to this meeting format.

Mark Sutton, Finance Chair, presented the MV 2017 budget proposal. MV currently has \$387,363 in assets and \$18,608 in liabilities. He anticipates an increase in registration fee income from an Olympic bump which has in the past increased registrations. MV expenses for FY 2017 will increase due to the USA Swimming Convention in Atlanta, the Swimposium, an increase in senior travel fund reimbursements as a result of the Olympic trials meet and a salary increase for the executive director position. Mark expects to have excess funds for FY 2018-2020 without the additional expenses for the Swimposium and the Olympic year travel fund payments. He suggested that MV revisit its annual \$2 registration fee increase if more funds are desired. The motion was made and seconded to approve the MV 2017 budget and all voted aye.

The Missouri Valley 2017 long course meet schedule has been finalized. TSA will host the long course championship. A host for the MV East District Championship is still needed. Several coaches stated that they would explore the possibility of hosting the meet. Natalie asked for input for this meet within 30 days. The potential hosts should contact Scott. The motion to approve the meet schedule as presented without an East District Championship host was made and seconded and all voted aye.

The Missouri Valley travel policy will be examined by the task force chaired by Katie Price with members from the coaches committee, the senior committee, the athlete's committee and will present a report to the House of Delegates at the spring meeting.

Natalie announced that Gardner Howland had been appointed as Program Operations Chair, Katie Price as Program Development Chair. Katie Price, John Maynard and Tarrin Fisher have been appointed as MV representatives on the Central Sanctions Board of Review and John Maynard and Tarrin Fisher have been appointed to the Central Zones Board of Review. Amy Hoppenrath has been awarded a life time membership in USA Swimming. Scott mentioned that athletes can find their twitter link on the MV website.

The motion for adjournment was made and seconded and all voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dulcy Sellon, MV Secretary