

Midwestern Swimming, Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
January 3, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 12:55 p.m. at Mahoney State Park. Present were Mary Losee, Betty Kooy, Tony Storer, Docker Hartfield, Lynn Weaver, Tom Beck, Ryan Bubb, Holly Beeman.

Agenda Revisions: Postponement of approval of Mission, Vision and Value Statement until March meeting.

Minutes: The minutes were approved with clarification of wording regarding the USA Swimming suit legislation.

Reports: Reports were submitted by the Executive Secretary, the Age Group Chair, and Ryan Bubb, Athlete Representative. The reports were accepted.

Old Business:

By Law Recommendations: The changes to the By Laws that were 'housekeeping' have been made. The other items need more specifics. **Motion** was made to **table** the items for further clarification.

NSAA Update: MW is getting some questions from all sides regarding legislation and the right to participate. MW supports allowing swimmers to compete. The proposal that was to go before the NSAA Board never got to the floor for discussion or vote.

New Business:

Open Water Proposal: Jeanie Neal has submitted suggestions to promote Open Water swimming within MW to include an established season, a web page, events with time standards and an open water series. **Motion** was made to request a formal proposal to the BOD with 2010 targeted for implementation. **Seconded. Approved.**

Banquet for 2009: October 10, 2009 is the date reserved for the Awards Banquet. Mary will check with Bruce regarding the use of Field Club for that date.

Coach Clinic: Lynn Weaver has been working with USA Swimming to have a coach clinic at the end of April. All coaches, including HS coaches, will be invited. Lincoln Northeast HS has been offered as a site. More information will be forthcoming.

Motion to adjourn at 1:30 p.m. (weather worsening – ice) **Seconded.** (Next meeting March 3, 2009 - teleconference)

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kooy, Secretary Pro-Tem

BOD Report

Executive Secretary/Registration Chair

January 1, 2009

Registration:

20 clubs (1 not registered yet)

1771 year-round athletes to date (compared to 1540 last year on Jan 6 – still missing bulk of renewals from 1 club)

65 other non-athletes (53 last year)

72 coach members (69 last year)

66 officials (76 last year)

- Holding tank is pretty clean – still waiting on birth certificates from a few clubs. Clubs should NOT send registrations in unless they have ALL of the paper work.
- Request for clubs registering electronically to print reports with Last Name, First Name and MI from TM – that is not automatic.

Executive Secretary:

Redbook/Policies and Procedures – updated and ready to post unless more changes

- **Meets for 2009** – those that can be posted are posted (some with club or key people not registered)
- **MW Championship meet** – ready for posting
- **Summer schedule** – is posted
- **Summer meets** – reminders have been sent to all hosts – they are due January 15 (sanction committee will meet in February to deal with summer meets (2009-2010 schedule is pretty well set)
- **Due date for Fall meets** (flyer etc) June 1
- **All Star numbers** – 68 individual swimmers going to Lawrence (62 last year). Cost this year is \$50.00. Entries are posted. Louis did the entries. We sent all of the info to him electronically and he took it from there and sent it back electronically. (No travel costs to anyone!) I have not received any complaints yet – don't know whether Louis has or not, but I think it paid off that we put in the statement that the coaches would pick the events. Now we just have to get the apps in earlier.
- **Zone meet** – This year the meet will be in Grand Forks, ND. Cost will be \$125 and will include caps, shirts, entries, coaching expenses (suits will be available for purchase). I really would like to have the application and the particulars posted by June 1. The meet info should be available by then as the host is working on the flyer already.
- **2009-2012 Time Standards** – The 2009-2012 Time Standards have been posted and the 2009 MW Championship Meet qualifying times have been posted. They are getting faster.
- **Times** – Times from all meets have been uploaded. There have been a few mistakes. Again, it is IMPERATIVE that the meet host check those times carefully. We post hard copy of results, upload the electronic results file, integrate the information into the MW Team Manager, and upload the times to SWIMS. Therefore when there is an error, we have four different places that we must make the corrections.

Age Group Report: Kyle Hunt

No news from the Central Zone committee at this time. We have 65 athletes going to Lawrence for the All Star Meet and it looks like a very solid group. We have added John Ebitto from GNST as another coach so that we have two per age group. Shirts, caps, suits are on the way and we have done the design a little different this time. Our LSC banner is Blue/Gold with White so instead of changing the colors every year I have decided to go with that color palette and just change designs from year to year. I look to sell as many shirts as possible this year. There seems to be a lot of excitement for All Stars and I think we could have our best finish in a long time.

Athlete Report: Ryan Bubb

Some thoughts on the Midwestern Mission Statement and MW direction:

I feel MW should continue to support all athletes from age group swimmers to those who are on the verge of the Olympic Trials. I feel they should be supported both directly and indirectly. What I mean by indirectly is continued education of coaches. I think that MW is doing well with this (I believe we are bringing a coach in to train the coaches) and I think that we should continue to have coaching education available supported by Midwestern.

I would like to see Midwestern swimming promoted more in the media. Currently, the articles the clubs write for their athletes are about the only media that swimmers get. I would like to see more articles in the newspapers (not just the Star City Sports). Although high school swimming has some newspaper coverage, I don't believe I have ever seen an article about a club swimmer in the paper.

I would also like to see the re-establishment of team events such as bus rides and team hotels at Zones and All Stars. I got to know some of my best friends on the bus rides and hotel stays at those meets. I think that those things are what really made the trip. Without them, it is just another meet and less special to the swimmers.

I would also like to see the promotion of higher level swim meets such as the Grand Prix meets. These meets were not known to many people before I went and I know that there are a lot of swimmers who would like to go, but not everybody knows about these meets. There could also be other meets out there that swimmers could have qualified for but don't know about. I believe these meets should be supported by Midwestern like Sectionals, Junior Nationals, or Senior Nationals, especially financially. Even Sectionals can get hard to afford. I think we need to give financial support for the Grand Prix meets too.