

# Midwestern Swimming Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 2017  
Via Conference Call

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CALL TO ORDER: Carol Olson, Midwestern Swimming Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:34 PM. Those present: Carol Olson, Mike Witt, Jay Thiltgen, Jeff Nelson, Jason Hiley, Betsy Purcell, Erik Wiken, Louie Balogh, Dan Brailita, Shelby Mullendore, Brinker Harding, Betty Kooy, Starre Haney, Sean Froemming, Stefanie Martinez, Kat Keller, Sam Bach, Dannie Dilsaver, Bruce Schomburg

Those Absent: Scot Sorensen, Kenna Wilkie, Eric Samson, Carol Bilunas,

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AGENDA PREVIEW: Meeting expected to follow agenda.

## DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Carol Olson read the following to the Board of Directors:

“Is any member aware of any conflict of interest, that is, of a personal interest or direct or indirect pecuniary interest, in any matter being considered by this meeting which should now be reported of disclosed or addressed under the Midwestern Swimming Conflict of Interest Policy?”

If a Board member determines there to be a conflict of interest at any point during the course of the meeting when a specific subject is being discussed and/or action is being taken, a declaration of a conflict of interest should be made at that time.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on January 9, were reviewed. Betty Kooy noted a change was needed in the discussion and vote for the six event per day policy. Those changes have been made and revised minutes will be submitted. A motion to approve the revised January 9 minutes was made by Starre Haney. Second by Mike Witt. A vote was conducted with all in favor. The revised January 9 minutes are APPROVED.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Carol Olson introduced the consent agenda for approval. Three items are included in the agenda.

- A) Executive Secretary Report
- B) Membership/Registration coordinator Report
- C) Officials Chair Report

Motion made by Betsy Purcell to accept the agenda. Second by Louie Balogh. A vote was had with all in favor. The consent agenda is APPROVED.

## OLD BUSINESS

none

## NEW BUSINESS

Jason Hiley reviewed the MW Swimming financial status. Jason noted we are roughly 1/4 of the way through the year and there are big discrepancies between actual vs budget, year to date, which should not be of concern at this point in the year. Of note, the All-Star Meet produced approximately \$500 more income than expected and the total cost was approximately \$2000 under budget.

A budget request was made by Erik Wiken to fund the Elite Camp, which will be held at Midlands University. Chris DeSantis is the proposed coach the Elite Camp. Chris is known for his expertise in mental skills for racing and race starts. \$1200 is the expected stipend for Coach DeSantis. Erik suggests the stipend be at least \$1500 to cover any extra travel costs. Betty asked if any athletes will be charged for this camp, to which Erik replied, no. The overall budget for the Elite Camp is \$6000, which include housing for athletes at Midlands University. Starre asked, "who will chaperone the athletes?" Erik stated the coaches will be the chaperones for the entire weekend, including overnight hours. Dan Brailita inquired about the selection process for the athletes who will attend the camp. According to Erik, camp selection criteria have been distributed to coaches. IMX scores will be considered in the selection process. The camp will allow 30 athletes total, 15 male, and 15 female, aged 13 -17. Erik claims most costs for this camp are known, other than the travel cost. Starre made a motion to revise the coach budget from \$1200, up to \$1500, as suggested by Erik. Second by Louie Balogh. A vote was had, with all in favor. The \$1500 coach budget for the Elite Camp is APPROVED.

Reciprocity between USA Swimming Officials and YMCA Officials was the next item discussed. This is a policy suggestion stemming from the MW Swimming Official's Chair, Betsy Purcell, and discussions with the Officials' Committee. The national policy for YMCA Officials was consulted. Nebraska has very few YMCA Officials. The Wisconsin YMCA policy was used as a template. Dan asked if the YMCA offers reciprocity to USA Swimming Officials. Currently reciprocity is offered after completion of one specific section of the YMCA application. Betty noted that this is a responsible approach and works well in other LSCs. A motion to accept the recommended YMCA Reciprocity Policy was made by Dan Brailita. Second by Starre. A vote was conducted with all in favor. The suggested YMCA Reciprocity Policy is APPROVED!

The Officials Travel Expense Reimbursement Policy was discussed next. Again, this is a policy suggestion stemming from the MW Swimming Official's Chair, Betsy Purcell, and discussions with the Officials' Committee. Many ideas were discussed. Currently, Officials are reimbursed for meet travel only twice per year, and only after prior approval. Officials would like this policy revamped. Some meets, such as the Pro Series, require N2 or N3 certification. Officials for the Olympic Trials are by invitation only. National meets can cost more than \$1000 to attend. In order to incentivize MW Officials to achieve higher certification levels and attend higher level meets, more money should be allowed for reimbursement. The current budget is \$3000. Some meets are more expensive than others. Sectionals Region 8 rooms are paid for, with gas and food being the only expense. More distant meets are obviously more expensive. Brinker Harding made a motion to approve the suggested request for Officials Travel Reimbursement. Second by Starre Haney. A vote was conducted with all in favor. The suggested Officials Travel Reimbursement Policy is APPROVED.

Nominations for Midwestern Swimming positions are due by 5PM on April 1, 2017. Up to 4 nominations will be accepted for each position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

Regional Coaches Clinic, Friday – Sunday, April 21-23, 2017, Omaha Marriot

House of Delegates Meeting, Saturday, April 22, 2017, Omaha Marriot

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Betsy Purcell made the motion to adjourn. Second by Brinker Harding.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:05PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jeff Nelson, Secretary

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for growth and success through competitive swimming.**

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