

Midwestern Swimming
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
July 25, 2011 at 8pm

The meeting was called to order at 8:00pm by Brian Schaezner, General Chair. The meeting was held via telephone conference call. Board members that were present (There were no non-board members present):

Brian Schaezner, Mary Losee, Betty Kooy, Lynn Weaver, Colin Krysl, Erik Wiken, Scot Sorensen, Ryan Theil, Gretchen Lindner, Bruce Schomberg, Tony Storer, Linda Renner, Dawn Bowen, Aimee Fischer, Kyra Lindholm.

Old Business

Zone & All Star Meet Scholarship Application

At the last board meeting, the board recommended that a form be drafted to apply for scholarship money to attend the All Star and Zone Meets. The form is self-explanatory and two questions were added in order to request additional information about circumstances. The questions are whether an athlete is eligible for free lunch and/or is an outreach athlete. The committee who put the form together felt that this is most equitable manner to gather information. The completed applications will be sent to Brian. Suggestion was made to set-up an ad-hoc committee to review each application. A motion was made to accept the application. Motion Seconded. Passed. The application will be used starting with the All-Star Meet in January 2012. The treasurer and finance chair should look over budget for 2012 regarding scholarship funding. The amount of funding will be recommended by the budget committee.

Registration Report

Betty reviewed her report that was distributed to board members. The registration numbers to date are:

Year-round athletes	2132	This is higher than last year, but not as high as 2009.
Seasonal athletes	215	
Officials	65	
Coaches	130	
Other non-athletes	64	
Clubs	22	

- Suggestion was made that a cross-list of officials per club be prepared. It has come up at the last couple of meets that some clubs have a lot of officials while others have very few or none at all. Officials chair can create the report.
- The fees to register for 2011-12 will increase. Year-round and non-athletes \$56, Seasonal athlete \$35, Transfers \$10.
- Red Cross cards must be printed by the Chapter. Handwritten cards will not be acceptable. Course rosters can be used for proof of course.

- The USAS Convention is in Jacksonville, FL Betty needs to know who is planning to go asap so travel arrangements can be made.

New Business

Financial Update

Treasurer provided the Financial Update. The Financial Statement Review was performed by Massman Nelson Reinig PC. This is not a full audit, just a review. Two items to note were the interest accrued on cds and employer expense for FICA. FICA was treated as a cash expense and it should be accrued. Both adjustments totaled less than \$800 and all the numbers in the review tied back to the financial statements that the board has seen in the past.

MWS 2nd quarter shows an overall net loss, but results were better than budgeted for YTD. Variances are related to All Star Meet and 2010 Zone Meet. Bill for rent for radios from last year's long course had not been paid and those expenses show up for the current year.

The Form 990 Tax Return that was prepared by Larsen & Associates was reviewed. The revenues do tie back to the audited financials. There has been a complete cross-check of all the information. Motion was made to accept the Tax Return as submitted. Seconded. Approved. Return will be filed. A copy of the meeting minutes will be kept on file with the tax return.

If the board ever has any questions, suggestions etc about the financials to please email the treasurer or financial chair.

Region 8 Sectional Meeting

Recap of this meeting was provided. The next sectionals meet (Region 8) has been scheduled in Oklahoma for March 1-4, 2012. It was requested during the Region 8 meeting to move the meet to 2nd weekend. Missouri Valley had already scheduled meets around the first weekend so it was not possible to have the meet changed. In 2013, the meet will be the second weekend of March which is two weeks after the end of high school season. Paul Thompson, Region 8 Chair, said he is open to discussion for 15 & Up format as it is currently long course. The warm-up format will be changed for future meets. Region 8 was the only section in the country using split warm-ups. The format will now follow the national format which is one general warm-up session. The meet date changes will need to be addressed with meet sanction committee then be communicated with all the clubs. A tentative schedule has been posted on the website which may have changes since September and December meets may be added.

