



Missouri Valley Board of Directors
Minutes of May 15, 2020 Meeting (video conference)

The following members were present: Judith Deedy (General Chair), Curtis Myers (Admin. Vice-Chair), Katie Norman (Age Group Chair), Tom Kleiboeker (Sr. Chair), Shawn Geil (Secretary), Mark Sutton (Treasurer), Natalie Cannell (Athlete Representative), Kadence Jeffries (Athlete Representative), Michael Meloy (Coaches Representative), Marjorie Sherard (Technical Planning Chair), Jae Davis (Safe Sport Chair), Natalie Neugent (Athlete At-large), Joe Farthing (At-large), Brian Watkins (At-Large), George Adcock (At-Large)

The following guests were present: Scott Bliss (Executive Director)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by General Chair Deedy.

II. Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2020. - Shawn

By motion the minutes were approved as presented.

III. Old Business

a. USA Swimming MVS/Updates – Judith/Scott

Updates USA-S update calls, registration opening early for 2021 and Red Cross certification extension.

b. MVS Financial Assistance Update – Mark/Scott

6 applications for assistance were received. Review committee recommended \$1,500 for four of the teams and \$2,500 for the other two based on need. This leaves a total of \$19,000 from phase 1 to be rolled into the funding for phase 2.

By motion the grants were approved as presented.

c. Swimposium update -Scott

Based on updated information from USA-S by consensus the Swimposium is postponed until fall of 2021.

IV. New Business

a. Nominations to the Board of Directors – Curtis/Governance Committee

The Governance Committee has made the following nominations for two year terms

General Chair – Judith Deedy (2nd term)

Admin Vice -Chair – Curtis Myer (2nd term)

Age Group Chair – George Adcock (1st term)

Secretary – Shawn Geil (2nd term)

Treasurer – Mark Sutton (1st term)

Safe Sport Chair – Jae Davis (1st term)

Operational Risk Coordinator – Ethan Jacobsen (1st term)

At-Large – Brian Watkins (1st term)

By motion the board favorably recommended to the House of Delegates the slate as presented.

b. Safe Sport Proposal - Jae

A proposal to provide financial reward to teams for becoming Safe Sport certified clubs was presented.

Based on discussion the following changes will be made to the proposal. Change Mark Sutton's email address. Make awards only for initial certification. Add \$100 to each of the tier's incentive amount.

By motion the proposal was adopted as revised.

By motion funding for the grants was approved from available funds in the budget.

c. Recognition for Zone Athletes, etc. - Scott

MVS has several athletes who qualified for the 2020 Zone age group meet but the meet has since been canceled. After discussion the board feels it is appropriate to recognize those athletes.

By motion the board approved providing a towel, cap and yard sign to each athlete that achieved the qualifying time during the qualifying period.

V. Officer and Committee Reports

a. Safe Sport

The committee has hosted several virtual workshops to help teams complete their application for certification and been joined in those sessions by a member of USA-S staff.

b. Senior Committee

Chair Tom Kleiboeker referred everyone to his report and highlighted a few items. Region 8 is creating a committee of LSC Senior Chairs. Region 8 will also be revising the sectional cuts.

c. Records Coordinator

Reminded everyone that Scholastic All-American applications would open June 1st and that USA-S would be deciding on how to calculate the motivational time standards for the next quad by September.

d. Age Group Committee

They have been meeting jointly with the Senior committee and the Technical Planning committee to discuss summer options. They have also added two more members to the committee.

e. Technical Planning Committee

Looking into what other LSC use the Technical Planning Committee for in the LSC. They are trying to find out why the LSC's meet participation numbers are so low. Will be looking at wholesale changes to the format of championships.

f. General Chair

Appointed Ethan Jacobsen as Operational Risk Coordinator. This was approved by common consent.

G.C. Deedy reported 10 letters were sent to pool operators to encourage them to open pools this summer.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by General Chair Deedy at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Shawn Geil
MVS Secretary