



**Missouri Valley Board of Directors**  
**Minutes of December 20, 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: Rob

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by General Chair Deedy.

**II. Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2020. - Shawn**

Minutes were approved by motion after correcting a spelling error.

**III. Old Business**

**a. 18 & Under Championships Recap**

G. C. Deedy lead the discussion of a recap on the 18 and Under Championship meet. Items of note were that coaches felt it went well, financially the LSC should come close to breaking even, and there were some issues with compliance of mask protocols.

**b. Short Course Championships Proposal**

Ms. Sherard presented the current draft format for discussion. The proposal calls for two weekends of competition, March 23-26, 2021 and April 9-11, 2021. One or two sites will be used for preliminaries each weekend with one of the sites hosting finals. The final proposal will be presented to the board for review and recommendation prior to the HOD meeting.

Specific areas of discussion included

*1. Site assignment for preliminaries*

This remains an outstanding issue. The proposal divided the preliminary sites by team. Concern was expressed by the athletes on how this may affect the competition as each event would have athletes competing at multiple locations.

*2. Which weekend for the 13-14 year old age group competition*

The consensus was to place the 13-14 year old age group on the first weekend of competition.

*3. How to handle event entry limits*

Numerous options were discussed including hard limits per event as well as limits on athletes per session. The athlete representatives expressed concern on the possibility of not allowing an athlete with a qualifying time to complete because of limits. This was referred to the Technical Planning Committee for further consideration.

*4. Event Order*

By consensus it was agreed to adjust the order of events for the 13-14 and 15 and over age groups moving the 500 free, 400 IM, and 200 IM to different days than originally proposed.

5. *Scoring*

By consensus it was agreed there would be no team or individual scoring and the Athlete Committee would develop a set of specialized awards.

6. *Concerns about the number of 15 and Over athletes qualified*

This remains an outstanding issue for further consideration by the Technical Planning Committee.

7. *Athletes competing at Sectionals*

By consensus the meet would be restricted to athletes not participating in the Region VIII Sectional meet.

8. *Selection of sites and staffing of the sites*

By consensus it was agreed MVS would select the sites for preliminaries and finals and based on those selections determine teams to assist with coordination at the sites.

**c. House of Delegates Special Session**

Executive Director Bills gave an update on the logistics for the meeting and scheduling of a Board of Director's meeting for the week of the HOD meeting.

**IV. New Business**

**a. Disability Swimming Time Standards**

E. D. Bliss presented the proposed use of USA Swimming's Disability Motivational Time Standards as an option for covered athletes to qualify for the MVS championship meets. A motion was made and seconded to implement the standards effective immediately. An amendment was made and seconded to make the effective date September 1, 2021. The amendment was approved. The motion as amended was subsequently approved.

**b. Sanction Letter**

Revisions to the sanction letter were presented for informational purposes.

**c. Long Course Schedule**

Bid window opens December 20, 2020. The proposed dates for Short Course Championships requires moving the Spring HOD meeting to the weekend of April 23 – 25, 2021.

**V. Officer and Committee Reports**

**a. Senior Committee**

Mr. Klieboeker reported on the recent Region VIII Senior Committee and associated work. He provided information on the current proposals for the Region VIII sectional meet in March, preferred dates are March 11-14, 2021. If allowed by the selected facility the meet will be contested in Long Course Meters, but qualifying priority course will be Short Course Yards. The meet will be limited to a maximum number of athletes per session and will use a selection process like the NCAA's to determine attendees.

The MVS Senior Committee wants to re-establish the practice of offering opportunities to certify or recertify for coaches at the spring and fall meetings of the HOD.

**b. Safe Sport**

Ms. Davis presented the report. Key topics are plans to bring an Coach Code of Conduct and Athlete Code of Conduct to the board for approval at a future meeting, update on clubs newly achieving Safe Sport Recognized Programs, and a report on how safe sport issues have been addressed in the last few months.

**c. General Chair**

G. C. Deedy thanked everyone for all their work this year and that we need to begin thinking about re-engaging our pre-pandemic topics.

**d. Meet Fee Task Force**

Ms. Sherard reported that Brent Graham has agreed to chair the task force and that the manager of the Lee Summit R-7 facility will join the task force.

**VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Shawn Geil*

MVS Secretary