



Missouri Valley Board of Directors
Minutes of May 21, 2023, Meeting (video conference)

The following members were present: Stacy Christie (General Chair), Joe Farthing (Admin. Vice-Chair), George Adcock (Age Group Chair), Shawn Geil (Secretary), Mark Sutton (Treasurer), Caitlyn Friebe (Sr. Athlete Representative), Kayla Alvegaard-Struble (Jr. Athlete Representative), Mitchell Wagner (Coaches Representative), 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: Stacey Holzwarth (Finance Vice-Chair-Elect), Rob Kenley (Technical Planning Chair-Elect)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 08:04 p.m. by General Chair Christie.

II. Approval of Minutes from March 31, 2023

Motion to approve consent agenda passed.

III. General Chair Report – Stacy

Stacy provided an update on the April USA-S Workshop, specific areas covered were failures in communications over the last four years and the implementation of SWIMS 3.0. USA-S is expanding the Safe Sport and Communications Teams. USA-S also provided information on legislation to be considered at the Annual Business Meeting in September.

IV. Old Business

a. SWIMS Update

Scott reported that the number of duplicate membership records is down significantly, but summer seasonal registrations are creating renewed challenges. Reporting continues to be of limited usefulness. He also announced that in September clubs would have the option to renew their athletes in bulk. Scott also provided an update on year to date membership registrations.

V. Officer and Committee Reports

a. Records Coordinator

Shawn reported he is working on observed meets but they are proving to be much more work in SWIMS 3.0.

b. Secretary

Shawn reminded committee chairs of the need to update their athlete member representatives.

c. Treasurer

Mark announced that work has begun on the 2023-2024 budget.

d. DEI

Brandon reported on the status of USA-S diversity camps and announced that MVS would be holding a diversity camp September 16th at Wichita Swim Club

e. Age Group

Championship meet information and time standards are done for Long Course and Short Course. The committee is looking for ideas to give the MVS athletes a “bigger” experience at the Zone meet this year.

f. Safe Sport

Stacy announced that Jae Davis has resigned as Safe Sport Chair. Stacy presented the name of Kim Hoobler for appointment as the Safe Sport Chair for the remainder of the term. By motion this appointment was approved.

g. Athlete’s

Caitlyn announced that effective August 1st Kaya Alvegaard-Strube would be the Senior Athlete Representative. Mari Griffen had been elected Junior Representative and Joslyn Wilson as Athlete At-Large Board Member.

h. Technical Planning

Rob Kenley (Technical Planning Chair-Elect) provided an update on efforts by the committee to make the Spring and Summer Championship meet have a more similar experience.

i. Officials

Joe Farthing provided information on Long Course season officials, recruiting of new officials, and the committee’s self-assessment.

VI. New Business

a. OME Penalties for LSC championship meets

Discussion was held on the issue of teams not checking out of OME by the deadline. Motion to approve the language presented in the meet announcement was made and seconded. Discussion followed on where the fund will go that are collected from the penalty. As written, the funds would go to MVS. Task Force discussed this could be used to enhance official reimbursements for certifications and championship meets. Scott suggested adding language to the announcement that the penalties would be calculated and invoiced by MVS, and failure to pay penalties will result in the club’s membership rights may be suspended. Question about what the penalty is for failure to pay. Scott believes they can be prevented from competing at championship meets in the future. The motion on the floor was withdrawn. A motion was made and seconded to approve the concept of the OME penalties and staff is directed to make ministerial changes to the meet announcement to implement based on the discussion at this meeting. Motion to approve passed.

b. Budget “wish list” discussion

Stacy led a discussion on potential budget items for the 2023-2024 budget.

VII. Adjournment

It was announced that the July BOD meeting would be cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Shawn Geil
MVS Secretary