

Midwestern Swimming Board of Director Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2015 / Via Conference Call
DRAFT – Submitted September 8, 2015

1 DISTRIBUTION: Posted to Midwestern Swimming website, mswim.org.
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3 CALL TO ORDER: Midwestern Chair, Dawn Bowen, called the meeting to order at 8:32 PM
4 on August 25, 2015 with the following members present via conference
5 call: Dawn Bowen, Brian Schaenzer, Jay Thiltgen, Ryan Theil, Steve
6 Marchitelli, Stefanie Martinez, Jeanie Neal, Eric Samson, Louie Balogh,
7 Scot Sorensen, Holly Hopson, Dan Novinski, Tony Storer, Erik Wiken,
8 and Betty Kooy. Board elect members attending: Dannie Dilsaver,
9 Thomas Graul, Betsy Purcell, Brinker Harding, Starre Haney, and Dan
10 Brailita.
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12 Those Absent: Courtney Rogers, Carol Olson, Chris Pawloski, Karlie
13 O'Connell, Ellie Walstad, Anya Lindholm.
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15 MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR: Dawn Bowen took a few moments to welcome officers-elect
16 present on the call, and to thank outgoing directors for their service.
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19 AGENDA REVIEW: Dawn added the following items to the Agenda: Awards Banquet, Age
20 Group Chair Recruitment, and Request Advice and Consent for new athlete representative.
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22 DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
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24 Dawn Bowen read the following statement to the Board of Directors:
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26 “Is any member aware of any conflict of interest (that is, of a personal interest or direct or
27 indirect pecuniary interest) in any matter being considered by this meeting which should now
28 be reported or disclosed or addressed under the Midwestern Swimming Conflict of interest
29 policy?”
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31 If a Board member determines there to be a conflict of interest at any point during the course
32 of the meeting when a specific subject is being discussed and/or action is being taken, a
33 declaration of a conflict of interest should be made at that time.
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35 MINUTES
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37 **MOTION** (Balogh): *To approve the minutes of the July 21, 2015 Board of Directors Meeting*
38 *as submitted.* Seconded. **APPROVED**
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40 CONSENT AGENDA
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42 **MOTION** (Balogh): *To approve the entire Consent Agenda as submitted.* Seconded.
43 **APPROVED**
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- 45 -Registration Report
 - 46 -Executive Secretary Report
 - 47 -Senior Vice Chair Report
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49 NEW BUSINESS

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51 1. Financials: P&L and YTD Balance Sheet

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53 Discussion: Ryan Theil reported on the financial reports and advised that the budget process
54 for the new year begins tomorrow. Midwestern continues to maintain a good cash reserve, and
55 we have a goal to lose some money this year. There were no questions.

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57 2. Officials Committee Report

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59 **MOTION** (Marchitelli): *To approve proposed Midwestern Swimming Policy Updates to*
60 *Officials' Policies 9.4.1.1(b) to read that the term of committee members will be for three*
61 *years. Seconded. APPROVED*

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63 **MOTION** (Schaenzer): *To approve proposed changes to Policies and Procedures Governing*
64 *Officials to update outdated 2011 section; to add Administrative Official to the list of deck*
65 *officials; and to include additional requirements for certification (background check and*
66 *APT training) and recertification. Seconded. APPROVED*

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68 **MOTION** (Schaenzer): *To approve proposed change to Minimum Standards for*
69 *Officiating-Starter Section – number of worked sessions to read as follows: Must have*
70 *worked as a certified Stroke & Turn Judge for a minimum of ten (10) sessions under two*
71 *different mentors or be recommended to the Officials Committee for approval of their*
72 *advancement. Seconded. APPROVED*

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74 Discussion: There was no objection to the proposed changes in policy. There was some
75 discussion of which items are By-Laws and which are policies. Changes will be made to the
76 appropriate sections.

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78 3. Awards Banquet Report

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80 Discussion: Bryan Schaenzer reported on the upcoming awards banquet scheduled for
81 October 11. The banquet will be at the same location as the 2014 banquet. A block of rooms
82 has been reserved and the banquet prices will be the same as last year - \$15/\$10. A highlight
83 video is being prepared and an email request has been sent out asking clubs for photo
84 submissions. Brian asked for volunteers to help with banquet preparations, specifically for
85 help with preparing centerpieces. Coaches are asked to make sure that athletes know about
86 our academic awards; and the deadline for submission for these awards is the end of August.

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88 4. Age Group Chair Recruitment

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90 Discussion: Dawn Bowen requested that board members reach out to members of their clubs
91 to help find candidates for Age Group Chair.

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93 5. Request Advice and Consent of Board of Directors for Appointment

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95 **MOTION** (Sorensen) *To approve Kat Keller, Sarpy County Swim Club, as At-large Athlete*
96 *Representative. Seconded. APPROVED*

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98 6. Proposed MWS Policy Updates: Athlete Reimbursement 4.5.2

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100 Discussion: Dawn Bowen tabled this item until the September 2015 meeting.

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102 7. 2015 Convention Funding Proposal
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104 **MOTION** (Sorensen) *To accept proposed use of funding for increased 2015 Convention*
105 *participation as shown below. Seconded. APPROVED*

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107 Request use of the 2015 budgeted Convention funding up to \$9,180 to not only fund the positions
108 provided for by the By-laws as planned, but also include the Diversity Chair, Officials Chair, and three
109 additional athlete reps as members of the delegation to attend the Convention. All of these additional
110 positions have specific workshops available during the convention. (Currently working on filling the
111 Athlete at-Large and Age Group Chair positions.)
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113 Discussion: Starre Haney and Dawn Bowen clarified that funding is provided for people on
114 national committees.
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117 MOTION TO ADJOURN (Balogh) This meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM. Seconded.
118 APPROVED

119 ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION
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- 123 • The next BOD meeting is an in-person meeting, Sunday, September 13 at Kidwell
124 Conference Room in Lincoln, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM.
 - 125 • The House of Delegates fall meeting will be Sunday, October 11 in Lincoln at 2:00 PM

126 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Jeanie Neal, Secretary
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128 ***Midwestern Swimming strives to maximize opportunities***
129 ***for growth and success through competitive swimming.***