

Midwestern Swimming Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 / Via Conference Call

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1 DISTRIBUTION: Posted to Midwestern Swimming website, mswswim.org.
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3 CALL TO ORDER: Midwestern Chair, Dawn Bowen, called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM on
4 January 11, 2016 with the following people present via conference call: Dawn
5 Bowen, Jeanie Neal, Dan Brailita, Jay Thiltgen, Scott Sorensen, Starre Haney,
6 Carol Olson, Kat Keller, Dannie Dilsaver, Anya Lindholm, Ryan Theil, Brinker
7 Harding, Louie Balogh, Erik Wiken, and Betty Kooy (non-voting).
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9 Those Absent: Brian Schaezner, Eric Samson, Holly Hopson, Stefanie Martinez,
10 Thomas Gaul, Betsy Purcell
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13 AGENDA REVIEW: No changes to the published agenda.
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15 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
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17 Dawn Bowen read the following statement to the Board of Directors:
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19 “Is any member aware of any conflict of interest (that is, of a personal interest or direct or indirect
20 pecuniary interest) in any matter being considered by this meeting which should now be reported or
21 disclosed or addressed under the Midwestern Swimming Conflict of interest policy?”
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23 If a Board member determines there to be a conflict of interest at any point during the course of the
24 meeting when a specific subject is being discussed and/or action is being taken, a declaration of a
25 conflict of interest should be made at that time.
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27 MINUTES
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29 **MOTION** (Haney): *To approve the minutes of the November 10, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting*
30 *as submitted.* Seconded. **APPROVED**
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32 CONSENT AGENDA
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34 **MOTION** (Theil): *To approve the entire Consent Agenda as submitted.* Seconded. **APPROVED**
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- 36 -Executive Secretary Report
 - 37 -Registration / Membership
 - 38 -Sanction Committee Notes
 - 39 -Safety Report
 - 40 -Senior Chair Report
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43 NEW BUSINESS
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45 1. YTD Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement
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47 Discussion: Ryan Theil presented the financial statements. There were no questions.
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49 2. Proposed Policy Update: 8.5.5.2 Entry Fees – Maximum permitted entry fees

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51 **MOTION** (Thiltgen): *To approved the proposed policy update regarding maximum permitted*
52 *entry fees as amended and shown below. Seconded. APPROVED*

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54 Discussion: The Sanction Committee has recommended an increase to the Maximum Fees Policy.
55 Most of the meet fees have not been increased since 2011. The increase in meet individual event fees
56 and the program charge is needed in order to assist clubs in hosting the best meets possible for our
57 athletes. The committee has also recommended an increase to the maximum allowed for a facility fee.
58 In order for a meet host to have a facility fee approved, they must provide the actual facility rental
59 charges. By increasing the upper end of the fee structure, this would allow for hosts to help offset the
60 ever increasing rental costs along with looking to the future to hold meets in larger venues that have
61 much higher costs.

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63 Dawn Bowen reported that the committee did look at fees in other LSC's and in many cases those fees
64 are much higher than these proposed fees. A discussion regarding maximum charge for programs
65 being a big jump from the current maximum concluded that a balance is needed between clubs need
66 to cover meet costs and the need to provide a good value for parents. Further discussion concluded
67 that the individual event maximum for timed finals meets is too high. This discussion resulted in the
68 approval of the two amendments shown below. Dawn stated that the amended proposal will be
69 rewritten as approved and distributed, and that this will go to the House of Delegates on April 23.

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71 **MOTION** (Theil): *To amend the proposed policy update regarding maximum permitted*
72 *entry fees by changing 8.5.5.2 (a) Timed Final Meet - \$4.50/max individual event fee to a*
73 *\$3.50/max. Seconded. APPROVED*

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75 **MOTION** (Scott): *To amend the proposed policy update regarding maximum permitted*
76 *entry fees by revising sections of 8.5.5.2 concerning Prelims/Finals meet so that they all read,*
77 *“\$3.00/per session max program charge.” Seconded. APPROVED*
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PROPOSAL 8.5.5.2. Entry Fees – Maximum permitted entry fees

~~Timed Final Meet—\$2.50/individual event—\$5.00/relay event \$6.00/MW surcharge \$5.00/maximum program charge~~

(a) ~~Timed Final Meet - \$4.50/max individual event \$6.00/max relay event \$8.00/max program charge \$6.00/MW surcharge~~

(b) ~~Inter-squad/Dual Meet - \$2.50/max individual event \$3.00/MW surcharge~~

~~(b) Prelim/Final meet—no awards and/or meets less than 2 ¼ days and/or qualifying times less than NAG BB; at least 2 days prelim/finals; if separate timed finals events for age group(s), those events will follow timed final entry fee schedule.~~

