

Missouri Valley Swimming, Inc

House of Delegates Meeting, April 10, 2016, Roeland Park, KS

Members in Attendance: AAAA, Adam Florence, Katie Norman, Patrick Norman, Program Operations Chair; ASA, Brynn Guardod; BWST, Brent Graham; CNS, Todd Harvey; Dilynne Huskey, Todd Kramer, Coach Representative; ESC, Ben Krekel; FTLL, Lee Anne Dunhum, Woody Woodlief; HYSC, Lyn Morris; JCAY, Kimmi Schattgen; KCB, Gardner Howland; KCSA, Tom Ringwelski; LA, Andrew Schmidt; MM, Rob Putnam; MSA, Daniel Murphy; NLU, Mike Ballard, Judy Wagner; NWSC, Clinton Bailey; PEST, Phil Gould; RA, Eric D. Huntsman; SAC, Debbie Smith; TSA, Shawn Geil, Natalie Haag, General Chair, Bob Shearer; TST, Tom Kleiboeker, Coach Representative, Eric Reid, Technical Planning Chair; UN, Scott Bliss, Executive Director, Amy Hoppenrath, Administrative Vice Chair, Dulcy Sellon, Secretary, Mark Sutton, Treasurer; WAS, Steve Buehne; WKSC, James Kuhlman, Member at Large, Erik Wiechman, Leann Weichman; WNYN, Candace Pearson; WSC, Phil Knapp, Member at Large, Alison Pick.

Natalie Haag, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:10 AM. She asked that all voting members make sure they had received their delegate identification card. She also asked all attendees to sign the circulating roster. The Consent Agenda items were provided to attendees. The agenda listed: Item 1, Approval of the minutes from the House of Delegates meeting of October 10, 2015, as posted on the Missouri Valley Swimming website; Item 2, Elect the following candidates for a two year term beginning October 2016 through September 2018 as presented by the Nominating Committee: Natalie Haag as General Chair, Amy Hoppenrath as Vice Chair, CJ Roberts as Program Development Chair, Dulcy Sellon as Secretary, Gardner Howland as Coach Representative, Greg Huskey as At Large Member, Ashton Pearson and Sophia Brauer as Athlete Representatives and appoint Andrew Schmidt as Safety Chair and Rob Putnam as Inclusion and Diversity Chair; Item 3, Accept and approve the Treasurer's written report; and Item 4, Adoption of the 2016-2017 Short Course Master Meet Schedule as presented by the Meet Scheduling Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.

Natalie asked if anyone wanted an item pulled. Scott Bliss requested that Item 4 be pulled. The motion was made and seconded to approve the three remaining items on the Consent Agenda. Natalie thanked the Nominating Committee for their work in preparing the slate of candidates and asked if there were further nominations. Mark Sutton made the motion to nominate Wendy Savely to be MV Treasurer. Gardner Howland seconded the motion. Discussion revealed that Wendy, from CSC, had handled financial matters before and had worked many meets as an Admin Referee. The House of Delegates all voted aye for this nomination. Mark also made the motion to nominate Curtis Meier to be Chairman of the MV Board of Review and to have Mike Meloy, David Wilson and Greta Pereira also serve on the Board. Tom seconded the motion and all voted aye.

The Board next discussed Item 4, the 2016-2017 Short Course Master Meet Schedule which had been pulled from the Consent Agenda. Scott reported that CSC was unable to secure the Mizzou Aquatic Center for the 11-11-2016 weekend and wanted to change the Jim Devine Invitational to 11-4-2016. WSC would continue to have their meet on the 11-11-16 weekend and KCSA and TST could remain on the 11-4 weekend with the understanding that they could change their date if they desired. Scott stated that he could send out a new schedule when the changes were finalized. Natalie asked for a vote to tentatively approve the schedule as presented and conduct an electronic vote for approval when the final changes to the schedule were completed. The House voted to tentatively approve the presented schedule and to hold an electronic vote for approval when the changes were complete.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, CHAIRS AND COORDINATORS

