

**Midwestern Swimming
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2011 8:00pm**

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

Brian Schaenzer, General Chair	Mary Losee, Adm. Vice-Chair	Betty Kooy, Registration Chair
Lynn Weaver, Senior Vice-Chair	Gary Kuhn, Officials Chair	Erik Wiken, Age Group Vice-Chair
Scot Sorensen, Registration Chair	Ryan Thiel, Finance Chair	Gretchen Lindner, Delegate at Large
Bruce Schomberg, Coaches' Rep.	Tony Storer, Delegate at Large	Carol Glover, Delegate at Large
Linda Renner, Treasurer	Dawn Bowen, Secretary	Amy Wahlmeier – Athlete Rep.
Aimee Fischer, Athlete Rep.	Mitch Matis, Athlete Rep.	Karlie Wahlmeier – Athlete Rep.

Agenda Review

Brian asked if there were any revisions to the agenda. Brian added an athlete representative update from the USA Swimming Convention.

Approval of the July 25, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Brian asked if there were any changes to the previous meeting's minutes. It was noted that the 12 & Unders sessions were finished in a couple hours and the 13 & Overs sessions ran longer. A motion was made to approve the corrected minutes. Motion seconded. The minutes were accepted.

Consent Agenda

Brian asked if there were any reports on the consent agenda that needed to be pulled for discussion. Request was made to pull the Age Group Report for discussion under new business. The Treasurer's Report was also pulled for a correction. Executive secretary commented that there were 42 reservations for the banquet and she will send out a reminder for the deadline to RSVP. Reservations could be extended until the Thursday before the banquet.

The consent agenda was approved.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer said there was one change on the Meet Summary report. The variance for the All Star Meet should be -(1,303.10). The figure didn't show correctly on the report.

New Business

2011-12 Budget

Finance chair said the overall theme to putting together the upcoming year's budget was to give back to the athletes. The finance committee who assisted with budget preparation also agrees with this theme. This is shown by the LSC's investment in the All Star Meet of \$4,000 which is about \$50 per swimmer. It was noted in past budgets that the Zone Meet was not supported at the same level so the 2012 budget has \$12,000 which is about \$50 per swimmer.

The executive secretary provided the tracking information for splash fees. The splashes are now divided out by types of meets, regular season and SC and LC Champs. Question was asked if there was a typo with the prior champ meet splashes since it was not a multiple of 10. After checking, it was noted that the 8 & Unders were not charged a \$10 splash fee. The 8 & Unders are no longer included in the Champ Meets. Question was asked if the budget change to reflect this might be too high. The LSC is anticipating another increase in high school aged swimmers. The past champ meets cuts were a little tougher, but more swimmers qualified. There is also a change in the revenues for the Champ Meets. Now the host clubs will get the entry fees and MWS will not provide a stipend for hosting the meet. The host club will also pick up cost of awards. The SC Champ Meet will now be one weekend for all age groups. It was noted that at the last House of Delegates meeting, it was

approved that MWS will pick up cost of awards and apparel revenue to MWS. Request was made to check on the cost of awards. The expenses run \$3000-\$4000 per meet. The budget was changed and the new expense total is \$242,525 with a net of \$1,425.00.

Finance chair said 451-452 were kind of a pass-thru to USA Swimming. 452 was lowered a little from the previous budget, figure that 225 registrations is what will be submitted. There a big focus on athlete training and diversity in 524-525. The LSC has talked about this in the past and now it's in the budget. The chairs will need to decide how to use this budget in 2012. The goal is to get creative and invest back in the swimmers. 541 continues to reflect the investment back in the swimmers. The money available for athlete reimbursements needs to be promoted so clubs know it's available. The budget for the National Convention (577) was raised from the prior year. There is funding to continue to send athlete reps which is very beneficial for the LSC. The Officials budget reflects funding to rent radios for champ meets, which runs about \$600 per meet, with UNO having two pools to staff. Question was asked if the LSC wanted to continue to pay for radios or should the clubs hosting the meets pay for the radios. It was noted that most LSCs do not own a set of radios or they have a benefactor who pays for the radios. Radios are great if LSC owns them, but then it comes down to how do you rent them out, fee schedules. Over the years, officials have found that it is most beneficial to have radios only at the champ meets. The cost is about \$600 to rent the radios, \$200 for LC and \$400 for SC since there are two pools. Not all the officials have a radio. Host clubs may not object to paying for the radios. Following a short discussion about the radios, general chair suggested that the budget remain as it is with the LSC paying the rental costs. The General Chair shared his discussion with Randy Julian who had visited most of the clubs in the LSC this past summer. Randy said if there was any way to give back to the clubs, it would be a good idea. The budget committee did put together a very rigorous budget that gives back to the swimmers. Motion was requested to recommend the budget to the House of Delegates. Motion was made and seconded. The motion passed.

Age Group Chair Report

Age Group Chair summarized the Region VIII coaches' meeting the workshops he attended at the National Convention.

He said he is in the beginning stages of finding hotel/transportation arrangements quotes and the application will be posted soon with a deadline of December 1. The head coach is Alissa Hein Bumgardner. He made a recommendation to revise the process of selecting the Head All-Star Coach beginning in 2013 and the Head Zone Coach in 2012. He said this recommendation is not a knock on the past coaches, but there needs to be a process to follow. Question was asked as to what is outlined in the Redbook. The recommendation doesn't quite follow the Redbook exactly, but coaches interested could be put on the ballot. Age Group Chair felt as a coach and someone who goes on all the trips, there should be a progression between the meets. Question was asked if a committee needed to be appointed to consider the recommendations and write a policy. A committee is a good idea and this policy would have to go before the House of Delegates. Would this go before the HOD in two weeks? It was decided yes it would. There may not be enough time for notice to HOD. Comment was made that developing a policy takes the popularity contest out of the selection. Louie said he would like to be on the committee and would like to see this tied in with Head Age Group Coaches awards. The committee will be Erik, Louie, Bruce and Lynn. There is an All-Star coach for 2012, but he has not discussed with her the assistant coaches. This item could be postponed until the spring meeting if needed.

Athlete Rep Reports from National Convention

The athlete's reports will be sent to the board.

Amy Fisher said she learned many ideas from other clubs which include an open water meet, one day circuit meets that are either age-group or seniors, doing a monthly newsletter and educating the athletes about what is required to be an athlete rep. Swimmers should know what they are signing up for when elected.

Mitch Matis said he had some of the same ideas as Amy. He thinks the LSC should get athletes involved as a whole and not just their team.

It is highly recommended that there be an athlete rep on the Official's Committee and that would recommend at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Request made for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10pm. A motion was made seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Dawn Bowen
MWS Secretary