



Missouri Valley Board of Directors
Minutes of January 22, 2023, Meeting (video conference)

The following members were present: Stacy Christie (General Chair), Joe Farthing (Admin. Vice-Chair), Tom Kleiboeker (Senior Chair), Steve Winfrey (Finance Vice-Chair), Shawn Geil (Secretary), Mark Sutton (Treasurer), Caitlyn Friebe (Sr. Athlete Representative), Kayla Alvegaard-Struble (Jr. Athlete Representative), Mitchell Wagner (Coaches Representative), Brent Graham (Coaches Representative), Marjorie Sherard (Technical Planning Chair), Jae Davis (Safe Sport Chair), Ethan Jacobsen (Operational Risk Coordinator) Brandon Shinsato (Diversity & Inclusion Chair), Mari Griffen (Athlete At-Large), Britta Hasiuk (At-Large), Judith Deedy (ex-officio), Curtis Myers (ex-officio)

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

The following guests were present: None

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by General Chair Christie.

II. Approval of Minutes from November 21, 2022 – Shawn

Motion to approve minutes passed.

III. General Chair Report – Stacy

Items reported included feedback on the Winter Classic, the planned regional coaches clinic, and the Spring MVS HOD meeting.

IV. Old Business

a. None

V. New Business

a. Amendment to Travel Fund Coaches – Scott

Executive Director Bliss presented a resolution modifying the Travel Policy to include support for coaches. During discussion the board made edits to several bullet points in the section. By motion the resolution was passed as modified.

b. Regional Coaches Clinic Support – Scott

Executive Director Bliss presented a resolution establishing support and funding for the 2023 USA-S Regional Coaches Clinic. MVS will be one of the host LSCs for these clinic. By motion the resolution was passed.

c. Winter Classic – Marjorie

Technical Planning Chair Sherard present feedback on Winter Classic. Following discussion a motion to remove the Winter Classic from the MVS Championship schedule passed.

d. Championship Meet Task Force

General Chair Christie will be creating a task force to review the meet announcements for the LSC championship meets. The task force will have two members from each of the following committees Age-Group, Senior, Technical Planning, and Officials. Executive Director Bliss will provide support.

e. Central Zone Events

The board received an update on the status of Central Zone leadership forum and the multicultural meet.

f. USA Swimming Workshop

Executive Director Bliss reported on the planned USA-S workshops to be held April 20th – 23rd in Denver CO. He also discussed travel options for those attending.

VI. Officer and Committee Reports

a. Senior Committee

In addition to the written report Senior Chair Kleiboeker reported the committee was looking at options for hosting a long course meet during the 2023-2024 short course season to help athletes prepare for Olympic Trials in 2024.

b. Finance Committee

Treasurer Sutton requested comments or questions on the written report. There were none.

c. Technical Planning

Submitted via written report.

d. Safe Sport Committee

Safe Sport Chair Davis reported on USA-S planned overhaul of the Safe Sport Recognized Program for clubs.

e. Records Coordinator

Presented information on how Observed meets are being handled for times. Also provided an overview of how proof of time would be handled at Districts and Championships since OME is not available.

f. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

DEI Chair Shinsato reported on planning for a DEI clinic in the LSC later this year.

g. Athletes Committee

Reported on planning for activities for Senior Championships

h. Operational Risk Committee

i. Officials Committee

Officials Chair Myers reported on the challenges of staffing meets with the increase in the use of Dual/Tri and small invitational format meets.

VII. Adjournment

By motion the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Shawn Geil

MVS Secretary