



Missouri Valley Board of Directors
Minutes of April 23, 2021 Meeting (video conference)

The following members were present: Judith Deedy (General Chair), Curtis Myers (Admin. Vice-Chair), George Adcock (Age Group Chair), Steve Winfrey (Finance Vice-Chair), Shawn Geil (Secretary), Mark Sutton (Treasurer), Kadenace Jeffries (Athlete Representative), Anna Brauer (Athlete Representative), Michell Wagner (Coaches Representative), Marjorie Sherard (Technical Planning Chair), Jae Davis (Safe Sport Chair), Natalie Neugent (Athlete At-Large), Joe Farthing (At-Large), Christian Moreland (At-Large), Brandon Shinsato (Diversity & Inclusion Coordinator)

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

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by General Chair Deedy.

II. Approval of Minutes from March 21, 2021. - Shawn

Minutes were approved by motion as presented.

III. Old Business

a. SP-1 (Short Course Championship Proposal)

No action was taken. There was discussion about what potential changes would need to be made to the proposed meet schedule and how to handle that recommendation at the House of Delegates meeting.

IV. Slate of Officers

The nomination list for election at the House of Delegates was presented. There are no contested positions.

V. Officer and Committee Reports

a. Technical Planning

Technical Planning Chair Sherard provided an update on planning for the MVS long course district and championship meets.

b. Senior Chair – written report

General Chair Deedy called attention to the update on summer sectional meet in the Senior Chair Kleiboeker's report.

c. SafeSport Committee

Safe Sport Chair Davis reported on efforts to keep the athlete first. She also provided updated information on current recognition of MVS clubs. USA-S is also starting a new program and MVS should be receiving \$1500 as recognition in early May.

d. Executive Director

Executive Director Bliss facilitated a discussion on the format and timing of future spring sectional meets.

E.D. Bliss also announced a decision by USA-S to shift the Zone select and Diversity camps to a competitive bid process where LSC's will bid on the meets. Deadline for application is May 17th.

e. Officials

Officials Chair Myers announced that the nomination for the Maxwell award had been withdrawn due to the person not being registered.

f. General Chair

G. C. Deedy provided an update on plans for USA-S to change the required LSC bylaws to place the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion chair a voting member of the LSC boards.

G. C. Deedy facilitated a discussion on proposed USA-S bylaws changes to bring USA-S into compliance with federal law and the U. S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee bylaws on representation by national level athletes. Concerns were express by some members of the MVS board that the changes would adversely affect grassroots level swimming.

g. Athletes

Athlete Representative Brauer reported on committee activities including a desire to have each registered club have an athlete on the committee. She also reported that athletes on the Zone athletes call had concerns about the proposed USA-S bylaws changes.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by motion at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Shawn Geil

MVS Secretary