~~\$4.00/individual event (10/06/13—effective 01/01/14)~~

~~\$7.00/relay event \$6.00/MW surcharge \$5.00/maximum program charge~~

(c) ~~Prelim/Final Meet- \$5.25/max individual event \$12.00/max relay event \$12.00/max program charge \$6.00/MW surcharge If separate timed finals events for age group(s) those events will follow timed final entry fee schedule.~~

~~(c) Prelim/Final Championship format, minimum NAG BB; medals (for minimum of top 6 places), ribbons for at least 7-12; trophies for individual high points and optional team trophies; at least 2 ¼ day long; type meet expected to be run on a championship format and rules with minimum qualifying times of at least BB for prelim/final events. If separate timed finals events for age group(s) those events will follow timed final entry fee schedule.~~

~~\$4.00/individual event—\$10.00/relay event—\$6.00/MW surcharge~~

~~\$12.00/maximum program charge²~~

~~²An exception to the maximum program charge may be allowed for meets longer than three (3) days upon review of the host club's request to the Sanction Committee Chair.~~

(d) ~~Prelim/Final Championship format, minimum NAG BB; medals (for minimum of top 6 places) ribbons for at least 7-12; trophies for individual high points and optional team trophies; at least 2 ½ day long; type meet expected to be run on a championship format and rules with minimum qualifying times of at least BB for prelim/final events. If separate timed finals events for age group(s) those events will follow timed final entry fee schedule.~~

~~\$5.25/max individual event \$12.00/max relay event \$3.00/per session or \$16.00 complete weekend max program charge \$6.00/MW surcharge~~

~~(d) Midwestern LSC Qualifier meet—Host will purchase awards and retain entry fees, program revenues and merchandise commissions; MW will receive MW surcharge.~~

~~\$3.50/individual event \$7.00/relay event—\$6.00/MW surcharge—\$6.00/maximum program charge~~

(e) ~~Midwestern LSC Qualifier meet- \$6.00/max individual event \$12.00/max program charge \$6.00/MW surcharge. If separate timed finals events for age group(s) those events will follow timed final entry fee schedule.~~

~~(e) Midwestern Championship meet—Midwestern will approve and purchase awards and will receipt all entry fees for the meet. MW will retain the MW surcharge, any fines, and cost of awards. MW will forward remaining funds to host. Host club may choose vendors and meet apparel designs for merchandise. Host will pay all other associated expenses and will retain program revenues, concessions revenues, advertising revenues and commissions from sale of meet apparel. (09/09/14) \$4.50/individual event \$12.00/maximum charge per relay event \$6.00/MW surcharge \$12.00/maximum program charge~~

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~~\$7.00/individual event \$18.00/maximum charge per relay event \$3.00/per session or \$16.00 complete weekend max program charge \$6.00/MW surcharge~~

(g) ~~Other Meet Formats – Event fees, MWS surcharge and program charge for the All Star Meet will follow the MWS Championship Meet fee schedule. Meet fees may vary from MWS established meet fee policies for meets held within MWS where fees may be determined by another entity over-seeing the meet, such as a Central Zone or USA Swimming sponsored meet. (11/11/14)~~

~~(g) Requests for higher fees (based on facility costs) must be submitted to the General Chair prior to sanctioning—Minimum facility surcharge—\$2.00/swimmer; Maximum facility surcharge—\$5.00/swimmer.~~

~~Request will be considered only if facility charge for meet exceeds \$1,500 and at least 200 swimmers are expected.~~

(h) ~~Facility Fees – Requests for higher fees (based on facility costs) must be submitted to the MW Office using the facility fee request form. The request must be submitted with meet flyer. Minimum facility surcharge - \$2.00/swimmer; Maximum facility surcharge - \$10.00/swimmer.~~

84 Carol Olson reported that the Nominating Committee is still looking for nominations for the following
85 positions: General Chair, Administrative Vice Chair, Safe Sport Chair, Finance Chair, and the
86 Nominating Committee. The deadline for nominations is April 1. Dawn Bowen thanked Carol and the
87 committee, and asked that everyone reach out to their club membership and look for people willing to
88 participate on the Board. Scott Sorensen asked about Plan B if nominations are not received by the
89 deadline. Carol reported that they still hope to fill the slate, but that nominations may be accepted
90 from the floor at the House of Delegates meeting.
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93 **MOTION TO ADJOURN** (Wiken) This meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM. Seconded.
94 **APPROVED**

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96 ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

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98 • House of Delegates Meeting April 23 at UNO
99 • The next BOD meeting is Tuesday, May 10 at 8:30 PM.

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101 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jeanie Neal, Secretary

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103 ***Midwestern Swimming strives to maximize opportunities***
104 ***for growth and success through competitive swimming.***