The Program Operations Chair's report was presented by Katie Norman. She reported that the Age group Committee recommended that the top two finishers in each event and each age group at the District meets regardless of time be invited to compete in that event at Championships (entered at the time achieved.) Each swimmer will be awarded two bonus events as long as they enter in the event they have achieved the LSC Champion Cut (entered at time achieved). She made the motion to approve this recommendation. The motion was seconded and all voted aye. She also reported some changes that had been accepted and which the Age Group Committee wished the House to make note of. These were that for the summer District meets the 400 IM had been moved to the end of the session on Friday and that the women's 800 and men's 1500 had been moved to the end of the Sunday session. Awards would be given for 15-18 age-group at Districts and the host team will pay for these. At the summer LSC Championships the top 8 heat of the 800 free will be at the beginning of the finals session on Sunday. Awards will be given for the 15-18 age-group at Champs and the host team will pay for these. There will be no limit on the number of time trials a swimmer may swim but the swimmer may not exceed the 3 event per day limit. At the Winter Qualifier/Winter Classic the rule for the top two finishers qualifying for the Winter Classic is that only the top two finishers in each event will be invited to the Winter Classic regardless of time and age. Katie reported that the Swimposium will be October 7 -9 and the committee expects to have a tentative agenda for it by the end of May. She also reported that she will serve as the team Manager for the 2016 Zone Meet. Eric Huntsman will be the Head Coach. The cost for the Zone meet will be \$350 for the 11-14 year old travel team; \$250 for the 11-14 no travel team and \$200 for the 10 and under no travel team.

Program Development Chair, Patrick Norman, reported that the Board of Directors had approved the Travel Fund Policy. This will be posted on the website. Patrick will publish the list

of meets for which swimmers may receive travel funds. The teams with swimmers eligible for travel support funds from last year have been paid.

Registration Chair, Scott Bliss, reported that our number of registered swimmers was down slightly this year. He anticipates an Olympic “bump” for registrations for 2017, however.

Coaches Representative, Todd Kramer, reported that the coaches had discussed the planning for the long course camps for 13 and over swimmers. The anticipated dates for these will be December 2016 and May 2017. The coach committee plans to clarify the language for the relay rule changes. The Age Group Coach of the Year voting site will be on the webpage for one more week. Tom Kleiboeker reported that when the camp format is completed it will be sent out to the coaches.

Records Chair, Shawn Geil, asked that teams submit requests for observation for high school championship and conference meets 10 days before the meet so observation can be secured. He suggested that teams submit Form C early in the high school season so that swimmer times can be uploaded faster.

Sanctions Chair, John Maynard, has submitted a written report which is available on the MV website.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The LSC boundary change request was moved to the conclusion of the meeting because no one from the requesting group had yet arrived at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Sutton, Treasurer, reported that USA Swimming would be increasing its registration fee by \$2 a year for the next ten years. MV charges a low registration fee and receives most of its funding from Splash/meet fees. He moved that MV increase its 2017 registration fee to \$62 for full year athletes and non athletes. This motion was seconded. In discussing the motion, Gardner Howland suggested that MV increase its fees by \$2 a year for the next ten years to match the USAS Swimming increases. Mark stated that USAS Swimming might be planning to change their fee increase proposal and suggested that MV add the \$2 to the fee just for 2017. The house voted to increase the registration fee for 2017 for full year athletes and non athletes to \$62.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Scott stated that Berzerker Swimming (formerly Jasper County Killer Whales) had been given its presentation for its requested boundary change at the last House of Delegates meeting. The

team wants to change the MV boundary so the Missouri counties of Jasper, Newton and McDonald would leave MV and move to Arkansas. The Berzerker team is the only team currently in the three counties. The move would cost MV \$3000 a year in lost fees. The House discussed the request and members expressed the desire not to lose territory at the edges of our LSC. Scott stated that the request had to be approved by a 2/3 vote of the House and that if both LSC's approved, the change then had to be approved by the House of Delegates at the USA Swimming convention. Bob Schearer made the motion to reject the request. All House members voted aye except Patrick Norman and Dennis Murphy who voted no. The request to change the MV boundary was defeated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Schearer stated that TSA was considering changing the True Blue Igloo meet to a prelim/final format. He asked for feedback from MV clubs on the desirability of having a prelim/final meet in the midst of the short course season.

Natalie offered a MV thanks to the At Large Members who had completed their terms with MV's Board of Directors.

Alison Pick announced that WSC would be hosting a SwimJitsu July 10 at the WSC pool. Information for swimmers for the event will be published on the web.

Amy Hoppenrath made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:10. Mark Sutton seconded the motion and all voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dulcy Sellon, MV Secretary