



Missouri Valley House of Delegates
September 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Attendance, please see attachment 1

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 by General Chair Judith Deedy.

Finance Committee Report – 2019 Budget

The budget discussion was deferred until later in the meeting.

Old Business

Sports Development Director Position Update

The General Chair reported on the proposed job description for a Sports Development Director including feedback from the Board of Directors. Discussion followed with the Delegates providing additional feedback. Members of the MVS delegation to the USA-S annual convention will be meeting with other LSC delegation members to discuss their experience with Sports Development Directors.

Outreach Policy Proposal

Technical Planning Committee Chair, Bob Shearer, presented an updated proposal based on feedback from the last HOD meeting and subsequent Board and committee meetings. A significant amount of discussion followed with input provided by coaches and non-athlete representatives. Specific items discussed included funding, accountability, and acceptable use for the funds.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the outreach program as recommended. Amendments were made to add that the meet attendance requirement was met only by open meets and to limit each team to a maximum of three athletes. MOTION APPROVED 26 yes, 16 no.

As approved the program will be funded by a \$.50 per splash surcharge on MVS sanctioned meets. The program will become effective January 1, 2019.

The HOD, by consensus, directed the Technical Planning Committee to provide to the Board of Directors acceptable implementation and administration plans prior to the program (and funding) beginning.

New Business

Long Course 2019 Meet Schedule

The proposed meet schedule was presented. There were two bids for the Long Course District Championships – East presented. Northland United withdrew their bid for the District -East Championships. This left Ad Astra Area Aquatics (AAAA) as the sole bid for District – East Championships. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Long Course meet schedule with the District – East championships awarded to AAAA. MOTION APPROVED

Time Standards

Time standards changes for the 2019 Short Course and Long Course championships were presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the changes. MOTION APPROVED.

Unregistered Swimmers Fine Resolution

A resolution was presented to develop a system of fines for unregistered swimmers participating at MVS sanctioned meets. A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution. MOTION APPROVED

Officer and Committee Reports

General Chair

Judith Deedy thanked retiring Board of Directors and House of Delegates members for their work. Judith announced her appointment of Alison Pick, Mike Ballard, Greg Huskey, Tatjana Alvegaard and Natalie Cannell to the nominating committee. Judith requested nominations for members to a re-established open water committee.

Administrative Vice-Chair

No report

Finance Vice-Chair

Mark Sutton presented the end of fiscal year (8/31/18) financial statements. Major drivers in expense reduction were related to travel fund requests and MVS team travel. Mark then presented the 2019 proposed budget. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the budget. MOTION APPROVED.

Treasurer

No report

Athlete Representatives

Courtney Myers presented the Athlete Representatives' report. She discussed the success of the awards ceremony. She also reported on efforts to build the athletes committee. Ideally, they would like to have two representatives from each team with one being a representative in the 13-15 age and one in the 16-18 age range. The athletes are also working to organize a used swim gear collection program and distribute the collected gear to athletes in need.

Coaches Committee

Alison Pick reported that all items from the Coaches Committee had been covered in other parts of the meeting.

Age Group Chair

Katie Norman presented the report. Katie presented the following items. All were approved by individual motion made and seconded.

- Winter Qualifier meet announcement
- Winter Classic meet announcement
- Winter Qualifier site assignments
- All-Star meet for MVS to attend (being held by Midwestern Swimming)
- Coach of the Year selection process
- Diversity and Inclusion camp
- Move to one site beginning in 2020 for Long Course District Championships

Senior Chair

Gardner Holland presented the report. He highlighted some of the swims by MVS athletes during the past year. Gardner reported on overall good attendance by MVS at the sectional meets. He also reported that USA-S and KSHSAA would most likely be looking to trim the number of meets on the Olympic Development Program list. He asked for suggestion on appropriate meets to include by September 30, 2018.

Technical Planning Chair

Bob Shearer reported that all items from the Technical Planning Committee had been covered in other parts of the meeting.

Safety Coordinator

Marjorie Sherard reported on efforts to develop of list of instructors qualified to provide water safety training to coaches.

Safe Sports Chair

The General Chair is looking for replacement for the Chair. If interested, please contact Judith. Additional information was provided on USA-S' Safe Sport Mondays.

Diversity and Inclusion Chair

Ingenua Cobbinah provided the report. She reported on the diversity workshops and diversity camp attended. The Swim 1922 initiative was presented. She reported that efforts are underway to create a diversity meet. The next Central Zone diversity meet will be in Edwardsville, IL in early June 2019. She also solicited suggestions on how to spread information on D&I.

Officials Chair

Curtis Myers presented the report. Curtis reported on the retirement of John Maynard as Sanctions Coordinator and the appoint of Richard Allen to the position. He reminded attendees that there are forms on the MVS website that must be submitted to get meets, including blanket sanction meets, set up in OTS (Officials Tracking System) so officials get credit for attending. Additionally, information was presented on the potential (pending USA-S HOD approval) requirement that each meet have a dedicated Safety Director listed in the meet announcement.

Sanctions and National Times Coordinator

No report

Records Chair and Top Times Tabulator

Shawn Geil presented the report. Shawn highlighted some statistics on meets and times loaded into SWIMS. He also thanked everyone for efforts to get the word out about USA-S' Scholastic All-American program. For 2018 MVS had 21 athletes on the list, this is the most in recent history. He also recognized Empire KC swim team for having the most All-Americans of any team in MVS with four.

Judith Deedy recognized Amy Hoppenrath for her years service to MVS and the positive work she has done at the national and international levels as she has announced her plans to retire from her employer and move to Arizona.

