

Midwestern Swimming, Inc
Board of Directors Meeting
May 5, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. via teleconference. Present were Tony Storer, Mary Losee, Brian Jensen, Gretchen Lindner, Greg Guelcher, Scot Sorensen, Bruce Schomburg, Robb Pantano, Lynn Weaver, Betty Kooy, Peggy Speer, Tom Beck, and Holly Beeman.

Reports:

Request was made for any discussion regarding the submitted reports. Request was made to pull the Registration/Executive Secretary Report (attached). Question was asked as to when the summer season blue forms were mailed. They were mailed approximately two weeks prior to this meeting. There was also a question regarding the due dates and formats requested for swim meet bids. It was clarified that the formats requested are the same as last year – optional meets, gold meets, silver meets, etc. **Motion** was made to accept the reports as submitted. **Seconded**. Motion **carried**.

Old Business:

Bus: Mary Losee stated that Kyle was not on the call but had contacted USA Swimming regarding liability. Clarification was given and present responsibility would be on the bus company as long as MW uses due diligence. Discussion regarding company and paying for hotels for the bus drivers. It was mentioned that sometimes motels will comp a room for a bus driver if there is a big enough block of rooms. Twenty or twenty-two have been reserved. MW needs commitment by June 1.

Zones: Betty reported some updates on the ND meet - \$6 general admission, MW pictures at 3 p.m. on Thursday; group discount will be offered, warm-ups at 3:30 p.m. for MW, and a website is available for pre-meet purchase of MW Zone apparel.

Zone bid update: The committee will meet. Candy Hemmer, chair, has scheduled one for May 11. No other old business.

New Business:

Athlete Representative: Discussion held regarding the non-attendance at the BOD meetings of the athlete members. How do we get athletes involved? Make sure they know their duties. Have their coach(es) encourage them to participate and take responsibility. Communicate with them (letters and emails). They need to know their election responsibilities. We need athlete input. Mary will contact each athlete representative and let them know their responsibilities.

Pool Certification: Betty brought up the issue because beginning in the fall we will require pool lists with club registration (which facilities the club is using) and meet flyers must include a statement regarding certification of the facility. Forms are available on the USA Swimming website for certification. Question was asked regarding times in non-certified pools. Times can be used for almost anything except national USA Swimming records. **Motion** was made that the Board adopt a policy that

a pool must be certified or not. **Seconded.** (It must be listed on the meet flyers – either is certified or is not certified). More discussion on how to get the word out including a web notice. Using a non-certified facility will not preclude getting a sanction. **Motion carried.**

Point of clarification: Background noise on conference calls makes it difficult for Gretchen to hear everything and get accurate notes, so please keep away from distractions when on a conference call.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:52 p.m. **Seconded.** Next meeting will be July 7, 2009.

Respectfully submitted

Gretchen Lindner, Secretary

REPORTS for Consent Agenda:

BOD Report

Executive Secretary/Registration Chair

May 3, 2009

Registration:

21 clubs (mistake in last month...can't count – seasonal clubs have not registered yet)

2094 year-round athletes to date

25 seasonal athletes to date (seasonal clubs have not registered their athletes yet)

65 other non-athletes

94 coach members

83 officials

Summer/seasonal registration forms (blue) were sent to all clubs. I do not post that particular reg form on the web because it is different from the other and the possibility of a mix-up is too great. If I can figure out how to make it enough 'different', I'll post it, as I have had several requests for the form online.

Executive Secretary:

- **Meets for Summer 2009** – those that can be posted are posted – some are still missing crucial elements (club reg for summer clubs, sanction fee, etc)
- **Due date for Fall meets** (flyer etc) June 1 – all forms, past meets, and notifications have been sent to clubs hosting meets; requests for meet bids for 2010-2011 were sent to all clubs
- **Zone meet** – The ND zone flyer should be posted shortly. There will be a pasta meal and pictures will be available for pre-purchase. Zone apparel will also be available for pre-purchase. Grand Forks has a very nice website for the meet and information will be available there as well as on the CZ site (link) and MW site (will post info). We need to complete MW's planning so that our information can be posted too.

- **Pool certifications** – I'd like to recommend that the status of pool certifications be put in meet flyers beginning with the fall flyers. This may encourage clubs to get their pools measured and certified. Some LSCs will not sanction a meet without certification. As posted in a previous document, there are only four pools in MW that are 'certified'.