



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

The following members were present: Judith Deedy (General Chair), Curtis Myers (Admin. Vice-Chair), George Adcock (Age Group Chair), Tom Klieboeker (Senior Chair), Steve Winfrey (Finance Vice-Chair), Shawn Geil (Secretary), Mark Sutton (Treasurer), Kadence Jeffries (Athlete Representative), Anna Brauer (Athlete Representative), Izzy Gifford (Athlete Representative), Michael Meloy (Coaches Representative), Michell Wagner (Coaches Representative), Marjorie Sherard (Technical Planning Chair, Jae Davis (Safe Sport) Natalie Neugent (Athlete At-Large), Turner DeArmond (Athlete At-Large), Joe Farthing (At-Large), Brian Watkins (At-Large), Christian Moreland (At-Large)

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

The following guests were present: Carmen Menges

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 p.m. by General Chair Deedy.

**II. Approval of Minutes from October 11, 2020. - Shawn**

Minutes were approved by motion after correcting a spelling error.

**III. Old Business**

**a. 18 & Under Championships Update**

Carmen Menges provided an update on the status of the meet. Curtis Myers provided information on the official's protocols that will be used.

**b. Short Course Championships Update**

An update was given on the Technical Planning Committee's work on developing a plan for a short-course LSC championship meet. The committee will have a recommendation for the board's consideration in December.

**c. Meet Referee Policy**

Motion to approve as presented passed.

**IV. New Business**

**a. House of Delegates Special Session**

By motion the board called a special meeting of the house of delegates to be held on January 17, 2021 at 7:00 Central Standard Time via Zoom video conference. The purpose is to address the MVS short course championships and the 2021 long course schedule.

**b. Officials Policies**

Curtis Myers presented a set of policies relating to officials to replace the official's section that was removed from the MVS Rules and Regulations at the 2020 Fall House of Delegates meeting. Motion to approve as presented passed.

**V. Officer and Committee Reports**

**a. Secretary**

Shawn Geil requested that committee chairs provide him their rosters and information on the required number of athlete members for each committee. G.C. Deedy suggested that if a committee is having

difficulty finding athletes to speak to the athlete representatives on the board for assistance in locating candidates.

**b. Safe Sport**

Jae Davis reported Topeka Swim Association is now a Safe Sport Recognized Program, bringing the total to 15 teams in LSC. Now offering workshops for parents. Information was also presented on two different situations from questions recently received.

**c. Age Group**

George Adcock reported that All-Stars is on for January in Des Moines, IA. The LSC will be limited to 66 total athletes. The LSC will not be sponsoring team travel. IT is estimated that MVS will be sending three coaches. The committee is evaluating how coaches are selected for All-Stars and Zones and what the responsibilities will be for those people.

**d. Executive Director**

Scott Bliss reported that registrations are down 47% year over year to date.

**e. Officials Chair**

Curtis Myers brought up concerns about long-term financial position of the LSC if the increased use of blanket sanctions continues. This led to a larger discussion on the financial structure of meets.

**f. General Chair**

Based on the financial discussion a task force was formed to look at potential changes in the MVS meet fee structure. Members of the task force are Marjorie Sherard, George Adcock, Mike Meloy, Mark Sutton, Brent Graham (pending), a representative from Wichita Swim Club, a representative from Lee Summit (R-7) (pending), Kadence Jefferies, Izzy Gifford, and Anna Brauer. Task Force will select a chairperson. Scott will provide support to the task force.

Announced the Zone athlete "swag" had been distributed.

**g. Treasurer**

Mark Sutton presented information on the recent USA Swimming Treasurer's workshop and the discussion on USA-S' requirement for an outside audit or review of LSC finances. USA-S received push back during the workshop on the requirements, but USA-S' position stood. Mark has reached out to a few sources to find out the costs involved.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Shawn Geil*

MVS Secretary