

Midwestern Swimming, Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
April 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM via conference call. Present were: Betty Kooy, Brian Jensen, Lisa Ellis, Gretchen Lindner, Mary Losee, Shannon Guy, Scot Sorensen, Ryan Bubb, Greg Guelcher, Jeanie Neal, Bruce Schomburg, Mary Kocsis, Bianca Christiansen, David Nelson, Docker Hartfield, Peggy Speer, Holly Beeman, Al Johnson, and Lynn Weaver.

Welcome new athlete reps: Ryan Bubb, Bianca Christiansen, and Shannon Guy were welcomed as new athlete representatives and encouraged by Chair Mary Losee to speak up and share thoughts and feelings.

Agenda addition: Discussion of NSAA Meetings. Docker attended the meetings and has minutes. Further discussion will take place at the sanctioning committee meeting next week.

Minutes: The minutes were **accepted as corrected**.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Kocsis: A written report was sent to all BOD members. Mention was made of the income vs. the expense for the Trials tickets - \$5410 in sales vs \$9980 in expenses. An account was set up for Trials expenses. Question was asked concerning cost for All Stars – accounting for All Stars is not complete. There are a few single tickets left for Trials.

Registration Chair Report – Betty Kooy: A written report was distributed. Previous minutes stated that KAST had not renewed for 2008. They have now renewed. Summer registrations cannot be put in until April 15. Recommendation was made to raise the athlete registration fee and non-athlete registration fee to \$51 for 2009 – will be taken up under new business.

Officials' Chair Report – Scot Sorensen: A written report was distributed. The officials' committee has been working on policies including transfer, certification and decertification procedures. Clinics will be held in a timely manner with relationship to apprenticeships. All forms, processes, and documents will be posted on the MW website. On-line tracking is being used for working officials. Guidelines follow USA Swimming guidelines. There will be a grace period for renewing officials who have not been able to complete all requirements to try to keep officials certified.

Age Group Vice-Chair Report – Lisa Ellis: Lisa reported that blocked Zone hotels are posted on the MW web page along with a link to the Zone information. The rooms will be held only until July 1. Coach rooms are reserved. Discussion regarding driving or flying ensued. Swimmer information needs to be posted. Betty stated that the complete Zone packet should be available next week.

Technical Chair Report – Docker Hartfield: Pete Malone has distributed a three-day junior short course meet which will be a Junior National meet two weekends after Thanksgiving. Sunday will be a 'long course' invitational. Meet will be in Austin, TX at the University of Texas. USAS is trying to run a senior championship in the summer for kids 15 & over who have not made Nationals or Junior Nationals (Senior Zone Championship).

Comment was made that most LSCs have approved their meet schedules . The winter meet is a done deal. The summer meet is not.

Officials Chair Scot Sorensen made the following announcement to be included in the minutes: The Officials' Committee decided that the D1 meet for the summer will NOT be an OQM. Meet officials should not be responsible for timing system malfunctions – the host team or club providing the timing system must maintain and correct any system problems. The deck will be for coaches, athletes and officials, only. 'Team supervisors' will not be allowed in the 'deck' area. It is recommended that the meet director and the meet referee meet before the meet and decide what role each will take at the meet.

Motion to accept the reports as submitted. **Seconded. Accepted.**

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. HOD Meetings: Mary Losee announced that the HOD meeting will be at 10am, Saturday, April 26th in York. If anyone needs a ride, please let Mary know. All BOD members are urged to attend. Currently on the election of officers is on the agenda.

2. By-laws: An ad hoc committee needs to look at the by-laws. It should be done every year. Betty did clean up some language but a committee needs to look at it. Holly and Greg G volunteered. Lisa suggested Sara Juster. Mary requested recommendations be brought to the September meeting.

3. Ad hoc committee to commit to a recommendation of a mission, vision, and values statement to be ready by the September meeting. Committee will be Peggy, Docker, and David N.

4. Synopsis of NSAA Meeting: Docker and Jeanie attended the meeting. Participation issues and the state meet were discussed. The dual participation issue was discussed. A committee will work this summer for a November 1st presentation – for 2009-2010. Discussion ensued among BOD members regarding their stance on the dual participation issue regarding swimmer issues, coach issues, and club issues.

5. Fees for 2009 Registration Year: **Motion** was made to accept the recommendation of the registration chair for the following fees for 2009: \$51 for athletes, \$51 for non-athletes, \$95 for family, \$200 for year-round club, \$100 for seasonal club, with \$75 rebate to year-round clubs attending both HOD meetings. **Seconded. Approved.**

6. Zones: David asked about numbers. To fly or to drive was discussed. **Motion** was made to allow the coaches to fly. Numbers guesstimate by Betty: 30-35, max 40. Lisa thought more like 75. Question was asked as to why no bus trip. Policy was reiterated along with the liability issues. Amendment was made to allow flights for 4 coaches. **Seconded. Accepted.** It was suggested that Dave and Lisa get the plane tickets.

7. Zone cost: All Stars was \$25. We did not cover any expenses at that amount. Zone swimmers get one suit, two caps and two shirts. There have been requests for bags – that is not in the budget. Betty **recommended** a minimum of \$100. BOD was **OK** with that amount. David and Kyle will take care of the planning. Kyle will go instead of Lisa as she has other commitments that week.

8. Trials: Mary L would like to know if MW would give 6 seats in its box for June 30 and July 1 to Indiana. BOD recommended that it be thought about further before giving seats away.

9. Trials Box Seat Allocation: Mary L. needs suggestions regarding who should use the box seats. Email her by April 16 with nominations for box usage. Bruce, Gretchen and Betty will be the box committee.

10. Convention: Betty will be looking for plane tickets. BOD was advised that fewer numbers will be attending this year because of costs. Convention is on a shortened schedule – Wednesday through Saturday. Details will follow.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded.

Respectfully submitted:

Gretchen Lindner, Secretary