Officials Recommendations/Updates

The 4 Hour Rule. A note has been sent to meet referees explaining the guidelines of the USA Swimming Rule for the 4 hour rule at meets. The officials committee recommended that this rule needs to be enforced at the meets. It is the responsibility of the meet referee to keep track of the meet time frame. Rule 205.3F. states that with the exception of championship meets, the program in all other age group competition shall be planned to

allow the events for swimmers 12 years and younger to be completed in four (4) hours or less for a timed finals session or in a total of eight (8) hours or less per day for a preliminaries and finals meet. The clock starts when the first 12 & U event starts and stops when the last event is finished. Meet length will help by changed formats to BB+, BB- etc limiting the number of swimmers who qualify for each meet. It will be the responsibility of the meet host, meet ref and General Chair to make sure the timeline is followed. The rule only applies to non-championship meets.

Deck Changing. The officials committee wishes to be proactive and establish rules for deck changing. The vast majority of LSCs do not currently have a written policy about deck changing.

The recommended policy is:

Deck changing will not be allowed at Midwestern Swimming sanctioned/approved competition. The following penalties will be imposed if an athlete is caught in said act during such competition:

FIRST OFFENSE: Athlete will be scratched from the remainder of the days events (prelims and finals)

SECOND OFFENSE: Athlete will be scratched from the remainder of the competition

THIRD OFFENSE: Athlete will be suspended from the competition and for the remainder of the season

A question was asked regarding approved competitions. Is it possible to enforce this policy if the meet is not sanctioned? Referees at an approved competition should follow the rule. If there would be problems at an approved meet, the meet could possibly not be approved in the future. Question was asked if first-third offense was in same meet. The intent is to track offenses throughout the season. It needs to be clear in the policy how the offenses work. It would be the Officials Chair responsibility to keep a database of the offenders. If there is an offense both coach and swimmer need to be notified, however coach really can't stop this from happening on deck during a meet. The policy should be in all the meet flyers so everyone (parents, swimmers, coaches) are aware of the policy. During the coaches meetings at meets, the policy should be read. This policy is another step to create a safe environment for children and if parents see deck changing go on, they may not feel it is a safe environment for their children. Policy would start with short course 2011-12. Motion was made to adopt the recommended deck changing policy. Motion was seconded. Motion passed.

When To Call Authorities At A Meet. This policy is being recommended due to an incident at All Stars in January. Discussion has been held with a Lincoln Police Officer to develop the guidelines. Question was asked about unlawful intrusion-videotaping of an athlete. Coaches video athletes quite often. The list presented is a good starting point and can be expanded. The LSC should not put itself in a box and try to have a complete list of everything that could possibly happen. The list is just guidelines. Even if authorities are not called when an incident has occurred, a Board of Review can be requested. The list has been distributed to officials. It was suggested to also send this to the incoming safety chair.

Officials Reimbursement. Officials chair noted that nothing needed to be changed on the MWS policy regarding reimbursement.

Adjournment

Brian asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25pm. A motion was made to adjourn at 9:25pm. Motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Bowen

MWS Secretary

BOD Report

Executive Secretary/Registration Chair

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Registration:

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- **Registration Statistics:** Of the 130 coaches with 2011 registration, 27 have lapsed certifications of some sort. Of the 64 Other NA, 19 have chosen not to do the background check. All 65 officials have a current background check. The athlete numbers are a bit higher than last year, but not quite as high as 2009.
- **Reminder:** Fees for 2012 are as follows: Year round athlete and all non-athletes - \$56.00; Family (2 non-athletes) \$100; Seasonal athlete - \$35.00; Transfers - \$10.00
- **Red Cross certifications:** I have been informed that all Red Cross cards are to be printed by the chapter. Hand-written cards will no longer be acceptable. Course rosters can be used for proof of course. Also a certificate of completion can be downloaded.

Executive Secretary:

- **Meets for Summer 2011** – Results are posted. I have gone to the MW portal to find all the meets MW swimmers have swum outside of MW – at least 10 different meets – and have incorporated the results taken directly from SWIMS in the MW Team Manager
- **Top 8** – Top 8 for LC will be posted when the season is finished.
- **Winter 2011-12** – Tentative schedule has been posted.
- **Bids for Summer 2012 and Fall/Winter 2012-2013:** Forms were not sent out by May 1 for the bidding process. The sanction committee will decide when those requests will go out.

- **Convention:** The USAS Convention will be in Jacksonville, FL. Schedules for meetings have been posted on the USA Swimming website. Those officers attending convention need to let Betty know so arrangements for flights and lodging can be made. Airfares are not cheap at the present. I have been keeping Brian apprised of current fares. Currently no one has committed to attend except Betty